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4:00pm
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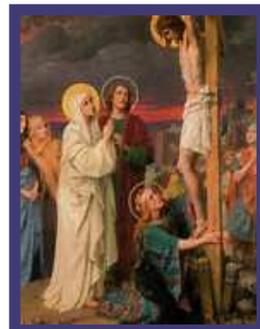
Jesus: Son of Mary

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” MULTI-MEDIA EXHIBIT MAY 30-31

To celebrate the conclusion of our 2014-2015 Adult Faith Formation program based on “Who do you say that I am?” we will have a multi-media exhibit at St. Theresa Parish Hall during the weekend of May 30-31. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the exhibit by contributing an artistic expression of any kind in response to Jesus’ question to each of us: “Who do you say that I am?” It can be a drawing, photo, an original prayer or poem (or one of your favorites), a wood carving, etc...the sky is the limit!

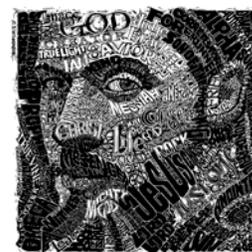
Submissions for the exhibit may be dropped off at St. Theresa Parish Hall on Thursday evening, May 28th between 4-6PM or Friday, May 29st between 9:30 AM- 1PM.

All are welcome to come and enjoy the exhibit on May 30 from 2-6:30 and May 31 from 10AM-1:30PM.

Please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket, or email Adrienne.Cullen@parishmail.com if you are planning to participate in the exhibit.

All submissions for the exhibit should be clearly labeled with your name and you are responsible for picking it up from the hall on Sunday, May 31, after the exhibit between 1:30 –3:30 PM.

Thank you, and happy creating!



Name: _____

Phone/email: _____

- ◇ I am planning to participate in the “Who do you say that I am?” Multi-media Exhibit the weekend of May 30-31 and will drop off my submission on one of the days noted.
- ◇ I would like to help with set-up on Friday, May 29 or Saturday, May 30
- ◇ I would like to help with refreshments and will drop off _____.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA NEWS
www.billericacatholic.org

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

25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couple celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.



NUN RUN—FIAT FOR DISCERNING WOMEN

Fiat is a discernment group for women in the Archdiocese of Boston who are considering a vocation to religious life. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are hosting a Nun Run that will include visiting the Daughters of St. Paul, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Little Sisters of the Poor and the Sisters of St. Joseph. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

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

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Weekday Mon., Thurs, Fri 12:05pm
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mass intentions

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.

SATURDAY

April 25 4:00pm Walter Coakley, 5th Anniv.
Thomas Coye, 10th Anniv.

SUNDAY

April 26 8:00am Mass for the People
10:30am Victor, Anne, & Ted Ferrari Mem.
John Catalano, 6 month Anniv.
5:00pm



Religious Education Registration for 2015/2016 has begun! Thank you to the many families who already returned their family’s Registration Form. Last week Registration Forms and Information were e-mailed to all currently enrolled Religious Education Families. ***It is important that you return your completed form as soon as possible, as we fill classes on a first-come first-served basis.*** As a reminder, we now have one central Religious Education Office located at 470R Boston Road. We encourage you to go to the Religious Education page on www.billericacatholic.org to obtain the pertinent information regarding the 2015-2016 Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015. You can get 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.

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.)

First Communion Rehearsals

Monday, April 27 at 5 pm

For 1st Communion – May 2 at 10 am

Tuesday, April 28 at 5 pm

For 1st Communion – May 2 at 1 pm

Wednesday, April 29 at 5 pm

For 1st Communion – May 3 at 2 pm

Middle School News

Come and See the new format for Religious Education for our Middle School Youth that will be offered beginning this Fall on Monday, April 27th at 7 pm at St. Theresa Parish Hall. Parents of students who will be entering Grades 6, 7, & 8 as well as those who are interested in being a Catechist for this grade level are encouraged to come. For further information please contact Tony at 978-667-3733.



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.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized here last weekend:

- Mary Grace Gerrish
- Reagan Leighann O’Neill
- Brianna Marie Arria
- Kelsey Ann Keeley

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Easter Collection	\$ 9,158.00
Thank you for your continued support!	
Second Collection this weekend ~	
Collection next weekend ~	

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FOOD PANTRY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly Food Drive after all the Masses the weekend of April 25th/26th . All non-perishable food items are accepted. Thank you for your continue support.

