# Church of St. Theresa

# ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 17, 2015



2015 First Holy Communicants crown the Blessed Virgin at last Sunday's May Procession

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~ Please turn off or silence all electronic devises ~

#### Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 "The Birthday of the Church" Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" is fulfilled.

Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:16–18)

40 days after the Resurrection, that promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost:

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1–4) 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."

#### Special Collection - May 17, 2015 Catholic Communication Campaign

This week's special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would He spread His message of salvation? Wouldn't He use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The CCC believes Jesus would use as many means as possible, and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available to evangelize and promote Gospel values. 50% of this collection remains at the parish to promote local communication efforts such as website technology and bulletins. CCC website: www.USCCB.org/ccc

From Fr. Tom Reílly



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Scriptures during this Easter season, we've been hearing a lot about "mission." In today's Gospel, for example, Jesus said to His Heavenly Father: "As you sent Me into the world, so I sent them into the world."

Jesus has a mission for everyone. For family members, it means doing one's best to make the home a holy place, where love of Jesus and neighbor takes first place. Going to Mass every Sunday is essential. Jesus expects you to be there.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890) wrote this reflection on mission. It applies to everyone.

God know me and calls me by my name... God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission - I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

Somehow I am necessary for His purposes... I have a part in the great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me - still He knows what He is about.... Let me by Thy blind instrument, I ask not to see - I ask not to know - I ask simply to be used.

Blessed Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on September 19, 2010. In 2001, John Sullivan, a 62 year old Boston man prayed through the intercession of Venerable Newman. He was miraculously cured from lumbar disc disease. The disease had produced severe pain and incapacity to walk. A study by physicians concluded that there was no medical explanation for the man's instantaneous cure. In 2009, the Holy See approved the cure as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Newman.

You are remembered in my Masses and prayers.

In Christ,

F.a. Jom failly Fr. Tom Reilly

	Mas	Intentions and Church Events
May 16	4:00 pm	Maria and Giuseppe DelGreco - Memorial
Saturday	5:30pm	Mass with Anointing at 4pm Mass Wedding
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May 17	7:00 am	Thomas and Mary Tone - Memorial
Sunday	9:00 am	Marie Cameron - 12th Anniversary
	10:30 am	Patrick Lee, Sr. and Richard and Trudy D'Entremont - Memorial
	12Noon	Daniel and Katherine Holland and Kathleen Holland Dushinski - Memorial
	6:30 pm	Frank Trischitta - 10th Anniversary
Monday	9:00 am	Stanley Atwood - Memorial
Tuesday	9:00 am	Melissa Koster - Special Intention
	7:00 pm	Life in the Spirit Seminar
Wednesday	9:00 am	Margaret McCallum - Memorial
Thursday	9:00 am	Francis Kane - Memorial
Friday	9:00 am	Judi Borek - Birthday Memorial
Saturday	9:00 am	Marilyn H. O'Brien - Anniversary



Please Pray for the repose of the soul of

Patricia M. Sully

And for all our deceased

relatives, friends and parishioners

#### Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program



statue.

Sunday May 17 - Saturday May 23 **T. Gorman Family** 

Sunday May 24 - Saturday May 30 Hennessey Family

Please return Crucifix to Rectory

Many, many "THANKS" to Bernadette and Jim Lyons who every year, generously donate flowers in memory of their mothers, *Marie Tortelli* and *Dorothea Lyons.* These beautiful flowers are used in the May Procession and for adorning Our Lady's



### Saturday, May 16 4:00pm Mass

The Sacrament of the Sick is given to those who are dealing with illness of any serious nature. We hope that the parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity.

#### Scripture for the week of May 17, 2015

- 17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- 18 Mon Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
- 19 Tue Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- 20 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- 21 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- 22 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- 23 Sat Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- 24 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

# Calendar of Events

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

#### Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17 10:00 am - Coffee Hour

Monday, May 18 7:00 pm - Rel Ed Grade 7 Parent Meeting 7:00 pm - Monday Evening Rosary, Prayer Room

#### Tuesday, May 19

7:00 pm - Finding New Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00 pm - RCIA 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Charismatic Prayer

#### Wednesday, May 20

9:45 am - Faith Sharing 1:30 pm - Legion of Mary 7:00 pm - Adult Choir

<u>Thursday, May 21</u> 10:00 am - Why Catholic? Parish Center, Rm #6 4:30 pm - Centering Prayer 8:30 pm - AA

Friday, May 22 10:00am-9:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm - Bible Study

<u>Saturday, May 23</u> Coffee Service Items for North Reading Food Pantry

#### Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

Coffee Service Items for North Reading Food Pantry 10:00 am - Coffee Hour 1:15 pm - Baptisms 6:30 pm - **THERE IS NO 6:30PM MASS**  Last week was all about joy, and joy is still with us - always will be because He lives. This week the message is loud and clear. The letter of John is short - and very sweet - 123 words and just six verses. In this brief passage the word LOVE is repeated eight times! Do you think that the sacred author, is trying to tell us something? Love, as is the case with joy, is a powerful means of evangelization. Next Saturday five men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston. Pray in a special way this week for these men, that their love for the Lord and the joy of serving Him and God's people will only grow stronger each day.

