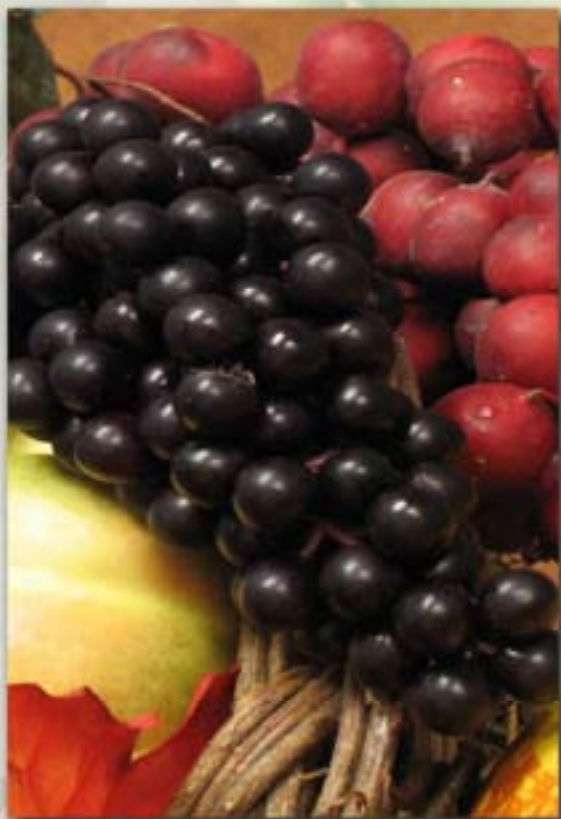


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May 10, 2015

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Rev. Hal Obayashi, *Parochial Vicar*
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Adrienne Cullen, *Pastoral Associate*

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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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First Communion and First Penance
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for Generations of Faith
Tony Carbrello, Coordinator Grades 6-8
for Generations of Faith
Grades 9-10 and Confirmation

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“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” EXHIBIT AND CELEBRATION MAY 30-31!

In celebration of the conclusion of our WDYSTIA Faith Formation program, parishioners are invited to a multi-media exhibit on May 30 (2 PM-6:30 PM) and 31 (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM) in St. Theresa Parish Hall. We will have an ongoing slideshow of images of Jesus accompanied by music and light refreshments. In addition, various depictions of who Jesus is for parishioners will be on display for all to enjoy and peruse. **You are encouraged (and needed!) to participate in the display** and may drop off your exhibit piece (whether it be a photo, poem, favorite prayer, etc.) at St. Theresa Parish Hall on Thursday evening, May 28th between 4-6PM or Friday, May 29th between 9:30 AM- 1PM. Do not hesitate to call Adrienne Cullen at 978-663-3624 or email Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com if you have any questions or need guidance in coming up with your exhibit piece.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

The Catholic Community of Billerica is pleased to sponsor VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL again this summer for the CHILDREN of our parishes. The theme will be **Parade around the Our Father with Saint Joseph Cupertino.**

Who: Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade in September 2015

What: Music, arts and crafts, bible lessons, sports and more.

Where: Hall behind St Theresa Church

When: July 6th through July 10th from 9am to noon

Cost: \$25 per child; maximum of \$40 per family

REGISTRATION FORMS are available at BillericaCatholic.org.

HURRY SPACE IS LIMITED!

We will need volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School:

---if you are entering grades 6, 7, and 8, consider being a junior counselor.

---if you are in high school, consider being a counselor.

---if you are an adult, consider helping with crafts, snacks, outdoor activities, music, group leader.

Those wishing to volunteer should email Mrs. Deb Fergus at DebFergus@parishmail.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ELIJAH CHALICE
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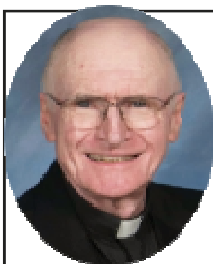
Each week at our 10:30a.m. Sunday Mass, the celebrant will use the Elijah Chalice for the Precious Blood. A family, individual or couple will be called forward to receive the Elijah Chalice, which will be placed in a protective carrying case. They will receive a blessing and the Chalice home, placing 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.

