CHURCH OF ST. THERESA North Reading, Massachusetts



PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29, 2015

Church of Saint Theresa

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Parish Pastoral Council Elected Members: Nancy Pastore, Laurie Smith, John Croswell, Robert Hickey, Andrea Morrissey, Kathy Benz, Kathi Lee, Denise Miedico, Clayton Morrissey



Please keep all in our RCIA program in prayer, especially our elect, Adam Davies. We look forward to sharing fully

A JOURNEY IN FAITH in the Lord's banquet with Adam as he will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston 11:00 am Mass, Tuesday, March 31

Cardinal Seán celebrates this Mass with as many of the priests of the Archdiocese whose duties allow and he blesses the holy oils that will be used throughout the next year in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. The priests then bring those oils back to their home parishes. SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: 9:00 am, Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 7am, 9am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Holy Communion is brought to the sick and shut-in.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 pm The Sacrament is celebrated in the Reconciliation Room at the east entrance of the Church, near the music area. Also by request in the Church or Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Catechesis (instruction) is on the first Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance.

Prayer Tree: st_theresa_prayer_tree@parishmail.com

Bulletin Announcement submissions due by noon on Monday. Email St_Theresa_Bulletin@parishmail.com

Protection of Children Policies & Procedures may be obtained by calling the rectory, ext: 12

"Welcome all parishioners - existing and new. We are happy to meet you, know you and serve you. Please introduce yourselves to one another."

Did you remember to turn off or silence all electronic devices?

Semi-Annual Collection Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday has been the date for our Semi-Annual Collection in the past. In that collection, we used to ask parishioners to contribute at least \$60 (or more if able) for the support of the parish. Since we began the Offertory Commitment Program we have eliminated all regular second collections and the two Semi-Annuals. However, some parishioners who have not joined the Offertory Commitment Program regularly supported the Semi-Annual Collection. I ask those parishioners if they would make their traditional offering at this time, whether the weekend of Palm Sunday or in the near future. Your support is valued and requested. May the Lord bless all who give to the work of our parish.

St. Theresa, North Reading

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From Fr. Tom Reílly



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following passage was taken from a conference given by St. Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274). It is a good reflection for Holy Week.

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way; in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently because *when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth.* Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. *For just as by the disobedience of one man,* namely, Adam, *many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous....* (Taken from the Liturgy Of The Hours, Vol III, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY)

Have a blessed Holy Week!

In Christ and Mary,

Fr. Jom Keilly Fr. Tom Reilly

2015 Easter Flower Memorial Deadline is March 29

Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Michael Bova Conti

Fr. Michael will be helping us here at St. Theresa Parish for the next few months.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land Shrines: April 3

In the words of Paul VI, Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

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March 28 Saturday	4:00 pm	Kenneth Kelly - Birthday Memorial		
March 29 Palm Sunday	7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12Noon 6:30 pm	George and Margaret Hallett - Anniversary Mary Dwyer and Ann Glenneon - Memorial <i>Gam Mass begins in Parish Hall</i> John McDavitt - Birthday Memorial Jonathan Gorey - Birthday Intention Stephen W. Florence - 4th Anniversary		
Monday	9:00 am	Intention of Celebrant		
Tuesday	9:00 am 9:00 am 7:30 pm	Intention of Celebrant Tenebrae Service		
Wednesday	9:00 am 6:30-8:00pm	Mass for the People <i>Confessions</i>		
Holy Thursday	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Morning Prayer - Confessions Following Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Confessions Following <i>Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, until 11:30 pm</i>		
Good Friday	9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:30 pm	Morning Prayer - Confessions Following <i>Children's Stations of the Cross - Confessions Following</i> Lord's Passion and Death - Confessions Following		
Holy Saturday	9:00 am 3:00-4:00 pm 7:30 pm	Morning Prayer <i>Confessions</i> Easter Vigil - Collation Following		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament There will be NO Adoration on Good Friday, April 3, 2015			Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday, April 1 - 6:30-8:00pm Thursday, April 2 - Following 9am Morning Prayo Thursday, April 2 - Following 7:30pm Lord's Supper Friday, April 3 - Following 9am, 3pm and 7:30pm Sen Saturday, April 4 - 3:00-4:00pm	

Please Pray

for the repose of the souls of all our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners



Religious Education Home Taught and Children's Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 3, 3:00pm

