

SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISH
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2015



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St. Andrew Church

Founded in 1868

45 Talbot Avenue
 North Billerica, MA 01862

Saturday Mass
4:00pm

Sunday Masses
7:30am and 10:00am

Weekday
Mon., Thurs, Fri 12:05pm

Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm



St. Theresa of Lisieux Church

Founded in 1945

One Grace Avenue
 Billerica, MA 01821

Saturday Mass
4:00pm

Sunday Masses
8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass
Tues., Thurs, Fri 9:00am

Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm



St. Mary Church

Founded in 1937

796 Boston Road
 Billerica, MA 01821

Saturday Mass
4:00pm

Sunday Masses
9:00am and 12noon

Weekday Mass
Mon., Wed., Sat, 9:00am

Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

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St. Andrew Parish ~ St. Mary Parish ~ St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

He is Risen, He is truly Risen! We believe this and that is why we are here today. It is only through the lens of The Resurrection that our faith can be understood. Jesus Christ, he who is The Word made flesh, has shown us the way to the Father.

His life of ministry; healing the sick, forgiving sinners and making present the love of God lays out for us the way we need to live our lives. We must care for the sick, forgive those who have hurt us and bring God's love to all those who we meet.

Jesus showed us the depth of his love by suffering and dying on the cross. He knew that his death would not be the end but that through his resurrection the gates of heaven would be opened for us.

The celebration of the Resurrection is so central to our faith that we don't limit it to one day. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. That is why we gather every Sunday as a faith community to celebrate The Eucharist and give thanks to God.

I know many of you reading this letter may have been away from the Church, maybe for a long time or maybe you have become irregular in your attendance. Know that you are missed; for without you we are not complete. We are joyful that you are here with us today and we pray that you will be one with us each week as we gather to give thanks and praise to God.

The Catholic Community of Billerica has been greatly blessed by God and I am humbled to be your pastor.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Shawn
Very Rev. Shawn W. Allen, VF
Pastor



YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ELIJAH CHALICE

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations to the priesthood. Each week at our 10:30a.m. Sunday Mass, the celebrant will use the Elijah Chalice for the Precious Blood. A family, individual or couple will be called forward to receive the Elijah Chalice, which will be placed in a protective carrying case. They will receive a blessing and the Chalice home, placing it in an area of prominence. Each day during prayer time, they will pray for an increase in vocations. Suggested prayers for each day of the week will be included. Each Sunday, they will return the Elijah Chalice, for the next host(s).

A prayer journal travels with the Elijah Chalice, for those who may like to enter a thought, prayer or Scripture verse. Over time, this diary becomes a spiritual journey and blessing for the parish. Let us pray in thanksgiving for those men who have become our spiritual fathers. Their dedication and willingness to answer God's call enables us to become closer to God in so many ways, especially through the Eucharist. If you would be interested in hosting the Elijah Chalice or if you have questions, please contact Bill Wilson at wilsonew@comcast.net for St. Theresa Parish; contact Michael Chalsen at mchalsen2@me.com for St. Andrew Parish and contact Shane & Michelle deLima at mrs.delima@gmail.com for St. Mary Parish

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Jesus: Head of the Church

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection during this beautiful Easter Season and await His glorious ascension into heaven, let us be mindful of the Church that Christ left behind for His Apostles, and future disciples, to build. In our next "Who do you say that I am" presentation, we will look at Jesus as the head of the Catholic Church and we as His body here on earth. Join us for one of the following times:

Sunday, April 12: St. Mary's at 3:30 – 5 PM

Tuesday, April 14: St. Andrew's at 7-8 PM

Thursday, April 16: St. Theresa's at 7-8 PM



Jesus: Son of Mary

The final session in our "Who do you say that I am?" series will address Jesus and His relationship with the Blessed Mother Mary. Please mark your calendar for either:

Sunday, April 26 at St. Mary's at 3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 28 at St. Andrew's at 7 PM

Thursday, April 30 at St. Theresa's at 7 PM

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD/TEEN WHO HAS NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED?

The Religious Education Office is forming a group of young people together who have never been baptized, so that they might prepare to receive the sacraments and be formed in our Catholic faith. For more information, please contact Tony Carbrello, our Middle School Coordinator, at 978-667-3733 x45 or tonycarbrello@parishmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

Last summer we ran Vacation Bible School for the children of the collaborative with great success—42 children in grades 1-5 participated and about 20 youths volunteered! The smiles on the faces of children and parents are still fresh in my memory.

