Church of St. Theresa

~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2015



Presenting our 2015 Newly Confirmed



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~ Please turn off or silence all electronic devises ~

Scripture for the week of May 3, 2015

- 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- 4 Mon Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- 5 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- 6 Wed Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-824
- 7 Thu Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- 8 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- 9 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- 10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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."

2015 Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have participated in St. Theresa's 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign. Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please visit our website or pick up a pledge form in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support. ww.BostonCatholicAppeal.org

Held at the International Family Church 99 Concord St, North Reading Thursday May 7, 2015 | 7:00pm Service

Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

From Fr. Tom Reílly



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A French spiritual writer said: "We live the way we pray and we pray the way we live."

Our hearts and souls need prayer like our bodies need oxygen. Everyone must find a prayer life that is suited to his/her calling in life. Prayer keeps us in friendship with Jesus. Jesus expects us to be at Mass every Sunday. At Sunday Mass we receive the graces necessary to fulfill our responsibilities during the week.

The following reflection teaches us the importance of morning prayer, a key to our day. The author is unknown.

"Prayer offered in early morning is decisive for the day. The wasted time we are ashamed of, the temptations we succumb to, the weakness and discouragement in our work, the disorder and lack of discipline in our thinking and in our dealings with other people - all these very frequently have their cause in our neglect of morning prayer. The ordering and scheduling of our time will become more secure when it comes from prayer."

You are remembered in my Masses and prayers.

Fr. Jom Reilly

Fr. Tom Reilly

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 Nogueria, 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.

March 20, 2015

	Mass	Ententions and Church Events
May 2 Saturday	4:00 pm	Sarah Coolidge and Marie Pava - Memorial
May 3 Sunday	7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12Noon 6:30 pm	Margaret and James Welch - Memorial Phyllis and Bob Gautreau - Memorial Nicholas Graziano and Katerine Maccario - Memorial Peter Pasquale - Memorial Philip Morris - Memorial
Monday	9:00 am	Steve Pelland - Birthday Memorial
Tuesday	9:00 am	Angelone Bakas - 17th Anniversary
Wednesday	9:00 am	Ellie Dell and Nancy Norton - Memorial
Thursday	9:00 am	Msgr Richard Mehm - Memorial
Friday	9:00 am <i>4:00 pm</i>	Thomas Galante - Memorial First Holy Communion Rehearsal
Saturday h	9:00 am 10:30 am	Mass for the People First Holy Communion

Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program

Sunday May 3 - Saturday May 9 Eames Family

Sunday May 10 - Saturday May 16 Ga**spar Family**

Please return Crucifix to Rectory



Please Pray for the repose of the souls of

> Charles J. Reagan Paul Woods

And for all our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners



III - Brian T. Zimmerman to Erica L. DiTocco



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, May 1, 10am - 9pm

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~ Adorers Are Needed ~

Adorers needed for the following time periods: **2nd Friday:** 1-2pm (1 adorer); 5-6pm (1 adorer); 6-7pm (1 adorer); 8-9pm (1 adorer) **4th Friday:** 11am-Noon (1 adorer); 6-7pm (1 adorer) 8-9pm (1 adorer) **5th Friday:** Noon 1pm (2 adorers); 6 7pm (1 adorer)

5th Friday: Noon-1pm (2 adorers); 6-7pm (1 adorer) 7-8pm (1 adorer); 8-9pm (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)

Calendar of Events

<u>Monday - Saturday</u> 8:30 am - Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 9:00 am Mass

Saturday, May 2

10:30 am - First Holy Communion 1:30 pm - First Holy Communion 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confession

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am - Children's Hour 9:00 am - Children's Choir at 9am Mass 10:00 am - Coffee Hour 11:30 am - Baptismal Catechesis

Monday, May 4

Parish Hall Set-up for Town Election 6:30 pm - Children's Choir 7:00 pm - Monday Evening Rosary, Prayer Room 7:00 pm - Parish Finance Council 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts BOR

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

Parish Hall break-down after Town Election 9:45 am - Faith Sharing 1:30 pm - Legion of Mary 7:00 pm - Adult Choir practice

<u>Thursday, May 7</u>

10:00 am - Why Catholic? Parish Center, Rm #6 4:30 pm - Centering Prayer 8:30 pm - AA

Friday, May 8

10:00am-9:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:00 pm - First Holy Communion Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Bible Study

Saturday, May 9

10:00 am - Parish Hall Set-up for First Holy Communion10:30 am - First Holy Communion3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confession

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

9:00 am - May Procession following 9am Mass

May Procession ~ Mother's Day ~ May 10 after the 9:00 am Mass

All are invited to participate in a procession in honor of our Blessed Mother.