Calendar of Events

Monday - Saturday 8:30 am - Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 9:00 am Mass Saturday, March 28 - Semi-Annual Collection Coffee Service Items for North Reading Food Pantry 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confession Palm Sunday, March 29 Semi-Annual Collection 9:00 am - Religious Education Grade 2 9:00 am Mass begins in Parish Hall 10:00 am - Coffee Hour 5:30 pm - Confirmation I 7:30 pm - Confirmation II Monday, March 30 6:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice 7:00 pm - Adult Confirmation 7:00 pm - Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday, March 31 11:00 am Chrism Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Cross 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Tenebrae Service Wednesday, April 1 No Religious Education Classes for Grades 3, 5, 6 1:30 pm - Legion of Mary 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Confession 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Holy Thursday, April 2 No Religious Education Classes for Grades 1, 4, 7, 8 9:00 am - Morning Prayer - Confessions Following 10:00 am - Why Catholic? Parish Center, Rm # 8:30 pm - AA Good Friday, April 3 - Fast and Abstinence 9:00 am - Morning Prayer - Confessions Following 3:00 pm - Religious Education Home Taught and Children's Stations of the Cross with **Confessions following** Holy Saturday, April 4 9:00 am - Morning Prayer 3:00-4:00 pm - Confessions 6:00 pm - RCIA Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil with Collation Following Easter Sunday, April 5 6:00 am - Ecumenical Service on the Common 7:00 am - Easter Mass 9:00 am - Easter Mass 10:30 am - Easter Mass, Church 10:30 am - Easter Mass, Hall w/ Children's Choir 12Noon - Easter Mass There will be NO 6:30pm Mass

Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program



Sunday Mar 29 - Saturday Apr 4 Cox Family

Sunday Apr 5 - Saturday Apr 11 Cullity Family

Please return Crucifix to Rectory

Coming in the Fall 2015 ~ Save the Date! ~

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 27 - October 8, 2015

Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Reilly

\$2,449 per person from Boston (Based on double occupancy) For more information or to register, contact: Stefanie, 800-206-8687, ext 114 or email at: Stefanie@206tours.com

A spiritual, peace-filled trip which includes: Round-trip air from Boston; 10 nights in modern home/hotel with private baths in Medjugorje; breakfast and dinner daily; priest available for spiritual direction; Mass daily and Spiritual activities; meeting with visionaries (if visionaries are in Medjugorje during your trip and pending availability.



Clergy Funds - Easter Collection

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. who have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Easter collection, which will directly benefit the 638 active and senior diocesan priests whose health and well being are cared for through the Clergy Funds.

Confirmation Mass Schedule, April 18, 2015

Group A Rehearsal:

Monday, April 13, 7:30pm in the Parish Hall Each please bring non-perishable food items

PLEASE do not attend wrong rehearsal as you will not have a seat. Only attend your scheduled rehearsal. Sponsor OR adult proxy MUST be present.

Group A Mass:

Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 9:00 am Celebrant, Very Rev. Gerard Petringa Candidates and sponsor, please arrive by 8:15 am in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring your robe and its hanger. Beherrell, Erika Brogan, Sean Brooks, Emily Brown, David Chase, Collin Chase, Madeline Lilley, Connor Cuneo, Claudia Demas, Justin DeMild, Baylee Doran, James Downer, Shelby

Group A :

Barletta, Nadia

Finnegan, Claire * Gladu, Chloe Gravallese, Matthew Helms, Thomas Keyes, Douglas * Lewis, Matthew Lundy, Caroline Madden, Daniel McHugh, Thomas Mejia, Jeff Moda, James O'Connor, Aidan O'Rourke, Spencer Phelan, William Piscatelli, Camron Raffael, Jenna Rainville, Emma Rainville, Matthew Rossetti, Adam Sapp, Susannah Sparks, Casey Stansbury, Logan Stringer, John * Wilson, Sarah Available Available * confirmation at another Parish

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall upon conclusion of Mass.

<u>Rehearsal</u>: In seats by 7:30pm SHARP - we will wait so please be prompt - ends approx. 9:00pm
<u>Robes</u>: distributed after rehearsal; Robe fee: \$20 - cash accepted; checks are preferred payable to St. Theresa Church
If financial limitations please call 664-2962 x5 prior to April 10; leave candidate's name so we may manage distribution seamlessly
<u>Confirmation Suggested Attire</u>: Gentlemen - Shirt, tie, dress pants, shoes would be much more appropriate than jeans,
T-shirt and sneakers. Ladies, if a dress were worn, longer would be more appropriate than mini/micro and shoes should be both comfortable and safe. Spiked heels may cause accidents as they may get caught in robe hem while kneeling; please choose wisely.
<u>Reserved Seating</u>: The first 5 to 8 pews on both sides of the Church will be reserved for candidates and sponsors ONLY. Entire front seating section on altar side by Baptismal font will be reserved for: 1) Disabled/wheelchair attendees; 2) Assigned altar servers & extraordinary ministers; 3) 2014/2015 Confirmation teachers and three family members each.

