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You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Theresa Parish and the Catholic Community of Billerica. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter your personal history, age, background, race, or color, no matter what your own self-image or esteem. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself after Mass, or call our Parish Office to register. We want to know and serve you.

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Rev. Hal Obayashi, *Parochial Vicar*
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Deacon Allan Shanahan, *Permanent Deacon*
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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for Generations of Faith
Grades 9-10 and Confirmation

*Consecrate them in
the truth. Your word is
truth. As you sent me
into the world, so I
sent them into the world.*

John 17:17-18 (NAB)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 17, 2015

“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
“Vocations—Everybody’s Business”

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of Boston. The purpose of the Elijah Chalice is to provide a focal point for this prayer in your own home.



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.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER GERALD



On **May 31st** after the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Theresa, you are invited to attend an Ice Cream Social as the Catholic Community of Billerica wishes Father Gerald well in his new assignment as Parochial Vicar in the new Collaborative in South Boston of St. Monica-Augustine Parish, St. Peter (Lithuanian) Parish, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The Ice Cream Social will be held in the Parish Hall.

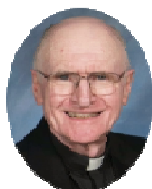
Although we are very sad to see Fr. Gerald go, we trust that the Lord will continue to bless him abundantly and we hope that his deep love of God and the Church will keep him company as he continues on the next leg of his journey in South Boston.



WELCOME FATHER HAL !!

The Catholic Community of Billerica welcomes Fr. Hal Obayashi from his temporary assignment between St. John's Parish in Chelmsford and the Catholic Community of Billerica into his new permanent assignment as Parochial Vicar in the Catholic Community of Billerica. Father Hal is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and completed his studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton. He was ordained to the Priesthood in 2002. We all are looking forward to getting to know and working with Father Hal in the years to come.

WELCOME BACK TO FULL TIME WITH US FR. MARTY. WE MISSED YOU!!



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.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER BEING A HOMEBOUND MINISTER?

Circle of Friends, the collaborative homebound ministry of St. Mary, St. Theresa and St. Andrew parishes, will be having our annual gathering on Sunday, June 14 at St. Mary Parish Hall from 2-4 PM. All current homebound ministers are invited to attend, as well as parishioners who are interested in learning more about the ministry. The gathering will consist of prayer and a short reflection on Jesus as our caregiver role model. There will be time for table sharing of our experience as a homebound minister and larger group sharing/questions as well. Please let us know if you are being called to this important ministry and if you would like to attend the gathering. Contact Adrienne.Cullen@parishmail.com or call 978-663-3624.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING CHANGE

May and June meetings will be held on the **1st and 3rd Thursday from 7 to 8:30pm, in Room 5 of the Parish Hall.** The group provides an opportunity to share with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one: spouse, parent or friend is welcome.

Join us.....You need not grieve alone. There will be no meetings in July and August.

For more information contact: Joan Kilday, Group Facilitator Phone: 978-663-3393.

St. Andrew Church

45 Talbot Avenue
North Billerica, MA 01862
978-663-3624

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



St. Mary Church

796 Boston Road
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978-663-2215

Saturday Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 9:00am and 12Noon
Weekday Mass Mon., Wed., Sat, 9:00am
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED

There are many opportunities to assist in Billerica Catholic Religious Education this coming fall. *We need your gifts!* Please pray about how you might be able to assist in the formation of the youth of our community. For more information, please contact the Billerica Catholic Religious Education Office at 978-667-3733

We need *Small Group Leaders*. In our Middle and High School program, Presenters present content and curriculum for the session, while adult and teen *Small Group Leaders* lead discussion and activities with their group of students (10 or less). This is a great role for a parent or other adult who want to be a positive influence on our students, but who doesn't want to prepare or present a session.

* * * **ST. THERESA PARISH NEWS** * * *

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.

FOOD PANTRY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly Food Drive after all the Masses the weekend of May 23/24th . All non-perishable food items are accepted that is canned vegetables, juices, paper products etc. The society as well as your neighbors thank you for your continue support.

*"It is not how much we give,
but how much love we put in the giving."*



GREETINGS!!!!

Do you have the desire to volunteer at church but can't make a huge commitment? We are looking for people young and old to be 'greeters' at Mass one weekend per month to welcome those who attend Mass. For more details please contact Debbie Kelleher at debbiesttheresa@gmail.com



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"

ST. THERESA WOMEN'S SCHOLARHIP AWARD



Congratulations to Sabrina Blake and Julie Doty both who will receive the St. Theresa's Women's Club Scholarship award in recognition of their volunteer services to St. Theresa Parish. The awards will be presented at the 10:30am Mass on May 17th.

GOD IS GOOD!
All the time, God is Good!

mass intentions

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

SATURDAY

May 23 4:00pm Nancy Leone, 15th Anniv.
Thomas B. Walsh, 10th Anniv.
Thomas and Hannah Walsh,
Mem.

