

Church of St. Theresa

North Reading, Massachusetts

~ Third Sunday of Easter ~
April 19, 2015



We welcome Adam Davies, who was fully initiated into the Catholic Faith by receiving First Communion and Confirmation at this Easter's Vigil Mass.

(l-r) Fr. Tom Reilly, Adam Davies, Erin Foley (Adam's fiancé)

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~ Please turn off or silence all electronic devices ~

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
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

Celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Catechesis (instruction) 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."



Evening of Healing & Intercessory Prayer Tuesday, April 28

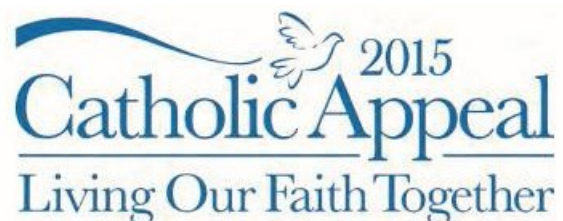
Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly
Teaching and Prayer with Frank Kelly

Frank Kelly radiates peace and joy! His periods of prayer with individuals are powerfully accentuated by his gifts of discerning word of knowledge and healing - often accompanied by scriptural verses personally designated for the recipient of his prayer.

Schedule:

6:00-6:45 pm Adoration, Rosary & Confession
7:00 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
8:15pm Teaching and opportunity for personal prayer with Frank.

All are welcome!



The St. Theresa 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$25,592 already pledged, we are at 51% of goal. The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make St. Theresa a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit:

www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org

Thank you for your prayers and support.

*From
Fr. Tom Reilly*



The Beauty of Eucharistic Adoration: “Be Still and Know that I Am God” (Ps 46:11)

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his Apostolic Exhortation, the *Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says: “The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer, and to my great joy groups devoted to prayer and intercession, the prayerful reading of God’s word, and the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist are growing at every level of ecclesial life.” As Archbishop and Cardinal of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis spoke much about the tremendous need of Catholics for adoration.

Pope St. John Paul II said, “the Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration.” He also said: “Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love.” (Dominicae Cenae) In his encyclical, *The Redeemer of Man*, he wrote: “Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete.”

Pope Paul VI also spoke powerfully about the need for Eucharistic adoration. He said, for example, “How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness.... Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night. He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak.” (Mysterium Fidei)

We need more persons for adoration on most Fridays, especially between the hours of 11am to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm. (See the specific times on page -- of this bulletin) We also hope to begin adoration on the first Monday of every month from 10am until 9pm.

If you are able to spend one hour or more with Jesus, our best Friend, call Fr. Reilly.

There are many biblical reasons for wanting to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. First, He Is truly Present. Jesus said: “I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven.” (Jn 6:35)

Second, He said: “Could you not watch one hour with Me?” (Mt 26:40)

Third, Jesus Is the Divine Physician who heals you. He desires a deeper friendship with you. Jesus said: “Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.” (Mt 11:28) “Cast all of your anxieties upon the One who dares for you.” (1Pet 5:7) “My peace is My gift to you.” (Jn 14:17)

Fourth, each hour you spend with Jesus will make your soul more beautiful in Heaven. Jesus said: “They who humble themselves shall be exalted.” (Lk 18:14) “All of us gazing on the Lord’s glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image.” (2Cor 3:18)

And fifth, Jesus will bless you, your family and our world for the hour you spend with Him. Jesus said: “Faith can move mountains.” (Mk 11:23) “What is needed is trust.” (Mk 5:36) “Behold, I make all things new.” (Rev 21:5)

Let us finish with this quote from Pope St. John Paul II: “I encourage Christians to regularly visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly the Mystery at the heart of Christian life.”

Peace,

Fr. Tom Reilly
Fr. Tom Reilly



Mass Intentions and Church Events

April 18 Saturday	9:00 am	Confirmation II - Group A (no 9am Daily Mass)
	1:00 pm	Confirmation II - Group B
	4:00 pm	Jean Condon - 9th Anniversary
April 19	7:00 am	Thomas and Mary Tone - Memorial
	9:00 am	Paul Horan - Birthday Memorial
	10:30 am	Patrick Lee, Sr. and Richard and Trudy D'Entremont - Memorial
	12Noon	Louis & Bertha Chandonnet and Dorothy & Chester Walker - Memorial
	1:15 pm	Baptisms
	6:30 pm	Mary Ellen Murphy - 1st Anniversary
Monday	9:00 am	John Lof - Memorial
Tuesday	9:00 am	Martha Casazza - Memorial
Wednesday	9:00 am	Mass for the People
Thursday	9:00 am	Umberto and Antonina Deuterio - Memorial
Friday	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	9:00 am	Elizabeth Rogan - Memorial

Special Collection:

**Home Missions , Black & Native
American, and Military Archdiocese
Weekend of April 25/26**



Monday Evening Rosary
April 20, 7:00pm
Prayer Room

Next week's special collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The Home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States. For more information:

www.usccb.org/hm or www.milarch.org



Legion of Mary

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
Parish Conference Center

To what extent does the fact that
Mary is your mother in grace impact
on your daily life?

