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## MASSES

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 Carbrelo, Coordinator Grades 6-8  
for Generations of Faith  
Grades 9-10 and Confirmation



*He said to them, "This is my  
blood of the covenant, which will  
be shed for many..."*

Mark 14:24 (NAB)

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**  
June 7, 2015

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015**  
The VBS "Parade" is coming around the corner!

Sponsored by the Billerica Catholic Community for all of our children!

**Theme:** *Parade Around the Our Father with Saint Joseph Cupertino*

**Who:** Children entering kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2015

**What:** Music, Crafts, Bible lessons, Sports, and more!

**Where:** Parish Hall behind St. Theresa Church

**When:** July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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



REGISTRATION FORMS: Available at [www.billericacatholic.org](http://www.billericacatholic.org)  
Or Billerica Catholic Religious Education Office

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 26**  
HURRY, SPACE IS LIMITED!

**Volunteers Needed to help VBS to run smoothly!**

- Junior Counselors: students entering grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior Counselors: high school students
- Adults: help with music, crafts, bible lessons, outdoor activities

Questions, or to volunteer, contact: Mrs. Deb Fergus at [DebFergus@parishmail.com](mailto:DebFergus@parishmail.com) or 978-667-3733, ext.42



On May 29th, at the Seminary in Brighton, Ms. Chris Kilburn and Ms. Deb Fergus received a hard-earned Catechetical Certificate from St. John's Seminary and The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization (TINE). Successfully completing this certificate required many Saturday trips to Brighton, and many hours of study, reflection and exams.

Please join us congratulating their effort, commitment, and success!

Check the website for photos from the event.



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

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING CHANGE**

**May and June** meetings will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



This past weekend, we were privileged to receive 4 new members into the RCIA Catechumenate for the Catholic Community of Billerica. Please join us in welcoming Bill Baker, Bethany Campbell, Gianna Valentino and Nick Andrews into the Catechumenate. We are also thankful for the commitment of their sponsors, Donna Baker, Melissa Holland, Janet O'Keefe and Brian Delmore for their time commitment to their Candidates.

During the Catechumenate, the candidates undertake a focused study of the Sunday Scripture and of our beliefs as Catholic Christians. Please pray for the candidates, their sponsors, and team that will guide them through this process.

If you are interested in completing your Sacraments, or finding out more about our Catholic Faith, please contact Deacon Phil at [deacon.phil.dibello@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.phil.dibello@gmail.com).

### 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.

Deb Fergus, the Coordinator for grades 3,4, & 5, invites you to volunteer as a **Classroom Aide**. Aides help the Catechist (lead teacher) in the classroom, especially during hands-on and interactive activities. If you enjoy working with this age-group, but do not wish to teach, this is a great role for you!

## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

### PLEASE NOTE

**BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 the 12:10pm Mass will now START at 12:05pm and the 12 :05 Mass on Thursday will now be moved to Tuesdays.**

#### *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  
Billerica, MA 01821  
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

**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](mailto:Adrienne.Cullen@parishmail.com) or call 978-663-3624.

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

**\*\* MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015\*\***  
**For St. Theresa Parish**

We will begin accepting **Mass intentions for the year 2015 on Wednesday, June 23, 2015**. Please be patient - with your cooperation, we will do the best we can for all. Please call during hours of 11:00am-2:00pm. Thank you.

Many call for a Mass for a mother, another for a father, a son, daughter, a brother, another for a sister, etc. Consider combining members of the family or families. **You will be limited to two (2) weekend Masses only**. We are concerned that we will not be able to accommodate those families who have just lost a loved one and would like a Month's Remembrance Intention after someone has died. Most intentions cannot be based solely on a first come, first serve basis. Most families do not even consider a first anniversary mass at the time of death. Fairness expects that we try to accommodate those who are just entering the grief process or journey.

Also as last year we will be accepting Mass intentions from two different families at each Mass. Please keep in mind that **daily Mass intentions** are available but at times must be changed due to a Funeral(s).

**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](mailto:debbiesttheresa@gmail.com)

# mass intentions

## SATURDAY

June 06 4:00pm Gregory Ortolani, Anniv.  
Rolande Metivier, 5th Anniv.  
Norman Metivier, 3rd Anniv.  
Kathleen Smith, 8th Anniv.

## SUNDAY

June 07 8:00am Graham & Margaret Brown,  
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.

## SATURDAY

June 13 4:00pm Jake & Grace Marino, Mem.  
Anthony DeAngelis, 3rd Anniv  
Nicole Harju, 2nd Anniv.

## SUNDAY

June 14 8:00am Sandi Silva, 15th Anniv.  
10:30am Mass for the People  
5:00pm Andrew & Mary Hartigan, Mem.  
Helen & Charles Settiani, Mem.



### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Grade** (or later.) Registration Forms are available at the Religious Education Office or at [www.BillericaCatholic.org](http://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](http://www.BillericaCatholic.org) or at the REO. **On time registration** continues until **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Classes are being filled on a first come, first served basis. Questions??? Give us a call 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 July 12. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call the rectory.