### Special Collection - May 24, 2015 Seminarians

Next week's special collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information please visit: www.VocationsBoston.org

#### "Finding New Life in the Spirit"



A Seminar offered by Frank Kelly Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm May 19 thru June 30 (\*\* the May 26 session being held May 27 \*\*)

Registration is required ~ Cost - \$4 (to cover cost of book) Session #1 - God's Love Session #2 - Salvation Session #3 - God's Gift ~ our response part 1 Session #4 - God's Gift ~ our response part 2 Session #5 - Baptized in the Spirit Session #6 - Growth Session #7 - Transformation in Christ

Location: St. Theresa Parish, 63 Winter Street North Reading, MA To register: email at StTheresa@parishmail.com (preferred) | Further information: 978-664-3412

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, May 22, 10am - 9pm

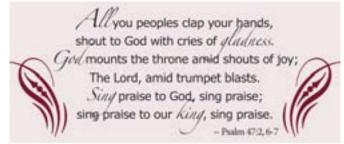
#### ~ Adorers Are Needed ~

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) 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)





#### Healing Service Tuesday, May 26

St. Theresa Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Jürgen Liias Concelebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly

6:00-6:45pm Exposition of the Blessed		
	Sacrament; Rosary & Confession	
	until 6:45	
6:45pm	Benediction & Reposition	
7:00pm	Holy Mass with Sacrament of the Sick	
8:00pm	Laying on of Hands	

Fr. Jurgen was an Episcopal priest who in 2012 began a process of discernment and formation to become a Roman Catholic Priest through the Anglican Ordinariate. He has since been ordained into the Sacred Order of Priests of the Roman Catholic Church by Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

Currently, Fr. Liias is the Pastor at St. Gregory the Great Church in Stoneham. His ministry has special emphasis on Charismatic Renewal, Healing and Pro-life Advocacy.

Our Lord said: "and I tell you ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you [...] how much more will the Father in Heaven give us the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Lk 11:9, 13)

#### Join Team STYM!!



The St Theresa Youth Ministry (STYM) will be walking at the North Reading Relay for Life on Friday, May 29. **ALL GRADES 6-12 AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR TEAM.** This event begins at 6pm and ends at midnight. We are a great community striving to make our world a better place to live. STYM would like to accomplish this by walking together to

help fight a disease that affects so many of those we love.

STYM will have a tent set up in the field; those who have signed up on our team will be treated to burgers, hot dogs, snacks and drinks. The cost to join with our team is \$10 and all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

To join our team, please go to www.relayforlife.org/NReadingMA and click JOIN Additional information: Debbie or Michele at email: St\_Theresa\_YM@parishmail.com

Parishioners, friends and family who would like to help **support** our walk can go to: www.relayforlife.org/NReadingMA and choose DONATE to a team.

The Youth Ministry would like to thank you in advance for all of your support.

#### Religious Education News



The Summer Program (SUMP) registration in now in process. Previously enrolled families with children in grades 6, 7, and 8 in the Fall 2015 were emailed registration information this past week. **Registration is open until June 2.** Please find more information on our Parish website at StTheresaNReading.org

**VOLUNTEERS!!** We need your talents to help make this a wonderful summer faith experience for our youth. To volunteer as a group leader, please submit the Volunteer Intention form found on our website: click on the *"Religious Education, Grades 1-8"* page.

#### Grades 7 Parent Meeting Monday, May 18, 7:00pm Parish Hall

Meeting topic: *"Theology of the Body* and *Created for Love"*. This is a mandated chastity program for those entering Grade 7 in Fall 2015.

#### No 6:30pm Mass on Sunday, May 24

There is no 6:30pm Mass on Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend



!! Attention !!
High School Graduation
Class of 2015

You, your family, friends and faculty are cordially invited to a Mass in celebration of your Graduation!

