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NORTH BILLERICA, MA

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Behold
the Lamb of God.
John 1:36

SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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mass schedule

SATURDAY:	St. Andrew	4:00 PM
	St. Mary	4:00 PM
	St. Theresa	4:00 PM
SUNDAY:	St. Andrew	7:30 & 10:00 AM
	St. Mary	9:00 AM and Noon
	St. Theresa	8:00 & 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Shawn W. Allen, VF, Pastor
Rev. Martin Dzengeleski, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Gerald Souza, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Hal Obayashi, Parochial Vicar
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EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Daily: 12:05 PM Monday, Thursday &
Friday
Holy Days: As Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15 PM, and on request at any
reasonable time.

INFANT AND ADULT BAPTISM

Please contact the rectory for information.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations on your engagement! Please
schedule an appointment with Adrienne Cullen,
the Pastoral Associate, at least 6 months prior to the
wedding.

ADULT INITIATION AND EDUCATION:

Please call the rectory for more information.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Our parish has a ministry to the homebound. If
you know someone in the parish who is sick or
homebound and would like a visit from a priest or
to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA NEWS



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist January 25, 2015 at 3:00pm Saint Theresa Church

We will be holding a **Holy Hour for Life** for the parishes of the Catholic Community of Billerica on **Sunday, January 25 at 3:00pm at St. Theresa Church**. This Holy Hour will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Boston so that we will pray in solidarity with the thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March For Life.

Led by Deacon Phil and Deacon Al, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

Please join us—All are welcome!



YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ELIJAH CHALICE “Vocations—Everybody’s Business”

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of Boston. The purpose of the Elijah Chalice is to provide a focal point for this prayer in your own home.

Each week at our 10:00a.m. Sunday Mass, the celebrant will use the Elijah Chalice for the Precious Blood. A family, individual or couple will be called forward to receive the Elijah Chalice, which will be placed in a protective carrying case. They will receive a blessing and then take the Chalice home, placing it in an area of prominence. Each day during prayer time, they will pray for an increase in vocations. Suggested prayers for each day of the week will be included. Each Sunday, they will return the Elijah Chalice, for the next host(s).

A prayer journal travels with the Elijah Chalice, for those who may like to enter a thought, prayer or Scripture verse. Over time, this diary becomes a spiritual journey and blessing for the parish. Let us pray in thanksgiving for those men who have become our spiritual fathers. Their dedication and willingness to answer God’s call enables us to become closer to God in so many ways, especially through the Eucharist. If you would be interested in hosting the Elijah Chalice or if you have questions, please contact Michael Chalsen at mchalsen2@me.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

BILLERICACATHOLIC.ORG

We are pleased to announce that we have updated www.BillericaCatholic.org to be more modern and also work well on tablets and smart phones. Our work is not done, but it is a large first step. Should you discover any missing information, any inaccuracies, or any issues with the site, please email Deacon Phil at DeaconPhilDiBello@gmail.com.

And, while you're at it, why not make <http://www.BillericaCatholic.org> your home page? It is a great way to keep up-to-date on everything that is going on in the Parishes of our Collaborative?

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

The 2014-2015 Grand Annual Campaign is **underway!** We would like to thank those who have already donated/pledged to the 2014-2015 Grand Annual Collection. Parishioners who did not receive the Grand Annual mailing, and wish to donate/pledge, packets are available at the entrances to the church. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Pam Newfell at the rectory to be registered or to ensure we have your correct information in our data base. Pam can be reached at 978-663-3624 or at pam@saintandrewbillerica.org. The following is the latest information:

Number of Pledges/Donations: 56

Amount Pledged: \$19,545

Amount Collected: \$12,961

Thank you for your support of this important campaign!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION MESSAGE

There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and celebration of Sacraments are never "ordinary". Our Catholic faith is extraordinary—every day. How will we to share it? In the readings today God calls each person to "Come..." God depends on us to spread the saving message of his Son to others. With Samuel's words, pray for the courage to say, "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

SUNDAY PARISH OFFERTORY

Your Stewardship

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$ 4472

Parish Maintenance Collection: \$ 1815
Thank you for your continued generosity!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection to be taken up this weekend, **January 17 & 18**, has been designated a "Catholic Social Ministries Collection" to support Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston, St. Mary's Women and Children's Center, Inc., and St. Ann's Home and School.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The special collection **next weekend, January 24 & 25**, supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for the pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

ST. ANDREW FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND



This weekend, January 17&18, is St. Andrew Food Pantry Weekend.

Parishioners are asked to leave nonperishable food items in the receptacles provided in the narthex. Donations from this collection benefit the Billerica Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!



"ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY"

This Sunday, January 18 is "All Together Sunday". All are invited to join in Fr. Wilson Hall **after the 10:00am Mass** for some light refreshments and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time getting to know others.