Family Seating: First come first seated; holding seats will NOT be honored. Thank you for understanding when "saved" seating is used by those present.

<u>Photography</u>: No picture taking during Mass; photo opportunities in Parish Hall with Regional Bishop Petringa upon conclusion of the program. <u>Robes must be returned</u> to receive Certificate of Confirmation prior to leaving Church property, thank you.

Parking: Park as instructed by volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, mindful not to block medical accesses lanes. **Handicap parking signs must be observed to insure appropriate access to all in attendance.**

Group B Mass:

Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 1:00 pm Celebrant, Very Rev. Gerard Petringa

Candidates & sponsor, arrive by 12:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Remember to bring your robe and its hanger.

Group B Rehearsal:

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30pm in the Parish Hall → Each please bring non-perishable food items PLEASE do not attend wrong rehearsal as you will not have a seat. Only attend your scheduled rehearsal. Sponsor OR adult proxy MUST be present.

Group B: Aliferis, Elaina Angelesco, Victoria Bartram, Michael Beauregard, Dylan Beauregard, Julien Bockley, Kimberly Brayden, Michelle Buckley, Sean Cantino, Antonio Carroll, Lindsey Dale, Lisa Delaney, Gianna Dell Isola, Nicholas Giunta, George Giurleo, Steven Gonthier, Joseph Goodreau, Emma Hall, Matthew Hannabury, Cameron Hornby, William Kay, Andrew Kelly, Jessica

Kushakji, Julia Lanzaro, Gabrielle Lasdin, Thomas Lidoski, Abigail LoCoco, Elizabeth Luongo, David Maloney, Daniel McCarthy, Matthew McCauley, Michael McCormack, Paige McGreal, Michael McNulty, Brian Merullo, John Moscaritolo, Giana Muise, Jessica O'Brien, Jack O'Donnell, Robert O'Leary, Jenna Paolucci, Matthew Perrone, Julia Prisco, Michela Quaratiello, Michael Reardon, Christopher

Regan, Jared Ressler, Andrew Richard, David Romeo, Ariana Ryan, Timothy Semararo, Vanessa Shapiro, Olivia Shaw, Alice Shedd, Andrew Shedd, Nicole Smith, Cameron Smith, Colleen Sovak, Kevin Sponzo, Brooke Sponzo, Carly Thorpe, Brendan Tramontozzi, Anthony Walsh, Cailin Waterhouse, Aubreigh Wing, Seth

Reardon, John

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall upon conclusion of Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



First Holy Communion 2015

Saturday, May 2 at 10:30AM For the following Classes: Mrs. Cox Mrs. LoGrasso Mrs. Staffier/Mrs. Villaroel The Rehearsal for this First Holy Communion date is: Wednesday, April 28th @ 4:00 PM

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Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 PM For the following Classes: Mrs. McNeil Mrs. Ruccolo Mrs. Gravel The Rehearsal for this First Holy Communion date is: Friday, May 1st @ 4:00 PM

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Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 AM For the following Classes: Mrs. Seymore/Mrs. Higgins Mrs. Shipulski Mrs. Meidico The Rehearsal for this First Holy Communion date is: Friday, May 8 @ 4:00 PM

Volunteers Needed !!!

Volunteers are needed to help with First Holy Communion Rehearsals and Mass Celebrations . Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers are also needed.

Please contact Paula Colpitts, if you can help. Email at: plcolpitts@parishmail.com

Grade 2 Retreat - ALL CHILDREN Sunday, April 26th 1:30 to 5:30 PM (Mandatory)

All catechists are expected to attend. Parents, please drop off your child for the entire retreat, no early releases please.

