

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

John 15:1-2 (NAB)

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May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday Mass:

Vigil 4pm; 9am, 11am

Daily Mass:

Mon - Fri: 9am
Morning Prayer 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm
Confessions Available

First Saturday Mass: 9am

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm and during Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism: Celebrated the 3rd Sunday at 1pm. Call to register for Baptism Prep.

Anointing of the Sick: Notify the office when a person is seriously ill. Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.





Saturday, May 2
 4pm Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Sunday, May 3
 9am Madeline DeAntonis
 11am Deceased Members of the Catholic Associations of Foresters

Monday, May 4
 9am Fr. William Campbell

Tuesday, May 5
 9am Marie Interrante

Wednesday, May 6
 9am Mass

Thursday, May 7
 9am Louise Resca Birthday Memorial

Friday, May 8
 9am Frederick Resca Birthday Memorial

Saturday, May 9
 4pm Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Sunday, May 10
 9am Anna Follo - Crowning of Mary
 11am Mass

High Altar Candles Donation by Anonymous

Please pray for our military and civilians who defend our freedom, especially:

The 26th "Yankee" Brigade, and 1st Lt. Ryan Johnson, US Army, Patrick Cavanaugh, and PFC Kyle Lepore



Remember those in need of prayers, especially:

Maryann Lucerto, Stephanie Lombardo-Saulnier, Gina Campagna, Margaret Sumner, John Cadigan, Mary Lou, Dianne, Bill, Joan D., Scott, Dan Hallidy, David S. Attachi Family, Olga Calautti, Stephen O'Neill, Kathy Oliveira, The Haines Family, Cindy O'Connell, Paula, Joanne Curran, Jimmy, Charles Morrison, Frank F., Frank DelGrecco, Barbara Coffin, Ken Hodgson, John F. O'Brien, Ruthie, Richard Rossi, Robert D, Thomas D, Andrew D, Richard D, Phil T, Jen M, Fran P, Bryan M, Marion M, Anna Windels, Mary McNerney, Richard M, Larry Y, Denise S., John, Annemarie, Mary G., Shirley N, Mary O'C., Carol & Frank, Deborah, Patricia Maines, Justin L., Paula, Mike, David, Bubba Toussaint, Joan D, Nana K., Bob

These names will stay in the Prayer Corner until Sunday, May 3rd. Call the office or email Stathanasiusbulletin@parishmail.com to add or renew your loved ones on the list.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, May 3	Walk for Hunger	Morning
	Youth Commission Meeting	7-8pm PAC
Tuesday, May 5	Prayer Shawl	10:30 PAC
	Adult Faith Formation	6:30-8:30 pm PAC

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mass Attendance: 470
First Collection: \$5400
Home Missions Collection: \$1403
Next Week: Deficit Reduction Collection



Family Mass and Crowning of Mary Sunday, May 10th at 9am

Grade 2 First Communicants, please join us in your communion attire.

IN NEED OF TEACHERS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!

For all the teachers who have generously taught this past year

Thank you Teachers for opening the door
To a wonderful world that kids can explore
For opening their eyes to see Gods things
To find the road of new beginnings
Ever changing and Faith moving
Forwards, upwards to a greater world.

Thank you Teachers for helping me
Week by week proving all we could be
Thanks for inspiring and making it fun
Your own enthusiasm has been worth a ton!

Looking for teachers for the upcoming school year in the fall for all grades, if you are interested in teaching, please contact Jo-Ann Rossi at 1-781-944-0330 at ext. 14

We will be having a teachers wrap up meeting on Thursday May 21st at 7:00 in the PAC. Please join us for what has been proven to be a fun night.

Thanks,
Jo-Ann Rossi

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couple 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 14th 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 or call the parish office at 781-944-0330. 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.

Ladies' Prize Bingo!

Friday, May 15th

6:30pm in the PAC

Please bring food, dessert or wine to share.

Coffee and tea provided

\$20/\$15 for students

Ladies of any age are welcome to play!

Prizes include jewelry, make up, with grand prize purses from:

Michael Kors and Coach

Contact Cindy Canavan for tickets:

Cindy.Canavan@comcast.net or 781-872-0042

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

If someone's drinking is bothering you, please join us at our weekly 7:30 pm, Wednesday night, Pathways To Serenity, Al-Anon Family Group Meeting which is held in the St. Athanasius Parish Activity Center across the parking lot from the church. We will share with you our experience, strength and hope and you will find your life will improve whether the alcoholic continues drinking or not. Our fellowship is for you - the friends and relatives of Alcoholics and our fellowship is free.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Times are tough for some of our parish families. We can help them with food, from being evicted, with heating and keeping their lights on. If you or someone you know needs help, please call us at 781-258-8767.



Attention All Religious Ed Families

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2015-2016 school year.