SICK RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND THOSE IN THE MILITARY

St. Andrew Parish continues to list the names of sick relatives, friends and those serving in the military. Should you wish to have a name placed on the list, please call the rectory at 978-663-3624. **Please pray for the following: Patrick Murphy, Leonard Haines, Kyle Bates, Sofia Jaskowiak, Irene Wyllie, Timmy Buckley, Michelle Morris, Michael Mead, Jack & Donna Robinson, Michael Culpon, Emily Mattson, Madison Greco, Marie Monteleone, Ralph Amentola, Patricia Roy, Edward Dionne, Carol Harris, Edward Coneeny, Kathy N., Lou Perella, Annemarie Gillespie, Linda Fraize, Marie Hughes, Gladys Fitzpatrick, Kathy St. John, Rita Surprenant, Bobby Smith, Michaela Smith, Scott Pilla, William Engler, Kay Riley, Patricia Gobie, Bryan Murray, Tayla O'Neill, Joan Iannota, Billy Pestana, Regan Meehan, John Cammall, Stephanie Reeves, Helen Coyne, Neva Carboneau, Kathy Street, John Saia, Charlie Ryan, Derek Parsons, Susan DeLucia, Noreen Coady, Margaret Cornett, Mary Brennan, Cindy Mackey, and Tony Oliveri.**

2014 TAX STATEMENTS

End of the year tax statements for St. Andrew parishioners will be distributed using the following methods:

1. D. P. Murphy, our envelope company, will send tax statements to those parishioners who sued offertory envelopes for the year 2014.
2. A statement of payments made to the 2014 Grand Annual Collection may be obtained by contacting Pam Newfell at the rectory at 978-663-3624 or email at pam@saintandrewbillerica.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

January 17-25

Saturday, 1/17, 4:00 PM—Thomas McMullen
 Sunday, 1/18, 7:30AM—Marilyn Finnegan
 Saturday, 1/24, 4:00 PM—Edward Twohig, 1st Ann.
 Sunday, 1/25, 7:30AM— Frank and Olga Pelczar

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 19

12:05PM— Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 20

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 21

No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 22

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

Friday, January 23

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

Saturday, January 24

8:00AM-Men's Group-Saturday Morning Disciples

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD

January 21

Apostolic Fathers –Handing on the Faith

All are invited to join Fr. Marty and Deacon Al for the last presentation in the series "Footprints of God". The program will be held this Wednesday evening, January 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Theresa Parish Hall. All are welcome, consider bringing a snack to share with the group during the break time.

ULTREYA

Parishioners are invited to the next Ultreya to be held at **St. Andrew Church on Friday evening, January 30 at 7:00 pm.** Come and hear from those who have lived Cursillo and how meaningful an experience it was in their lives. For questions, please contact Arlene or Rocky Orso at 978-447-1663.



COMING SOON TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERCA: A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!

Mark your calendar – **Tuesday, February 17** - for the first collaborative Mardi Gras celebration in Billerica. It has become somewhat of a tradition at St. Andrew Parish to come together for a potluck supper on the eve of Ash Wednesday. Following the “feast” with music, masks and beads, we then transition into the holy season of Lent with prayer. This year our celebration will be held at St. Theresa Parish Hall and all parishioners are encouraged to attend. Mardi Gras, which means “Fat Tuesday” in French is known as the last hurrah before the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from “to shrive” or “to hear confessions”), and Pancake Tuesday. The tradition of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat, eggs, and dairy before the fasting of Lent begins the following day.

So start looking for your best recipe for jambalaya, corn bread, pancakes, or whatever you desire and more information and sign-up to follow! **If you would like to be part of the planning for this collaborative event, you are most welcome to call Adrienne Cullen at 978-663-3624 or email Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com. Your help is both needed and appreciated!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This week join us for Jesus: Person of Prayer. If you have not pre-registered you can still come! Start the New Year off with a renewed sense of what it means to be a person of prayer, like Jesus was.

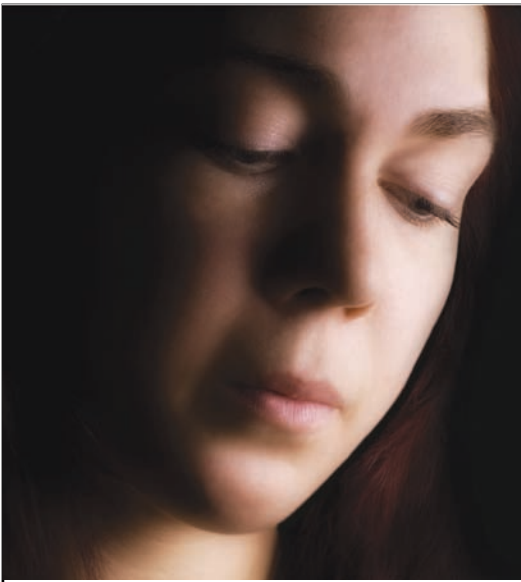
**Sunday, January 18 at St. Theresa: 3:30 – 5PM or
Tuesday, January 20 at St. Mary: 7 – 8:30 PM or
Thursday, January 22 at St. Andrew: 7 – 8:30 PM**

SAVE THE DATE! Mini-retreat on Jesus: The Healer

On Saturday, February 7 from 1:30-3:30 PM there will be an afternoon of prayer and reflection for anyone who has ever experienced a loss of any kind. Come and see how Jesus healed while he walked this earth and discover how He still yearns to comfort and heal us today. The afternoon will conclude with the 4 PM Mass at St. Theresa Church. Please register for this mini-retreat by calling Adrienne Cullen at 978-663-3624 or emailing Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations, may our youth joyfully respond to your call to follow Jesus in the priestly or religious life. Amen.



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Come to the Waters of Healing

One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion

- ◆ Saturday, February 21, 2015
 - ◆ Saturday, March 28, 2015
 - ◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015
- 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing in a loving and confidential environment.

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston
Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.

For more information, contact
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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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