In order to run VBS again we need to pull together another team of adult volunteers. Last year about 12 people helped plan and run VBS. Unfortunately, a few of them no longer live in the area or are unable to help. Would you or anyone you know be willing to join the VBS team?

VBS is tentatively scheduled for July 6-10 (Monday to Friday), from 9am until noon. If you are interested in helping please send me an email and/or come to an initial meeting at 7pm on Sunday, March 22nd in the rectory offices behind St Theresa's. More details to follow!

-Fr Gerald

fathersouza@gmail.com

ST. MARY PARISH

"Parish" Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser sponsored by St. Mary's Women's Club

Saturday, April 11th after 4:00pm Mass (in St. Mary's Church Hall

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea, Soda, Water, Dessert Cost: \$*/pp; \$25 for 4 or more

Raffle Items and 50/50 available



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join our fraternal organization of Catholic Men and help us in our works supporting the sick, poor, elderly, disabled and the unborn.

For more info on your Billerica Knights of Columbus
Call Steve at 667-6536 or go to www.BillericaKofC.org

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BAPTISM ~ *Blessings on our new parents and soon-to-be parents.* Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at one of the parishes. Requirements include: Parents must attend a Baptism instruction class before the baptism; Godparents must be practicing Catholics, age 16 or older and have been confirmed. Please contact your parish office for the times, dates, more details about planning your baby's baptism.

WEDDINGS ~ *Congratulations on your engagement!* Please schedule an appointment with Adrienne Cullen, the Pastoral Associate at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Engaged couples contemplating marriage are required to take a marriage preparation course. Available programs may be found at <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/MarriageMinistries>

MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND ~ *You are a valued member of the parish.* Our parishes have a ministry to those who are homebound and their caretakers. If you know a person who is homebound and would like Holy Communion brought to them, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK ~ *God heals us in mind, body and spirit.* This sacrament is intended to strengthen those being tried by illness. People who would benefit from the reception of this sacrament include: those preparing for serious surgery, the elderly whose frailty has become more pronounced, and those who begin to be in danger of death from sickness or old age. If you are planning surgery, please arrange for anointing before admission to the hospital. Please contact the office for further information.

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE ~ If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available at all the churches for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

R.C.I.A ~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also open to those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

BEREAVEMENT ~ A program has been developed to assist all individuals and families from all faiths in their journey through the grieving process. This process is based on the self-help format, where a facilitator leads the group in sharing of their pain and loss. They are also educated through personal experience, latest information from books, periodicals and articles and encourage them to also read and educate themselves that grief is definitely an individual process, that we all must pass through, that life has changed but not ended and with the support of God's love, grace and the group's help, they will survive. It is a nondenominational and spiritually based group, and is open to all.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ~ Helps the poor by providing food, emergency relief and clothing for those struggling with daily life. Must be residents of Billerica.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM ~ The regular use of envelopes provides for a stable income to the church. This enables the pastor and finance committee to plan for repairs, future expansions and improvements. We urge all parishioners to make use of the envelopes.



mass intentions

SATURDAY

April 11 4:00pm Anthony Lucacio, 5th Anniv.
Helen & Anthony Lucacio, Mem.
Evelyn Rose, 14th Anniv.

SUNDAY

April 12 8:00am Rev. Henry T. Ronan, 7th Anniv.
Richard Harrower, 9th Anniv.
10:30am Mary Duggan, 10th Anniv.
John Kent, Anniv.
5:00pm Mass for the People



Are you new to the area with questions about the parish? Have been coming to the parish for awhile and would like to officially register? Feel free to call 978-663-8816 or email Jeanne at jmdsttheresas@hotmail.com



Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention or a deceased person and are not quite sure how this is done? Please contact Jeanne at 978-663-8816 ext. 10 or jmdsttheresas@hotmail.com.



Religious Education Registration for 2015/2016 is coming soon! Stop by and visit billericacatholic.org for all up-to-date information about the new, unified Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015.

April Generations of Faith Schedule

Theme: The Beatitudes

Monday, April 6th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 pm

Friday, April 10th at 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 am

Monday, April 13th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 pm

Meal: Pizza, Salad, Cool Pops

Outreach: Infant Diaper Drive

Event Celebration: Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26th all Masses

March Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation 1 – Student/Parent Session

Sunday, March 29, 4 pm in the Hall

Confirmation 2 – Student/Parent Session

Sunday, March 29, 6 pm in the Hall

April Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation 1 – April 12, Student Session 4 pm

Confirmation 2 – April 12, Student Session 6 pm

First Communion Parent/Child Workshops

Saturday, April 25th – 11 am to 12:30pm

For children with last names A – K

Saturday, April 25th 1 pm to 2:30 pm

For children with last names L – Z

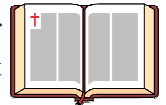
Please bring your completed textbooks.