SUNDAY

May 24 8:00am Elaine Pottie, B-day Mem.
10:30am Antonio Mendonca, B-day Mem.
5:00pm Louis LoCicero, 2nd Anniv.



Religious Education Registration

We are currently accepting Registration for the 2015/2016 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** 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.

Attention Kindergarten Parents!

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.

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.

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

- Andrew Steven Auger
- Abigail Jane Allard
- Lucas Charles Graceffa

BULLETIN Announcements must be in the rectory office by **MONDAY** morning.
E-mail address: jmdsttheresas@hotmail.com

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 and 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.



OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Last Weeks Collection	\$ 9,721.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Second Collection this weekend ~ Communications

Collection next weekend ~ Seminarians



BIBLE DETECTIVE

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

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles? Is this book part of the Old or New Testament?

What was the 'first book' to which the writer refers?

What would these 'books' have looked like? Were they printed, or written by hand? Can you find out how people made copies of books in those days, to pass on to others?

Have any of these early copies survived? What can you find out about the earliest samples we have of the Acts of the Apostles - and the other books of the New Testament?

FILL IN THE GAPS

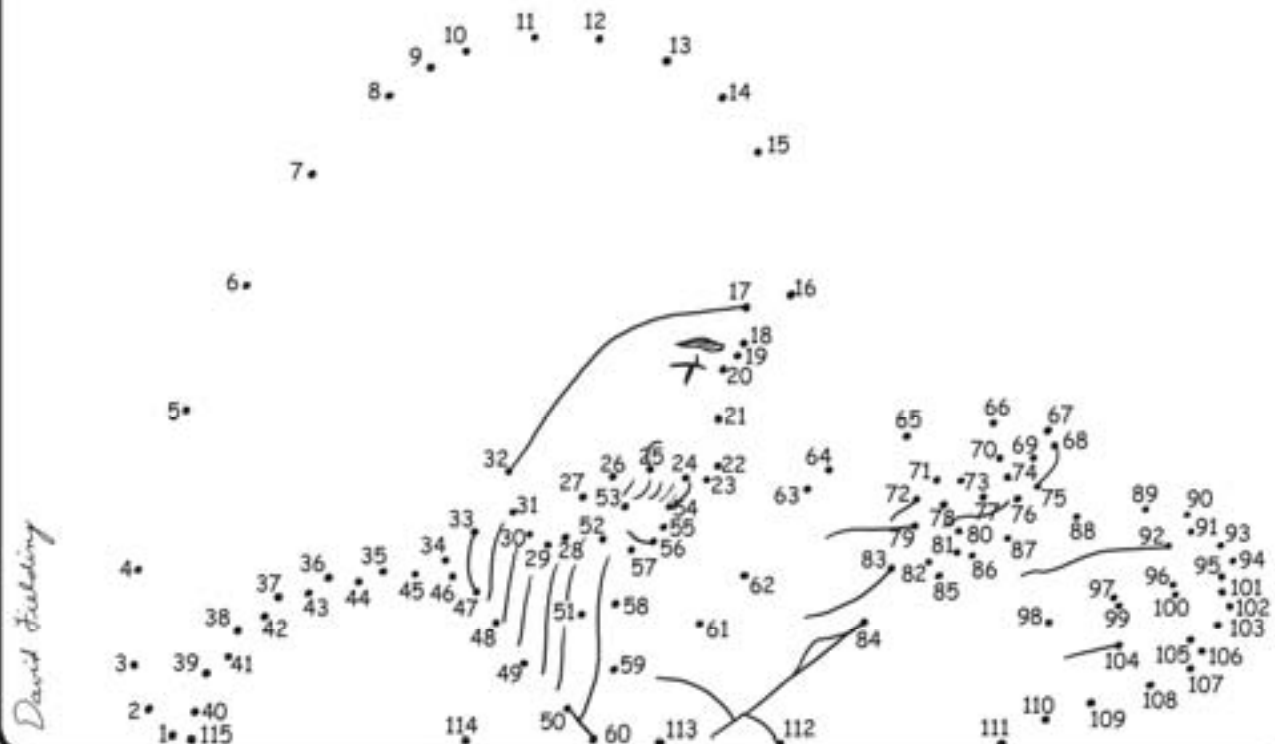
The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. He presented himself _____ to them by many _____ after he had _____.
2. When he had said _____, as they were _____ on, he was _____ up.
3. Go into the whole _____ and proclaim the _____ to every _____.
4. Whoever _____ and is _____ will be _____.
5. They went _____ and _____ everywhere, while the Lord _____ with them.

ANSWERS
 1. alive, proofs, suffered 2. this, looking, lifted
 3. world, gospel, creature 4. believes, baptized, saved
 5. forth, preached, worked

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GOSPEL READING: MARK 16, 15-20



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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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