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Thank you for all your prayers and cards .My health is improving and each day I am getting stronger. I will begin my radiation treatments the beginning of May. After which I am looking forward to getting back to the parishes. Continue to pray for me as I am for all of you.

God bless,

Fr. Jack

Anyone wishing to send Fr. Jack a card, please send it or drop it off at St. Theresa Parish Office. We forward his mail to him each week on Wednesday.



During the roll out of the new Billerica-wide Religious Education program earlier this spring, we let you know that there would likely be changes to the role of each coordinator from each parish in the new program. We have worked diligently to meet the needs of the coordinators, balancing their strengths and desires with positions in the new program.

Here are changes you will see moving forward.

Mr. Jim Spinale will transition into the role of High School coordinator for the RelEd Program. Jim has decades of experience teaching High Schoolers and a unique ability to relate to High School students. Mrs. Karen Dubbs will transition into the role of Home Study coordinator for the program. Karen will also simultaneously transition into a new role as Office Administrator for St. Mary Parish. Karen's attention to detail and love of St. Mary Parish will be a great asset in this role.

Mrs. Chris Kilburn will be transitioning into a new role to assist with the financial management of the Catholic Community of Billerica. In this role, she will be assisting Al MacMullin as Business Manager. During the transition, Chris will also assist the RelEd Office Staff with their database transition and this first year of joint registrations. Chris' knowledge of accounting and database software will be a wonderful asset in her new roles.

Mrs. Nancy Meehan will transition into the role of Grade 1-2 coordinator across our 3 parishes. Nancy earned a Master of Education from Endicott College and a BS in Early Education from Salem State. She brings infectious enthusiasm for her faith and teaching early elementary age children. Nancy will also coordinate First Eucharist and First Reconciliation preparation across our 3 parishes.

Mrs. Deb Fergus will transition into the role of Grade 3-4-5 coordinator across our 3 parishes. Deb has extensive experience and passion within the homeschooling community, including a deep passion for working with youth. She earned her degree in Sociology & Education from Dartmouth College.

Mr. Tony Carbrello will transition into the role of Grade 6-7-8 coordinator across our 3 parishes. Additionally, Tony will take on the role of Associate Director of Faith Formation. In this role, he will assist me in the day-to-day administration of our new program. Tony has a Master of Theological Studies from St. Norbert College in Wisconsin, after earning a degree in Secondary Education from St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Mrs. Terry Grejduš will remain in her role as RelEd Office Manager. We thank Ms. Patty Membrino and Mrs. Jan Casey for their years of service to the CCD Program at St. Mary.

We thank all our coordinators for their flexibility in transitioning into their new roles.

Please e-mail me at deacon.phil.dibello@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

St. Andrew Church

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Saturday Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 7:30am and 10:00am
Weekday Mon., Thurs, Fri 12:10pm
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm



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Saturday Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 9:00am and 12Noon
Weekday Mass Mon., Wed., Sat, 9:00am
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SATURDAY

May 09 4:00pm John Kenney Reardon, Mem.
Catherine Reardon, 3rd Anniv.
Paolo Venti, B-day Mem.
Ann Luongo, 5th Anniv.
Kristina Downing, Mem.

SUNDAY

May 10 8:00am Lillian DiClemente, Mem.
10:30am Robert F. Burns, Mem.
Robert J. Burns, Mem.
5:00pm Mass for the People

ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 14 See schedule below

SATURDAY

May 16 4:00pm Anthony Cetrone, 16th Anniv.
Guido Cetrone, Mem.
John Cetrone, Mem.

SUNDAY

May 17 8:00am Mass for the People
10:30am John P. Donovan, 3rd Anniv.
5:00pm



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEPAL EARTQUAKE

Cardinal Séan has authorized a **special collection** be taken up **THIS SUNDAY** in support of relief efforts to those areas devastated by the powerful earthquake that struck Nepal this past Saturday. All monies will be distributed to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent relief efforts in that area.

A CRS team is on the ground in Kathmandu, the capital city and one of the most affected areas, providing food and shelter.