We will gather together in the parish hall where all receive carnations. At this time, one of our First Communicants will be selected to crown the statue of Mary. We then process with the accompaniment of our Children's Choir around the church to where the statue of Mary is situated at the entrance of the Parish Center; in case of rain we will process into the church. With hymns and flowers parishioners gather around the statue and place their flowers in vases surrounding the Blessed Virgin. This devotion to our Blessed Mother also provides an opportunity for our First Communicants to once again wear the special clothes they wore when they received their First Holy Communion.

What a beautiful way to acknowledge Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Church.

As we do this we also recognize all mothers living and deceased; as well as those who hope to become mothers.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Jesus calls us to share our God-given talents with those around us. Do you like to bake? Love event planning? Are a good organizer? Please consider joining our Hospitality Ministry, this may be one way in which God is calling you! Your talents and enthusiasm are needed for upcoming Parish events such as First Holy Communion, High School Graduation, and other events throughout the year. Contact Hospitality Coordinator, Lisa Maccario at lisa.maccario22@gmail.com, or call the Rectory at 978-664-3412 for information.



2015 Confirmation

Please offer a special prayer for those that celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Theresa Parish

April 18, 2015 at 9:00am

Nadia Barletta Erika Beherrell Sean Brogan Emily Brooks David Brown Collin Chase Madeline Chase Claudia Cuneo Justin Demas

Baylee DeMild James Doran Shelby Downer Claire Finnegan Matthew Gravallese Thomas Helms Jessica Kelly Douglas Keyes Connor Lilley Caroline Lundy Daniel Madden Thomas McHugh Jeff Mejia James Moda Aidan O'Connor Spencer O'Rourke William Phelan Camron Piscatelli

Jenna Raffael Emma Rainville Matthew Rainville Adam Rossetti Susannah Sapp Logan Stansbury John Stringer Cailin Walsh



April 18, 2015 at 1:00pm

Elaina Aliferis Victoria Angelesco Michael Bartram Dylan Beauregard Julien Beauregard Kimberly Bockley Michelle Brayden Sean Buckley Lindsey Carroll Antonio Catino Lisa Dale Gianna Delaney Nicholas Dell Isola George Giunta Steven Giurleo Joseph Gonthier

Emma Goodreau Matthew Hall **Cameron Hannabury** William Hornby Andrew Kay Julia Kushakji Gabrielle Lanzaro Thomas Lasdin Abigail Lidoski Elizabeth LoCoco David Luongo Daniel Maloney Matthew McCarthy Michael McCauley Paige McCormack Michael McGreal

Brian McNulty John Merullo Giana Moscaritolo Jessica Muise Jack O'Brien Robert O'Donnell Jenna O'Leary Matthew Paolucci Julia Perrone Michela Prisco Michael Quaratiello **Christopher Reardon** John Reardon Jared Regan Andrew Ressler David Richard

Ariana Romeo Timothy Ryan Vanessa Semararo Olivia Shapiro Alice Shaw Andrew Shedd Nicole Shedd Cameron Smith Colleen Smith Kevin Sovak Brooke Sponzo Carly Sponzo **Brendan Thorpe** Anthony Tramontozzi Aubreigh Waterhouse Seth Wing



Special thank you to all our Confirmation catechists (teachers) who recently wrapped up our 2014/2015 religious education year for both grades. Teachers, thank you for sharing your time and being faithful stewards of your Baptismal promise. We very much appreciated your witness of faith and we will remember to include each of you in our prayers:

Grade 9: Miss Jen Chesley, Mr. Joe Dardeno, Mrs. Cheryl Flagg, Mrs. Jen Ford, Mrs. Amanda Heffernan, Mrs. Janene Imbriano, Mrs. Sheila Sturdevant, and Dr. Suzanne Ward.

Grade 10: Mrs. Maria Brown, Miss Jen Chesley, Rev. Thomas Gillespie, Miss Jackie Lanzaro, Mrs. Gina Prisco, Dr. Michele Reardon, Mrs. Christine Shipero, and Mrs. Laurie Smith.

On April 12th our Grade 9 Service was enjoyed with our families. On April 18th our grade 10 Mass with Confirmation celebrated by Very Rev. Petringa was perfect, thank you all for being present.

Also, a big high five to the Knights of Columbus and their volunteers who safely parked our loved ones, we appreciated your patience.

For those who presented this past year, Fr. Tom Gillespie, Fr. Tom Reilly, Father Michael Alfano, Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas, Mrs. Nancy Cirone, and Pure in Heart America Team Members, thank you for your wisdom, insight and time.

To all members of St. Theresa's Choir, your angelic voices and music brought joy to our ceremony, thank you.

To Lisa Maccario and Theresa Mangifesti, along with members of the Confirmation Class of 2016, thank you for the good conversation and goodies. Each of you made all the difference after Mass.