Information: contact Carol Dolan at
978-664-4164 or
Email:

LegionOfMary@charlespdolan.com

**Coffee Service Items Collection
for North Reading Food Pantry**

Weekend of April 25/26

Calendar of Events

Monday - Saturday

8:30 am - Rosary
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 9:00 am Mass

Saturday, April 18

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confession

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am - Religious Education Grade 2
10:00 am - Coffee Hour
1:30 pm - Baptisms

Monday, April 20

7:00 pm - Monday Evening Rosary, Prayer Room

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 pm - RCIA
7:30 pm - Charismatic Prayer

Wednesday, April 22

No Religious Education - Grades 3, 5, 6
1:30 pm - Legion of Mary
7:00 pm - Adult Choir practice

Thursday, April 23

No Religious Education - Grades 1, 4, 7, 8
10:00 am - Why Catholic? Parish Center, Rm #6
4:30 pm - Centering Prayer
8:30 pm - AA

Friday, April 24

10:00am-9:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, April 25

Coffee Service Items for North Reading Food Pantry
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confession

Sunday, April 26

Coffee Service Items for North Reading Food Pantry
10:00 am - Coffee Hour
1:15 pm - Baptisms
1:30-5:30pm - First Holy Communion Retreat

Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program



Sunday Apr 19 - Saturday Apr 25

DeSimone Family

Sunday Apr 26 - Saturday May 2

DeSwarte Family

Please return Crucifix to Rectory

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of



Beverly A. Viveiros

Joseph L. Viveiros

**And for all our deceased relatives,
friends and parishioners**

March 2015 Collections

OCP	\$18,338
Offertory	\$31,874
Restoration	\$ 3,678
Sacramental	\$ 3,495
Gifts, Bequests	\$ 1,864
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,412
Spring Semi-Annual	\$ 5,145
Special Collections:	
Parish Mission (goes to Mission Preachers)	\$ 2,253
Ash Wednesday; Church in Africa, Easter/Central Europe	\$ 2,189
Good Friday - Church in the Holy Land	\$ 1,034
Easter - Clergy Benefit Trust	\$16,887

Presented by Life Teen

July 17 - 19, 2015

@ The Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell

We are going!!! St Theresa Parish is sending four youth to this awesome celebration of Youth In Faith Event! If you would like you to sponsor this initiative and assist the parish in building up youth leadership and affirming our youth's faith, please contact Paula Colpitts (email at pcolpitts@parishmail.com)

Check out, also, the Steubenville website at: <http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/>

STEUBENVILLE

EAST

R E L I G I O U S E D U C A T I O N**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**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**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**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.

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: pcolpitts@parishmail.com

Parking Attendants needed for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses will soon be approaching. We urge men of the parish to turn out 45 minutes before each Confirmation Mass and First Communion Mass to assist parking the many visitors unfamiliar with our parish parking patterns. Thank you for your help.

*With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.*

Ellie Anastasia Gendron

Logan Robert Sullivan

Garrett Mark Sullivan

Charlotte Isabelle Barbosa

Joseph William Constantino

Morgan May Skoog

Tyler Jacob Rand

Michael Patrick Arena

Morgan Kathleen Carroll

Giana Marie Papasso

Gabriel Joseph McNeil

Simone Josephine Cabrera

Bailey Pamela Muise

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.

Group A :

Barletta, Nadia
 Beherrell, Erika
 Brogan, Sean
 Brooks, Emily
 Brown, David
 Chase, Collin
 Chase, Madeline
 Lilley, Connor
 Cuneo, Claudia
 Demas, Justin
 DeMild, Baylee
 Doran, James
 Downer, Shelby

Finnegan, Claire
 * Gladu, Chloe
 Gravallesse, 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.

Rehearsal: In seats by 7:30pm SHARP - we will wait so please be prompt - ends approx. 9:00pm

Robes: 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

Confirmation Suggested Attire: 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.

Reserved Seating: 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.

Photography: **No picture taking during Mass;** photo opportunities in Parish Hall with Regional Bishop Petringa upon conclusion of the program. Robes must be returned 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

Reardon, John
 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

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall upon



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Friday, April 24, 10am - 9pm

**~ Adorers Are Needed on
2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of month ~**

Are you available to keep watch with Jesus for one hour? Please pray on this. We need Adorers for the following time periods:

2nd Friday

- 1:00-2:00pm (1 adorer)
- 5:00-6:00pm (1 adorer)
- 6:00-7:00pm (1 adorer)
- 8:00-9:00pm (1 adorer)

4th Friday

- 11:00am-Noon (1 adorer)
- 6:00-7:00pm (1 adorer)
- 8:00-9:00pm (1 adorer)

5th Friday

- Noon-1:00pm (2 adorers)
- 6:00-7:00pm (1 adorer)
- 7:00-8:00pm (1 adorer)
- 8:00-9:00pm (2 adorers)

We are also looking for adorers for the **1st Monday of the month**, for 1-hour time periods between 10:00am and 9:00pm. If you are available to keep watch with Jesus for one hour or more, please contact Fr. Reilly.