Registration forms were emailed to all Religious Education families.

If you did not receive an email, please call the office at 781-944-0330.

Forms are also available on the St. Athanasius website www.stathanasiusreading.org and in the back of the Church.

Please return your registration forms as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly. Thank you!

Donation Opportunities for Special Items

Heating Oil (1 week)	\$500.00
1 Month of Altar candles	\$100.00
Flowers for the week	\$50.00
Bread & Wine for the week	\$40.00

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, May 30th 6:00-10pm

\$40 per person

Food, Auctions and Wine
Tickets available in the office 9am-4pm,
Through May 23rd

Funds raised at this event will help our
Parish budget needs for the summer.

Please join us for a fabulous night!



YOUTH MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, HIGH SCHOOLERS, AND PARENTS

HAPPY EASTER! Continue to enrich your faith this Easter season by joining us for any of our upcoming youth ministry activities.

Our next two Youth Commission leadership meetings are Sundays, May 3rd and June 14th at 7-8pm in the St. Athanasius Parish Center. Anyone who would like to take a leadership role in Catholic youth ministry here in Reading are welcome to attend, including parents and youth. Dessert will be provided.

Come by after mass on Mother's Day to buy a bouquet and help raise money for our youth ministry program. We'll be selling Mother's Day bouquets for \$6 after all three masses at St. Athanasius on Mother's Day weekend (May 9-10). We need several middle or high schoolers to volunteer to sell at our tables at the exits of the church. Email me if you're able and willing to help.

We need parent volunteers for any and all events and activities so please contact me if you'd like to get involved. If you have any questions or interest in any of these offerings please feel free to contact me at [585-200-2831](tel:585-200-2831) or bagostinelli@parishmail.com.

Peace,

Brad Agostinelli

St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Follow us and stay updated with social media!

-Instagram @saintasyouth (#ReadingCatholicYM)

-St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry Facebook page (#ReadingCatholicYM)

9:00 Mass on Mother's Day (May 10)

All children are invited to participate with the Ladies Sodality group in the annual Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary procession.

Following Mass, Cub Scout Pack 735 and the Ladies Sodality will be hosting a special "coffee hour" in honor of Mother's Day.

Easter Season Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Patrick!

This Easter Season, join Fr. Patrick as we journey through the Acts of the Apostles! We will meet for one last one-hour sessions to discuss the following:

May 5, Acts 15:36-28:31 - the mission of Paul to the ends of the Earth

This session begins at 7:00 pm. Feel free to join us in the PAC for one, some or all of these sessions!

St. Athanasius Parish Outreach

We are expanding our outreach efforts so that we may better assist those in our community who may need a helping hand in a variety of ways. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in the following ways:

- ◆ Drive parishioners to church
- ◆ Prepare meals
- ◆ Visit parishioners who may be unable to attend church
- ◆ Bake desserts for the Sawtelle Hospice House

Please let us know if you can provide any of these important services. If you are already on the Hospice House dessert list, you **do not** need to volunteer for that effort again since we already have your contact information. Please contact Ellen Terry at eterry18@yahoo.com or 781-944-5431 to volunteer for any of these programs. THANK YOU!

We are looking for someone to take on the Leadership role in the Family Mass. Please think about stepping up to volunteer. A Special Thank You to Mary Ferguson who has done this wonderfully for many years. Please contact the office if you have any questions concerning this role. We will be having a brief meeting on May 3rd after the 9:00 am Mass at the Parish Center for further details.

Winter 2015 8-week Daytime Bereavement Support Group
Offered by the VNA of Middlesex East

For adults who have lost a loved one

The group will meet on the following Tuesday afternoons:

April 28th, May 5th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

TIME: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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**Suzie Yoffe, Bereavement Coordinator
VNA of Middlesex East & Visiting Nurse
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May 28, Open House, 5:30-7:30pm

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Join the Community of St. Gregory The Great for a solemn High Mass for the Feast of the English Martyrs on Monday May 4th at 7 pm. St Patrick's Church, 9 Pomeworth Street, Stoneham. Reception to follow
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Coffee Hour

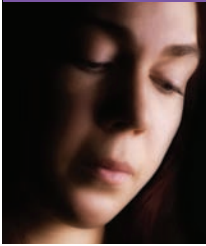
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May & June
Contact Sophie at 781-944-9085
or sign up in the Parish Center .



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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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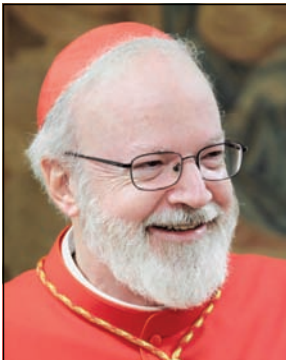


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