Were you married outside the church? If so, would you like to have your marriage blessed? Please contact Deacon Phil DiBello at deaconphildibello@gmail.com.



Do you enjoy singing? Have you thought of joining the choir or have musical talent? Have questions? Please contact Joanne Gagliardi at musicjg@hotmail.com or speak with her after Mass.

Have you ever felt called to read at Mass or help distribute Communion? Please contact Father Gerald at fathersouza@gmail.com.



Do you have questions about baptisms... who can be a Godparent? Please call the rectory @ 978-663-8816, ext 10.



Parents of children who are to be baptized at St. Theresa are expected to attend one special evening for parents and godparents. Next class is April 19th. Pre-registration is necessary.

Do you enjoy meeting people, or have a desire to welcome new people into our faith community? Do you usually attend the same Mass each weekend? If so please contact Deacon Phil at deaconphildibello@gmail.com





THE PEG BUFFUM SENIOR TEA

Sponsored By Saint Theresa Women's Club

April 19, 2015 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Saint Theresa Parish Hall 470R Boston Road

Light Lunch ~ Entertainment ~ Door Prizes ~ Favors

Call: Sally DiRocco (978)362-8768 Ann Doherty (978)667-3984 Ann Stadtman (978)667-8070

EASTER COLLECTION

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Easter collection, which will directly benefit the active and senior diocesan priests whose health and wellbeing are cared for through the Clergy Funds. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.

ST THERESA WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

St. Theresa's Women's Club Scholarship applications are now available from REO office and the Rectory office. They may also be found in the Guidance departments of both BMHS and Shawsheen Tech. Applications need to be returned by April 29th to the Rectory.



MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY

APRIL 11, 2015

When The Game Stands Tall

RATED PG 13

MOVIE TIME: 6:15 p.m.

Saint Theresa's Parish Center

DINNER TIME: 5:00 p.m.

Serving: Chicken Breast, Rice, Veggie, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Rolls & Butter, Dessert & Beverages

All Are Welcome

REMEMBER TO INVITE SOMEONE!

EASTER BASKET THANKS!

We wish to thank all the Middle School Students, and their families for participating in our annual Easter basket service project. As a parish, we provided over 180 Easter baskets to seniors in our community. The Religious Education Office is especially grateful for those who helped organize the baskets and lead the groups in the basket delivery.



ROSE CAFÉ – SUNDAY,

Parish Center following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, April 12th.

See you there!

2015
Catholic Appeal
Living Our Faith Together

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries of the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps us live our faith together as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. It is critical to the success of the 2015 Catholic Appeal at St. Theresa Parish. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful Catholic Appeal.

May all those remembered here ...

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TRUE or FALSE ?

- The apostle Andrew spoke to the people.
- God shows no partiality.
- God raised Jesus on the second day.
- The risen Jesus was visible to the witnesses chosen by God in advance.
- The chosen witnesses ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead.
- Mary Magdalen came to the tomb late one evening.
- She saw that the stone was still in place.
- Three disciples ran quickly to the tomb.
- Simon Peter went into the tomb first.
- The burial cloths were there.

ANSWERS 1 false, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true, 11 false, 12 true, 13 false, 14 true, 15 true, 16 false, 17 true, 18 true, 19 false, 20 true, 21 false, 22 true, 23 false, 24 true, 25 false, 26 true, 27 false, 28 true, 29 false, 30 true, 31 false, 32 true, 33 false, 34 true, 35 false, 36 true, 37 false, 38 true, 39 false, 40 true, 41 false, 42 true, 43 false, 44 true, 45 false, 46 true, 47 false, 48 true, 49 false, 50 true, 51 false, 52 true, 53 false, 54 true, 55 false, 56 true, 57 false, 58 true, 59 false, 60 true, 61 false, 62 true, 63 false, 64 true, 65 false, 66 true, 67 false, 68 true, 69 false, 70 true, 71 false, 72 true, 73 false, 74 true, 75 false, 76 true, 77 false, 78 true, 79 false, 80 true, 81 false, 82 true, 83 false, 84 true, 85 false, 86 true, 87 false, 88 true, 89 false, 90 true, 91 false, 92 true, 93 false, 94 true, 95 false, 96 true, 97 false, 98 true, 99 false, 100 true.