"Be still and know that I am God!" (Ps 46, 11a)



Thank You

Thank you for your donations of new and nearly new Easter clothing for the children in the Merrimack Courts Housing Projects in Lawrence. Many generous parishioners of St. Theresa's have made it possible year after year for these beautiful children of God to dress beautifully on this special day, to feel good about themselves, and to make their parents proud. Special thanks to Paula Colpitts, the children in the CCD program and their teachers for their donations. Thanks to all parishioners for all the many generous donations for the many groups we serve, especially the children.

The children in the After School Program at Si, Se Puede (Yes, I Can) in Lawrence recently enjoyed three wonderful Easter Parties. Sincere thanks to Christ's Hands members for all your contributions. The children enjoyed the beautifully decorated Easter cupcakes, Bagel Bites, Doritos, Hawaiian Punch, raisins, peanut butter crackers and many more goodies that were donated by St. Theresa's parishioners. Once again, your generosity and love for these children have brought much joy and happiness, not only to the children, but also to all involved. God bless you for your caring, loving hearts.



Relay For Life of North Reading

Help us fight back against cancer!

Friday, May 29

6:00pm until midnight

At the North Reading High School

Sign up your team or register as a survivor!

Information: RelayForLife.org/NReadingMA

Registration is free!!!

Spinners Home Opener Game

June 25, 2015

\$10 game-only seats

\$32 (\$27 children 12 and under) for Gator Pit tickets

Gator Pit tickets include an outstanding pre-game, "all-you-can-eat" barbecue

The North Reading Knights of Columbus is putting a group together for the Lowell Spinners Baseball game on June 25. This is the home opener for the Spinners, a Class "A" minor league team in the Red Sox organization.

Reserve now, payment not due until May 16! You may modify or cancel your reservations up to May 16th so reply early if interested.

Please note that transportation is not provided

Reservations/information contact: Mike Viens
978-664-5298 | mapaviens@verizon.net

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mass at the

Cathedral of the Holy Cross

June 14, 2015 at 11:30am

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14 at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass.

Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

The two disciples ran, lickety-split, from Emmaus to where the eleven, and those with them, were gathered. Luke tells us, they, "... recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread." Jesus is made known to us, today - every day - in the breaking of the Bread. How do you make Jesus known to others?

**Please Pray for our Troops**

Please pray for the safety of our troops and all who bear the scars of battle including:

Derek Atwood, James Linnehan, Gregory Meninger, John Bellamacina, Matthew Snodgrass, Jim O'Neil, Capt. Dan Petronzio, Matthew Hines, Michael Picardi, Paul Guerra, Spc. Gustavo Noguera, SSgt. Matthew Rush, Sgt. Robert Rush, LTC. Steve Williamson, Pvt. Ray Brown, Michael Hart, Erik Ruhmann, Jody Leardi, Sgt. Paul Driscoll, Jr., Capt Christopher Distaso, PFC Brian MacDonald, Ryan Greaves, Robert C. Monk, Spec. James McDonald, Sgt. Howard Redmond, SPC Keith Butler, PFC Marcial Bonés, Bob Cronin, Dan O'Neil, PO 3rd William Payne, Cody Fisher, Nicholas Paicos, James Freedman, Brittany Murphy, Alexander Bailey, Shawn Miller, FC Ryan D'Entremont, Michael O'Brien, Nicholas Bamberg, 1st Lt. Amanda Imperato, Pvt. Christian Hernandez, SR Courtney Chambers.

We commend these brave soldiers to the care of St. Michael the Archangel, our defender in battle and to the divine providence of Almighty God. If you would like to list the name of your loved one currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, please contact the Rectory at 978-664-3412.

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"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

~Pope Francis

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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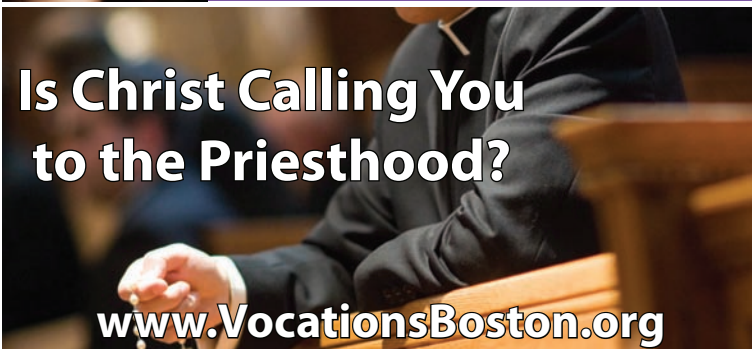
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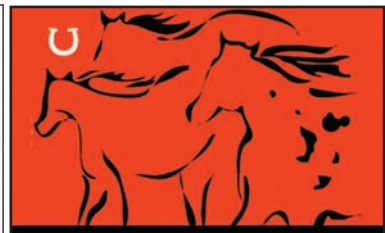
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