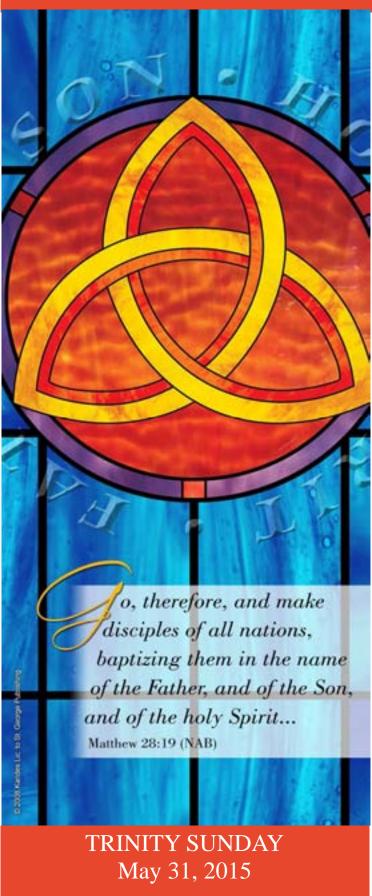
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Rev. Hal Obayashi, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John J. McCormick, Senior Priest in Residence
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Deacon Phillip DiBello, Permanent Deacon and
Director of Ministry and Faith Formation
Deacon Allan Shanahan, Permanent Deacon
Adrienne Cullen, Pastoral Associate

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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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Rectory Phone: 978-663-8816 **Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10:00am-3:00pm** Email: jmdsttheresas@hotmail.com Web site: http://www.BillericaCatholic.org

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Dear friends,

It's hard for me to believe that this is my last weekend in Billerica. The past two years have flown by. It seems like just yesterday I was ordained a priest and moved to Billerica. On Tuesday my new assignment begins in South Boston. I'm most grateful for the time I've spent here. Thank you for welcoming me into your parish and into your families. If I have offended anyone, I ask forgiveness. Know that Billerica will always have a special place in my heart.

God's blessings,

Fr Gerald Souza

PS: Feel free to virtually come with me to Southie by following me on Twitter: @fathersouza or Facebook: facebook.com/fathersouza

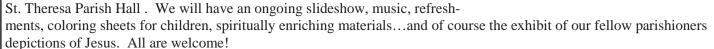




St. Vincent de Paul Billerica's 4th annual Walk Billerica's Walk for the Needy JUNE 20TH, SATURDAY, 2015

"Who do you say that I am" Exhibit and Celebration May 30 – 31

Please take time to visit our WDYSTIA Multi-media Exhibit on Saturday, May 30 from 1:30 –3:30 PM and/or Sunday, May 31 from 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM in





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.



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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.



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.

> 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.

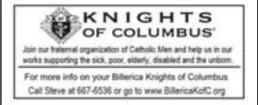
For more information contact: Joan Kilday, Group Facilitator Phone: 978-663-3393.

St. Andrew Church

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Saturday Mass 4:00pm

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



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I want to express our deepest thanks to Ann Doherty for her years of leading the volunteers who provided meals for Generations of Faith. In the fall, our new Religious Education will no longer begin with a meal, so that piece of what Ann does for St. Theresa Parish will no longer be needed. After many years of feeding more than 1000 children and parents monthly, the kitchen will be silent on Religious Education days. Let us all take this opportunity to thank Ann



and her team for their service to our children and families. Ann will, of course, continue with her work with the Women's Club, Movie Night, Special events, and so much more!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

God is blessing you each time you reach out to help another. Because you care, many are comforted and cared for in tender and loving ways. Thank you for your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes located at all the entrances of the Church. "Little children, let us love, not in words or speech, but in truth and action."

The Saint Theresa Women's Club would like to thank all parishioners for their support this last year with our bake sale. We would not be able to accomplish some of our tasks without you. There will not be any bake sales for the next two months. We hope everyone has a great and safe summer, and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

God Bless

Ann Doherty & Ann Stadtman (Co-Presidents)

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 **292**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.

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

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are going to need time off during July/August/September please let us know by June 5. You can either email us or call: joeandbarbdoherty@comcast.net or 978.667.6207.

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SATURDAY

May 30 4:00pm

SUNDAY

May 31 8:00am Mass for the People Judy Femia, 8th Anniv. 10:30am

5:00pm

SATURDAY

June 06 4:00pm Gregory Ortolani, Anniv.

> Rolande Metivier, 5th Anniv. Norman Metivier, 3rd Anniv. Kathleen Smith, 8th Anniv.

SUNDAY

June 07 Graham & Margaret Brown, 8:00am

Francis & Antoinette Sullivan.

Mem.

10:30am Christine (Pratt) Wood, Mem.

Elaine M. Keenan, Mem.

5:00pm Rita Delaney

> Barbara Hanna, Mem. James Getrost, 6th 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 June 7. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call the rectory.

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

Ethan Joseph Panniello Anna Valerie White Diego Kamalesh Nanda Priya Corsica Nanda

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.





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 Office Education or at www.BillericaCatholic.org.

Religious Education Registration

We invite you to stop by the Religious Education Office located at 470R Boston Road to register your children for the 2015/2016 Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program which will resume in September. Classes are being offered for children and youth entering Grade 1 through High School at the three Billerica Catholic Parishes. A detailed program summary and Family Registration Forms can be found at www.BillericaCatholic.org or at the REO. On time registration continues until Tuesday, June 30th. Classes are being filled on a first come, first served basis. Questions??? Give us a call at 978-667-3733.

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

OFFERTORY REPORT							
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00						
Last Weeks Collection \$ 7,867.0							
Thank you for your continued support!							
Second Collection this weekend ~ None							
Collection next weekend ~ None							



Can you choose the correct endings?

- The voice of God spoke from the midst of:
 - (a) a multitude (b) fire (c) a whirlwind?
- Those who are led by the Spirit of God are:
 - (a) children of God (b) angels (c) slaves?
- 3. The eleven disciples went to:
 - (a) their homes (b) Samaria (c) Galilee?
- Jesus told the eleven to make disciples:
 (a) of all nations (b) throughout Jerusalem (c) in Rome?
- 5. Jesus said that he would be with them: (a) for a while longer (b) always (c) when they prayed?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(a); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

ELEVEN BAPTIZE DAYS
SIGHT TEACH SKY
DOUBTS ALWAYS VOICE
HOMAGE SONS FIRE
NATION SUFFER FULL



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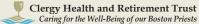
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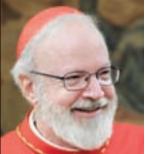
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