Home Taught Parents Meeting and Catechist Enrichment Monday, March 30, 7:00pm

Confirmation II - Presence to the Parish

As part of the Confirmation II Program, our candidates will be "present" to the parish at Sunday Masses welcoming parishioners, handing out bulletins, etc. This weekend please welcome:

Brendan Thorpe Anthony Tramontozzi Cailin Walsh Aubreigh Waterhouse



Easter Clothing Drive ~ Beginning March 14th

Christ's Hands is conducting the annual Easter Clothing Drive to benefit the children living in the Merrimack Court Housing Project in Lawrence. Clothing

appropriate for Easter Sunday for children up to 14 years of age, new or nearly new, will be collected after all the masses leading up to Easter, starting on March 14th. Donations may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrances of the church. CCD students may bring their donations to class for the next few weeks. Thank you for helping bring smiles to these children's faces on Easter Sunday.

Si, Se Puede Easter Party Donations ~ Drop off by Sunday, March 29th

The week of March 30, children in the After School Program at Si, Se Puede, Lawrence, will have Easter Parties sponsored by Christ's Hands. If you would like to donate goodies for this party, please put Doritos or raisins into the collection boxes around the church by Sunday, March 29. Your continued generosity makes these beautiful children very happy. Thank you! Barbara Celata, Director

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Project Backpack

What Would Mary Do What Would Jesus Do WHAT WE DID St. Theresa's Confirmation Program 2014/2015 Thank you to all who donated





Confirmation Class of 2016 Year End Service Featuring all Confirmation I Students & Parents (Grade 9 only)

Let's Celebrate the Successful Completion ~ St. Theresa's Confirmation I Program Sunday, April 12, 2015

4:45 pm St. Theresa's Church (parents)

4:45 pm Parish Center classrooms (students)

Approximately 45 minutes



Confirmation Retreat - SnapShots: "Let Jesus Be The Hero You Need"



Parish Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 12 Following 9am Mass (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

Adults: \$5.00 | Seniors & Children: \$4.00 Maximum per Family: \$15.00

Reservations suggested, not required Don Henchey: 978-664-4517 | K of C: 978-664-8558



Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, beans, pancakes, cereal, sweet rolls, juice, milk, coffee, and tea.





Tenebrae Service Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30pm

Tenebrae, a service of darkness, is an interesting

way of setting the tone for the celebrations of the late days of Holy Week and most especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday.



Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday, April 5, 6:00am

The annual Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service will be held by the flag-pole on the top of the common in the center of North Reading. This service is sponsored by Christian Community Service and led by the pastors of Martin's Pond Baptist Church and St. Theresa's Parish. Pastors from all the Churches of North Reading will participate. All are welcome to attend and take part in the scripture readings and hymns. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held inside the Union Congregational Church on Haverhill Street.



Holy Week: Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday March 29 - April 4, 2015

Palm Sunday Masses - March 29

7:00am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12Noon | 6:30pm (March 28 - Vigil Mass - 4:00pm)

Monday - 9:00 am Daily Mass Tuesday - 9:00 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Office of Tenebrae Wednesday - 9:00 Daily Mass 6:30-8:00 pm - Confession

~ The Sacred Triduum ~

Holy Thursday - 9:00am - Morning Prayer - Confession following 7:30pm - The Mass of the Lord's Supper (Confession following) Eucharist Adoration following Mass, until 11:30 pm Good Friday - 9:00am - Morning Prayer - Confession following 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross Confession following 7:30pm - Observance of the Lord's Passion & Death Confession following Holy Saturday - 9:00am - Morning Prayer 3:00 - 4:00pm - Confession 7:30pm - Easter Vigil Collation following in the Parish Hall



Easter Masses

7:00 am ~ 9:00 am

10:30 am Church

10:30 am Hall with **Children's Choir**

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass, April 4 **Collation following**

There is NO 6:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday



Meet Fr. Joe— Answering the call with compassion

For Gary and Susan Pickering, Fr. Joe Mazzone is more than a pastor—he is family.

Like so many priests in our Archdiocese, Fr. Joe has been a source of strength and support, helping others find Christ's presence in times of joy and sorrow. When Gary and Susan's daughter Marcy passed away unexpectedly during surgery, Fr. Joe was the first person they called. Marcy had been a close friend of Fr. Joe's, and her faith life had blossomed with his help through challenging times in her life. Fr. Joe was there for the Pickerings as they said goodbye to their beloved Marcy then, and he remains by their side today. Together, they continue to grow in faith and friendship, confident that they will be reunited with Marcy again, and grateful for the hope they receive through each other in Christ Jesus.

Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



"Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart."

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Joe Mazzone, please visit **www.clergyfunds.org.**



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Caring for the Well-Being of our Boston Priests