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



### OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Last Weeks Collection	\$ 7,867.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Second Collection this weekend ~ None

Collection next weekend ~ None

# SUNDAY FUNDAY

## TRUE or FALSE ?

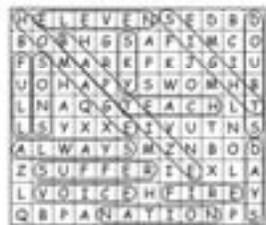
1. God told Ezekiel that he could bring low the high tree, and lift high the lowly tree.
2. Saint Paul said that he was not courageous.
3. He said that we walk by sight, not by faith.
4. He feared to leave his body and go to the Lord.
5. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
6. The kingdom of God is like seed sprouting and turning into grain.
7. The mustard seed is one of the largest seeds.
8. The mustard seed becomes a large plant.
9. Jesus told many parables.
10. He explained everything to his disciples in private.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 false, 3 false, 4 false, 5 true, 6 true, 7 false, 8 true, 9 true, 10 true

## CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

Last week's wordsearch



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Place of sacrifice
3. Male offspring
6. Pay attention
8. Having life
9. Rescue
11. Guided; drawn along
13. Promise ; guarantee
17. On top of something
18. The end of life

### CLUES DOWN



1. Remains of something burned
2. The number of apostles
3. Sung verses
4. Not ever
5. Large groups of people, like clans
7. Stopped living
10. Every one
12. Grapes are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the vine
13. I like \_\_\_\_\_ here
14. Certain
15. Drinking vessel
16. I like \_\_\_\_\_

## PICTURE PUZZLE

GOSPEL READING: MK 4, 26-34

CAN YOU FIND THESE ITEMS AMONG THE EARS OF GRAIN?



Needle

Rocket

Book

Scissors

Bird

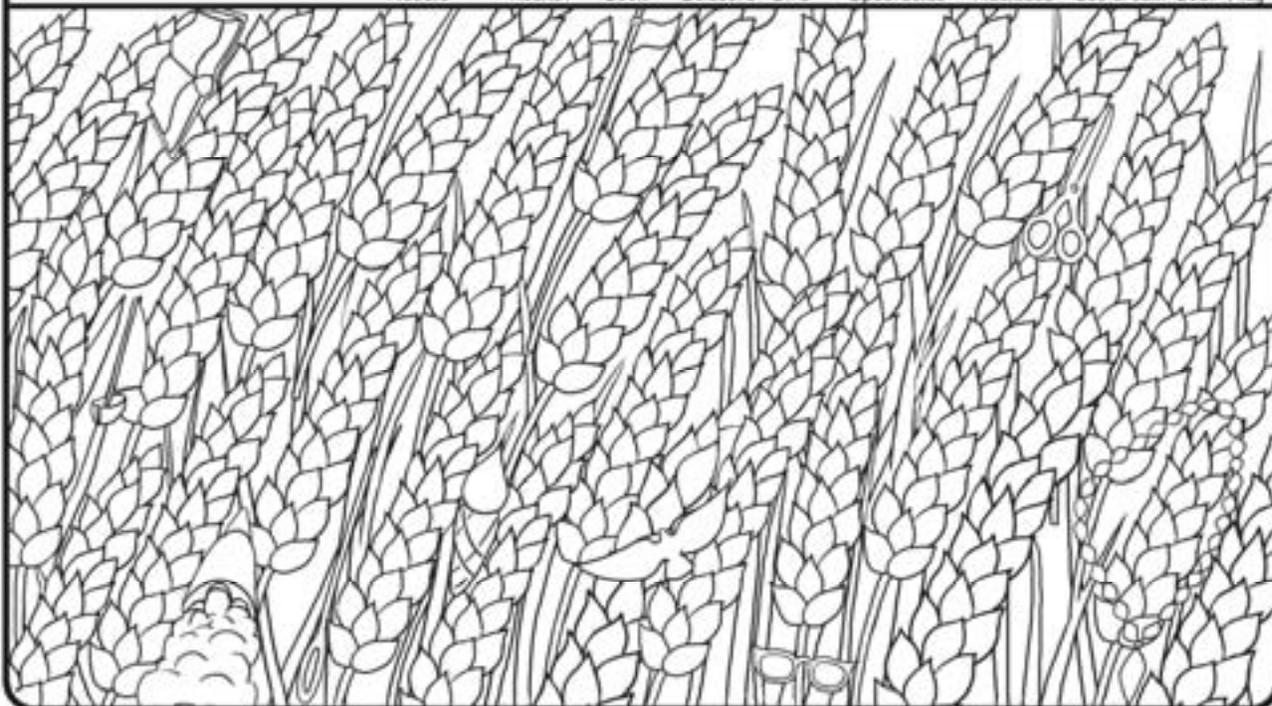
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*Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."*  
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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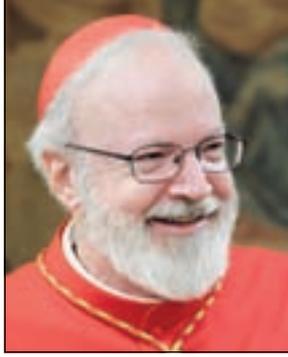
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~Cardinal Sean O'Malley



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