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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

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Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so

I send you. John 20:21 (NAB)

APRIL 12, 2015

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



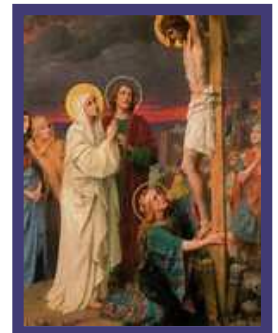
Jesus: Son of Mary

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 3:30-5:00 PM

Tuesday, April 28 at St. Andrew's at 7-8:30PM

Thursday, April 30 at St. Theresa's at 7-8:30PM



"OPERATION SOCK DROP" CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA

Donate a new pair of socks (white preferred) or pair of underwear or undershirt to help those in need!

Each morning we put on a clean pair of socks with hardly a thought. But for our community's homeless, a fresh pair of socks is often a luxury. Do you have your very own Sock Drawer? The majority of us have our own sock drawers at home – but the homeless do not.

For the homeless, good clothing, footwear, and clean underwear are critical. Soaked feet, constant standing, skin infections, frostbite, and diseases like diabetes take their toll on the feet of homeless people. Underwear is an item that many of us take for granted and tends to be one of the first luxuries given up by the homeless.

Bins will be located at the entrance to the church as well as the parish hall starting the weekend of **March 14th and 15th**. Will you consider making a donation of pre-packaged socks and underwear for men, women or children?

Almsgiving is a part of our Lenten journey. In Isaiah 58:7, we are told that we are to be: "Sharing you bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked..."

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless!

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

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

MEN'S GROUP SATURDAY MORNING DISCIPLES

Would you like to share your faith? All men are invited to join the "Saturday Morning Disciples." This informal group meets on **Saturday mornings at 8:00am at St. Andrew Parish in Fr. Wilson Hall** to discuss the readings for the Mass of the weekend and to share their faith. For more information, contact Mike Sullivan at imsullyman@aol.com. Drop in and see what this is all about!

St. Andrew Church

45 Talbot Avenue
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Weekday Mass Mon., Wed., Sat, 9:00am
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

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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 Michael Mirisola, 6th Anniv.

SATURDAY

April 18 4:00pm George E. Jacobson, 1st Anniv.
Margaret Moran, 1st Anniv.

SUNDAY

April 19 8:00am Dorothy Kelleher, Mem.
10:30am Imelda & William Kelly, Mem.
5:00pm Mary Albanese, Anniv.



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.

ROSE CAFÉ – SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

Come join your friends and neighbors for Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and More in the St. Theresa Parish Center following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, April 12th. See you there!



OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Easter Collection	\$15,798.00
Thank you for your continued support!	
Second Collection this weekend ~	
Collection next weekend ~	



Religious Education Registration for 2015/2016 has begun! Registration Forms and Information have been e-mailed to all currently enrolled Religious Education Families.

As a reminder, we will now have one central Religious Education Office located at 470R Boston Road. We encourage you to view the Religious Education page on www.billericacatholic.org and view all of the information regarding the 2015-2016 Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015 .

You can also get all of the up-to-date forms to register your child(ren) in our unified Religious Education Program on www.billericacatholic.org or we invite you to stop by the Religious Education Office.

Do you have a child entering 1st Grade in September 2015?

Now is the time to register your child for Religious Education. Preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a two-year process which begins once a student enters 1st grade (or later.) Registration Forms are available at the **Religious Education Office** or at billericacatholic.org. Don't hesitate to visit or call us at 978-667-3733 for further information.

April Generations of Faith Schedule

Theme: The Beatitudes
 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

Confirmation Parent/Student Sessions

Confirmation 1 – April 12, 4 pm
 Confirmation 2 – April 12, 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.)

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NOTE FROM FR. JACK

Many thanks for all your prayers for me this week. They will carry me through the surgery and its aftermath. Please God, I'll be returning soon after my time away. 'til then.....

God Bless,
Father Jack

Dear friends,

The joyful and solemn celebration of the Church's liturgy at Saint Theresa's depends upon God's grace and our response to God's grace. Simply defined worship is the service we offer God; it includes our adoration of God, asking God's help and offering something precious to God. First and foremost this takes place at our communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist.

If you are not already, I invite you to prayerfully considering offering service to God in one of the liturgical ministries. Good liturgy requires good people. Might this be you?

Those interested in serving as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers or choir members should call or email me so that I can put you in contact with the right person. We are happy to provide the necessary training and formation. We need additional ministers for all Masses, but especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion available to serve at the 5pm Mass on Sunday.

God's blessings,

Father Gerald Souza

fathersouza@gmail.com

office: 978-663-8816 ext 26

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Thank you, you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. May your heart be glad because of your almsgiving.

"Remember nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all you do with love."



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The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at **St. Theresa's**. So far, **220** parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$39,942** toward our parish goal of **\$45,362**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at **St. Theresa**. With **\$5,420** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at **www.bostoncatholicappeal.org** or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES:
JUDAS ISCARIOT
AND MATTHIAS

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, betrayed Jesus at the first Easter. For thirty pieces of silver, he told the Jewish authorities where they could find Jesus and arrest him secretly.

Thirty pieces of silver was the price of a slave in those days.

Judas later returned the money, but then killed himself. Because of that, the eleven remaining apostles selected another of the early disciples, to replace Judas. This was Matthias. We know very little about him.



CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: K = A, and B = R.

Crossword solution from last week

D	A	R	K	E	N	T	E	R
I	O	P	O	A				
E	A	S	T	E	R	M	A	N
D	E	T	B					
G	J	E	W	C				
P	O	W	E	R	E	A	C	H
D	S	G					R	
U	O	U	T	R	A	N	I	
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LVOCCON KBO DRYCO

GRY RKFO XYD COOX

KXN RKFO LOVSOFON.

ANSWER

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

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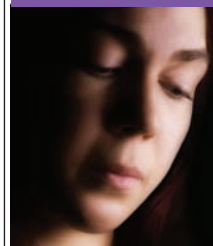
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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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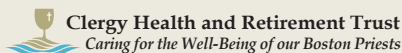
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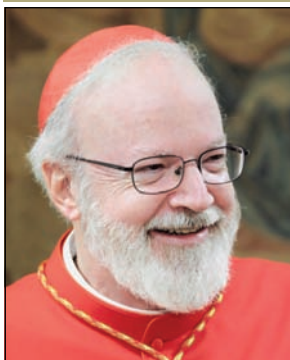
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