For all the staff members who worked so diligently behind the scenes, our sponsors, our family members, those who we may have forgotten to include, and more importantly to all of you our fellow parishioners who have been praying for us all these years, thank you and our prayers our parish stays Spirit Strong.

April 2015 Collections

ОСР	\$20,195	Special Collections:	
Offertory	\$16,994	Military/Home Missions/Black	
(* only 3 Sundays, does not in	clude Easter which	and Native American	\$ 1,764
was reported last month)		2014 Catholic Appeal Rebate	\$ 1,902
Restoration	\$ 3,487	(** Once a parish reaches its Catholic Appeal Goal, the archdiocese shares 60% of any paid	
Sacramental	\$ 2,795		
Spring Semi-Annual	\$ 5,440	pledges over that goal.)	

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 29th @ 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

Parking Attendants needed for **First Holy Communion Masses**

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

SAVE THE DATE! Summer Faith Program for Grades 6, 7 and 8

Grade 8, July 6 through July 10 Dates: Grade 7, July 13 through July 17 Grade 6, July 20 through 24

Registration for the 2015 Summer Program will begin in May. An informational email will go out to grade 5 (incoming grade 6); grade 6 (incoming grade 7) and grade 7 (incoming grade 8) families at the end of April.



1060AM - Catholic Radio Boston

Mother's Day Radio Conference... A day of dynamic discussions in your own living room!

Saturday, May 9, 2015 ~ 8am to 8pm

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend by listening to inspirational and thought-provoking presentations for Catholic Women from the nation's leading Catholic Conference speakers. A full schedule of talks is available at 1060Catholic.org. 4 ways to listen: Radio: 1060AM | Online: 1060Catholic.org Mobile App: iCatholic Radio | Phone: 712.832.8010

Bereavement Support Group Saint Eulalia Parish, 50 Ridge Street, Winchester 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning May 12 6:00pm - 7:30pm

NO FEE ~ PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAY 4

This faith based bereavement support group will meet in the Parish Office Conference Room. Enrollment closes after the second week.

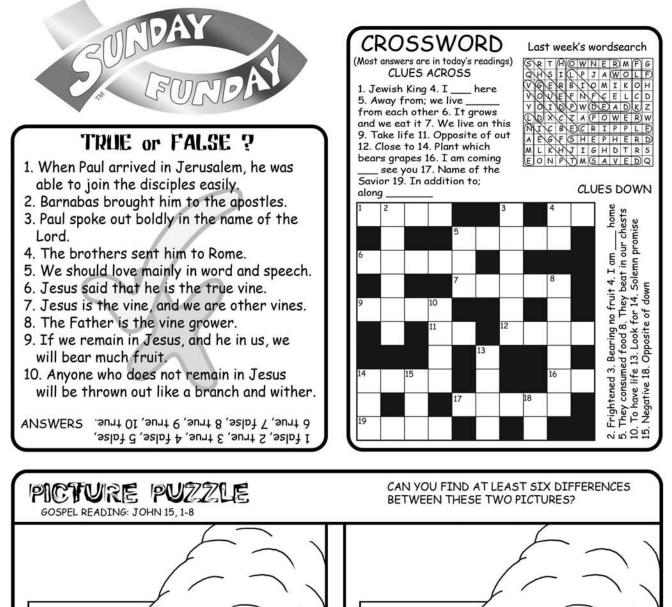
Topics will include an overview of the bereavement process, signs and symptoms of grief feelings associated with bereavement, and the uniqueness of each person's grief.

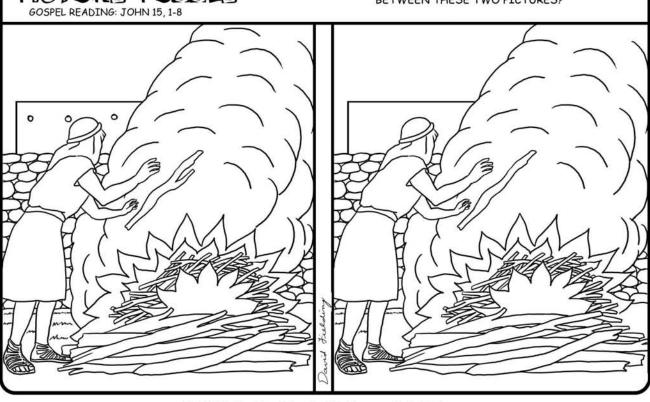
Register/information: please call Barbara Mahoney, Pastoral Care Coordinator at 781-729-8220 x 16

6th and 7th Grade Information Night Central Catholic H.S., Lawrence, MA Wednesday, May 13

Sessions at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, and 7:30pm

Tour the campus and meet with faculty and students. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 978-682-0260, ext 612 or visit our website at: Admissions@CentralCatholic.net





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