*“When you help the poor,
You always receive more than you give.”*



BAKE SALE



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April 25TH & 26TH

The Ladies will be set up in the hallway of the Parish hall. Be sure to stop by after the 4:00, 8:00, and 10:30 masses and take something yummy home for the entire Family.

MOVIE NIGHT



We would like to thank everyone who supports movie night ~ those who come, those who help, and those who bake for it. We enjoy what we do for the community. We are sorry to say that there will be no movie night for the month of May. We are looking forward to see you all back again in September. Don’t forget to take someone with you! Thank you once again, and hope everyone has a great summer. Thank you & may the good Lord Bless you all!

Ann Doherty & movie night crew.

WOMEN’S CLUB

Saint Theresa Women's Club will be going to the pops again this year. We have 18 openings if anyone is interested in joining us. The date is May 26, 2015. The price is \$37.00p.p. The price includes ticket for pops, coach bus and tip for driver. We will meet in the Saint Theresa parking lot. The bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. promptly. If you are interested please contact Ann Doherty at (978)978-3984 or cinscooby@verizon.net.



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ROSE CAFÉ – SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

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, May 3rd. See you there!



The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at **St. Theresa’s**. So far, **233** parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$41,792** 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 **\$3,570** 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.



BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

FIRST READING: ACTS (OF THE APOSTLES)

In this reading, the Apostle Peter mentions "the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob." What can you find out about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Who were they? When did they live (approximately)? Why were they so important to the Jews?

GOSPEL READING: LUKE

Who were the two people mentioned "who recounted what had taken place on the way"? Find the full story, by reading the earlier part of Chapter 24 of St. Luke's Gospel. To what place had the two men been going, and why?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

- The _____ of life you put to _____, but God _____ him from the dead.
- Repent, therefore, and be _____, that your _____ may be wiped _____.
- He _____ in their midst and said to _____, "Peace be _____ you."
- They gave him a piece of _____ fish; he took it and _____ it in _____ of them.
- Then he _____ their _____ to understand the _____.

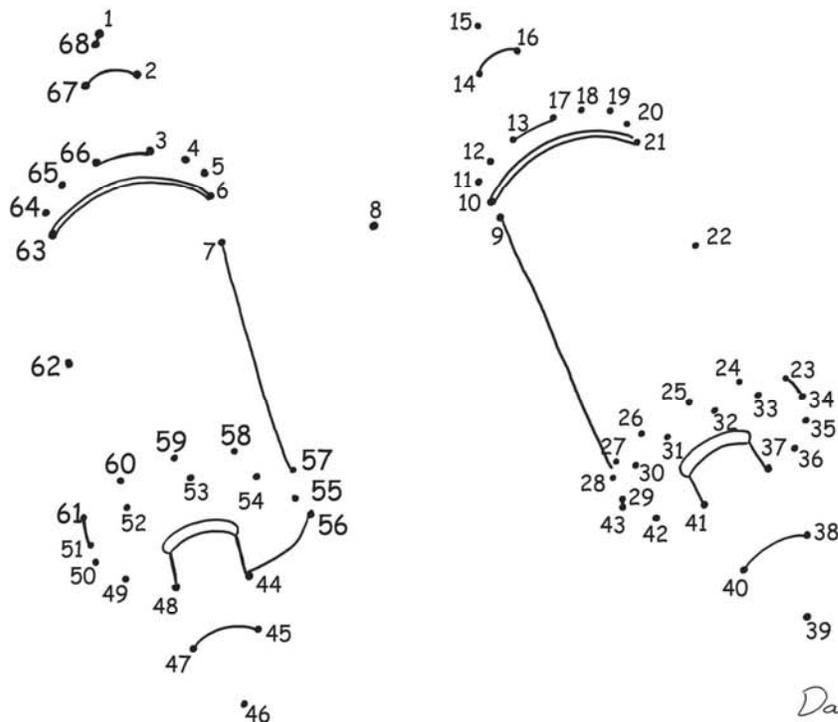
ANSWERS

1. author, death, raised 2. converted, sins, away
 3. stood, them, with 4. baked, ate, front
 5. opened, minds, scriptures

CONNECT THE DOTS

GOSPEL READING: 1 LUKE 24, 35-48

"HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES."



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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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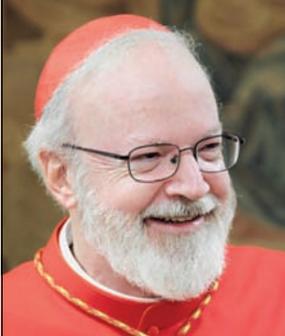


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