CRS is supporting the emergency effort with critical supplies for families rendered homeless by the quake: tarps and other materials for emergency shelter, means for clean water, hygiene supplies and sanitation materials.

Thank you for your generosity !!

Thank you for the many who are now using online giving. We would like to ask all on line givers who also like to put an envelope in the weekend collection basket to please write on the envelope "Gave On Line" rather than the amount given.. This will help us from duplicating our postings.



SURPASSED 2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL—THANK YOU!

Congratulations! **St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish** has surpassed its 2015 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$45,909**. I am truly grateful to the **259** parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán's call to witness more clearly the depths of God's love for each one of us through this important effort.

BILLERICA MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
Thursday, May 14 is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the Catholic Community of Billerica is:

Wednesday, May 13: 4:00PM—St. Mary
Thursday, May 14: 9:00AM at St. Theresa
12:10PM Mass at St. Andrew
7:00PM Mass at St. Andrew



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 June 7. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call the rectory.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Last Weeks Collection	\$ 9,001.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Second Collection this weekend ~ Special Collection for Nepal Earthquake victims

Collection next weekend ~



Religious Education Registration

Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to register for the Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program which will resume this Fall. Classes are offered for children and youth entering Grade 1 through High School at the three Billerica Catholic Parishes. Please visit www.BillericaCatholic.org for a detailed program summary and Family Registration Forms. We encourage early registration as classes are being filled on a first come, first served basis. **On time registration** for the Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program continues until **Tuesday, June 30th**. Questions??? Please stop by the Religious Education Office located at 470R Boston Road or give us a call at 978-667-3733.

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

Now is the time to register your child for Religious Education Classes. 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 www.BillericaCatholic.org. Don't hesitate to visit or call us at 978-667-3733.



Neighbor Brigade is a non-profit organization that organizes community-based volunteer networks that provide free, temporary, non-monetary support to individuals and families experiencing a crisis. The Billerica corps of volunteers provide a helping hand to Billerica residents as they recover from medical diagnosis, accident, death in the family, home fire or other medical emergency by providing assistance with such day-to-day tasks as: preparing home delivered meals; ride to and from follow-up medical appointments, errands, simple household chores, pet care. To receive help, Billerica residents simply visit www.neighborbrigade.org and "Request Help"



I would like to say thank you to all of the GOF kitchen help. This was our last year of cooking the food for the religious education program. All your help was greatly appreciated by Father Shawn, Deacon Phil, Tony, Debbie and Nancy. You have been a great crew over the years and I could not have done it without all of your help. I commend all of you for being so faithful to me. I will miss working with all of you. May our Loving Father bless and watch over every single one of you.

Thank you to the entire movie night crew for all their hard work this year. You did a great job, and I appreciate every one of you. I am glad that together we can bring enjoyment to the people of our community. Have a great summer and I hope to see you all in September.

Ann Doherty



BAKE SALE
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MAY 16TH & 17TH

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.

SAINT THERESA WOMEN'S CLUB

We will meet at the parish hall this Wednesday evening May 13TH. at 7:00 p.m. Kathy Strang will lead us in the Rosary.
All women of the collaborative are invited to attend. Voting for the recipient of the Little Flower Award will take place. An ice cream social will follow.
This year - end dinner will be held at Stelio's Family Restaurant at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Please sign up and pay at this meeting if you wish to attend.
Friendships, new and old, blossom and grow within our souls.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FAITH FACTS

CORNELIUS

The Acts of the Apostles tell us of the meeting between Saint Peter and a Roman centurion named Cornelius. At the time of the Apostles, the Jews were ruled by the Romans. The Romans stationed soldiers in the Jewish lands.

A centurion was an officer who commanded a "century" of soldiers, which was composed of about eighty men. The picture shows a centurion in armor.

Six centuries made up one cohort. We know from ancient inscriptions that there was an "Italian Cohort" in the Holy Land.



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:
D = H and A = E.

Crossword solution from last week



DA KNZANAZ PDAI PK

XA XWLPEVAZ EJ PDA

JWIA KB FAOQO

YDNEOP.

ANSWER: He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING: ACTS 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD KNEEL BEFORE PETER





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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17




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