Sunday, May 31, at 6:30pm All are invited to a light reception following the Mass

#### Christ's Hands Apple Drive Weekend of May 30th/31st

Our parish has an Apple Drive the months that have 5 weekends in them. There are four apple drives each year. I would like to explain why the apples are The apples are donated to Bread & important. Roses in Lawrence. Bread & Roses serves over 300 people hot meals five nights a week, including a good helping of dignity. The food comes from many churches and organizations and from what the staff cooks themselves with donated food items, but never is there any fruit donated. The apples are a healthy alternative to the usual cookies and cakes that are donated, especially for the children. Also, the apples are a good item to pocket for the next day in case hunger strikes before the free evening meal.

I am asking our very generous parish for help with this worthwhile cause. The next **Apple Drive** is the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31st. Please put your apples in the collection boxes around the church. Thanks again for your much needed support.

Barbara Celata Director, Christ's Hands

> Save The Date !! Catholic Children's Camp July 27 through July 31

For children aged 4 to 12 years old More information to come!

1 will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.1 will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

#### Pregnancy Care Center - Walk for Life June 13th



The Pregnancy Care Center's 2015 Walk for Life will be held Saturday, June 13th at 9AM in Reading starting at St. Agnes Church. This important fundraising event helps the PCC

protect the precious lives of children and care for women and families in crisis. Will you help make a difference in the life of a child? Become a sponsored walker today and start fundraising for the PCC! This year there are 3 Walk locations: Andover, Haverhill and Reading. The walk route is just 2 miles – build a team from your school, church or neighborhood families are welcome! Please visit www.PCCFriends.org/walk to register online or to print a pledge form. If you are unable to walk with us on June 13th, you can still participate and walk on your own. Receive a free 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirt by raising \$150 in pledges! Call us at 978 373 5718 with questions.

#### Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament Monday, May 18 at the Weston Golf Club

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian. Proceeds from this tournament help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, door prizes, a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the seminary for each golfer and guest. To register call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psjs.edu

#### **LIFT Worship Night**

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, May 19th @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville with guest speaker Jason Deramo. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES.

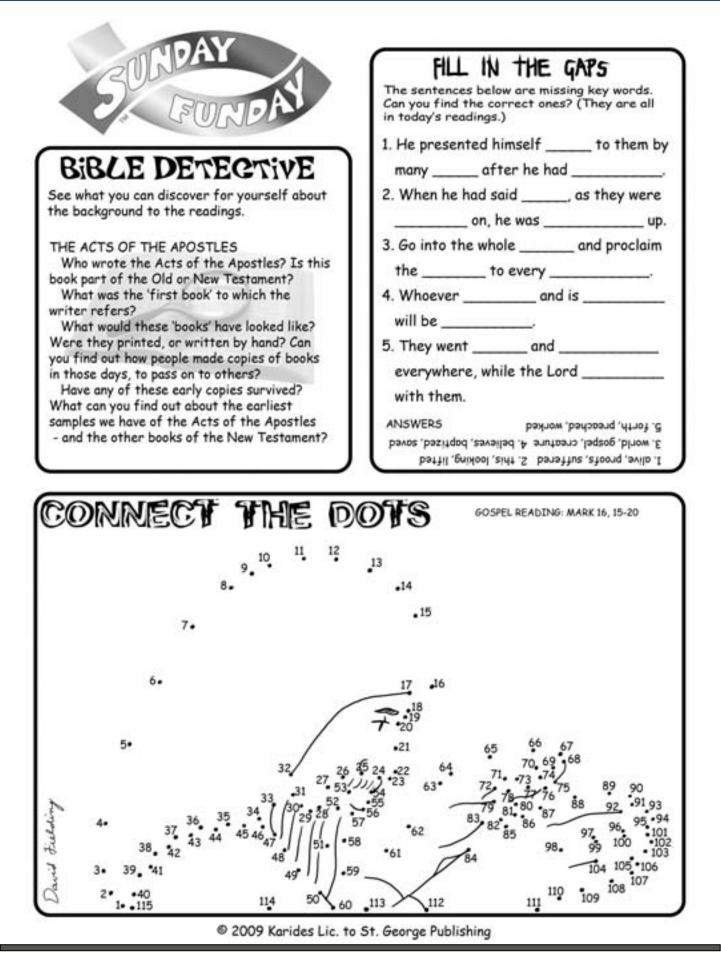


## Please Pray for our Troops

#### 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





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Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah, Prof. Celia Sirois

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council, Prof. Susan Kay

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm Spirituality for Ministry, Rev. George P. Evans

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety, Dr. David Franks

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement, Rev. Terence Curley

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm Women, Sex, and the Church, Dr. Angela Franks

Seventh Annual June Biblical Seminar The Family in the Bible

Prof. Celia Sirois, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2015 ~ 7-9 pm

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