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(Most answers are in today's readings)

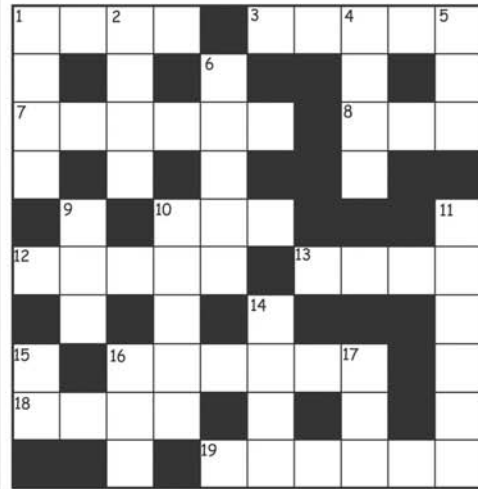
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CLUES ACROSS

- Without light
- Go inside
- The main Christian feast
- Male human
- An Israelite
- Force; strength
- Every separate one
- Ran more quickly than
- Offences against God
- The Holy _____ is God

CLUES DOWN

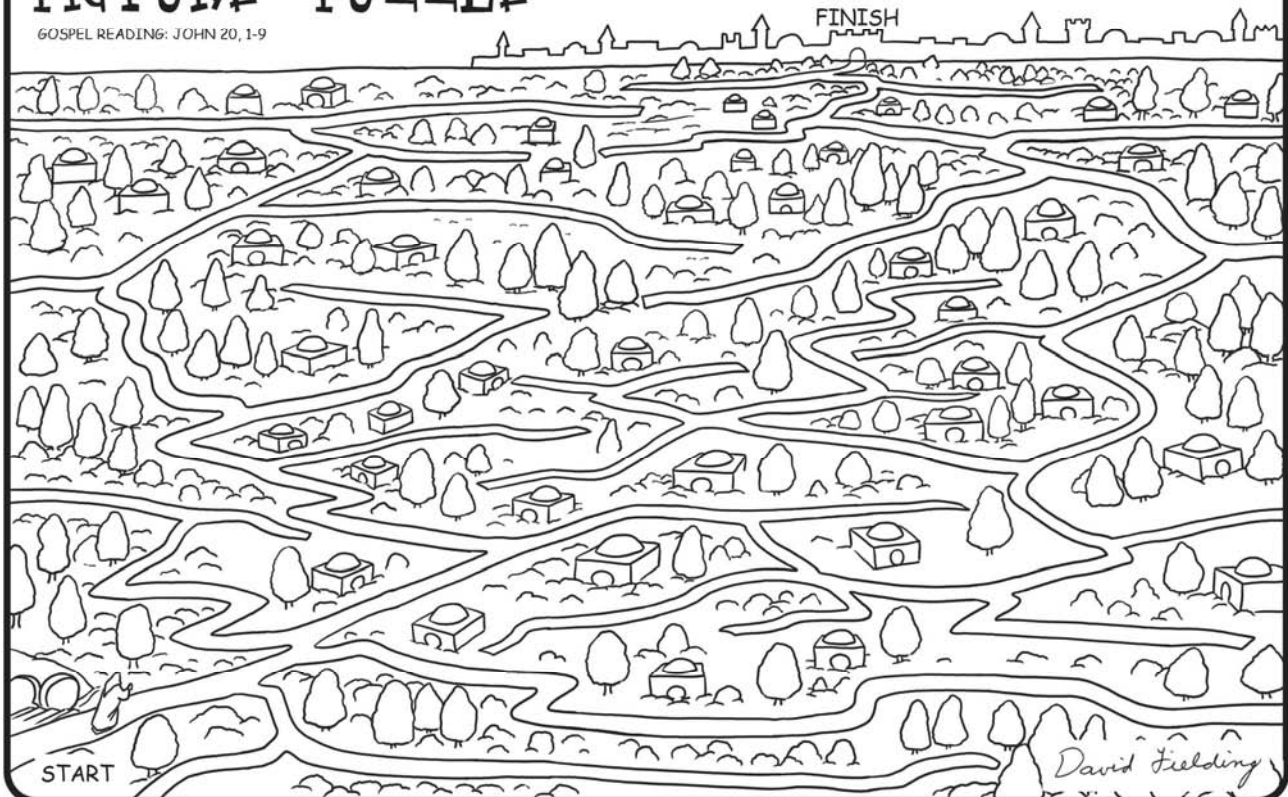


- Resting place for a dead body
- Moved very quickly
- Chief apostle
- We worship Him
- Our Savior
- Title of our Savior
- A powerful hold
- Like we
- A single thing
- Like 'neither'

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