



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1:27 (NAB)

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mass schedule

SATURDAY:	St. Andrew	4:00 PM	Daily Masses
	St. Mary	4:00 PM	St. Andrew: 12:05 PM Mon., Thurs. & Fri.
	St. Theresa	4:00 PM	St. Mary: 9:00AM Mon., Wed. & Sat.
SUNDAY:	St. Andrew	7:30 & 10:00 AM	St. Theresa : 9:00 AM Tues., Thurs. & Fri.
	St. Mary	9:00 AM and Noon	
	St. Theresa	8:00 & 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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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INFANT AND ADULT BAPTISM

Please contact the rectory for information at
978-663-3624.

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 contact Deacon Phil DiBello at
deaconphildibello@gmail.com for more
information.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Our parish has a ministry to the homebound. Do you know someone in the parish who is sick, homebound and would like a visit from a priest or to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory at 978-663-3624 to schedule a convenient time for a visit.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA NEWS



“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

JESUS : HEALER

An Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection

Have you ever experienced a loss, whether it be a job, home, health, quality of life or even a loved one? It is at these times that we need to feel the loving arms of Jesus wrapped around us, comforting us, and healing us spiritually, emotionally and physically. Join us on Saturday, February 7 from 1:30—3:30 PM for an afternoon of prayer and reflection for anyone who has ever experienced pain and loss of any kind. Come and see how Jesus healed others while he walked this earth and discover how He still yearns to comfort and make us whole today. The afternoon will conclude with the 4 PM Mass at St. Theresa Church for those who would like to attend. Please register for this mini-retreat by calling Adrienne Cullen at 978-663-3624 or emailing Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com. All are welcome!

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND WORKSHOP

Saturdays, February 28 and March 7

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Acton

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the homebound? Have you ever considered joining our Homebound Ministry for the Catholic Community of Billerica? The Archdiocesan Office of Health Care Ministry is offering a 12-hour workshop over two Saturdays to introduce volunteers new to ministry to the sick, as well as deepen the skills and spiritual foundation of more experienced pastoral visitors and Eucharistic ministers engaged in visiting the sick at home or in local nursing homes. This two day workshop is free to all parishioners of phase one & two parishes and therefore an opportune time to get involved. Please contact our pastoral associate, Adrienne Cullen at 978-663-3624 or email Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.org if you would like to attend either workshop. The archdiocesan registration deadline is February 23, so it is best call or email as soon as possible.

Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future
by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.

~ David Vitter

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



This week, many of you will receive a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2015 Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Appeal sustains over 50 ministries serving our parish and many people throughout the Archdiocese. Please respond to Cardinal Seán's request to help our parish. You may mail your pledge or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION MESSAGE

In his letter to the Corinthians Paul writes, "Brothers and Sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." What a wonderful message! Parishes in Phase III collaboratives are preparing for a new way of leadership and ministry that will begin in June. Along with excitement and hope, surely there is some anxiety. We pray for the parishioners, clergy and staff of these parishes, that that they will move forward in prayer and courage.

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: 64

Amount Pledged: \$ 21,115

Amount Collected: \$14,331

Thank you for your support of this important campaign!

SUNDAY PARISH OFFERTORY

Your Stewardship

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$ 3575

Church in Latin America: \$738

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PARISH MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The monthly Parish Maintenance Collection will be taken up at all the Masses **next weekend, February 7 & 8**. This collection is essential, as it helps to meet parish expenses. Thank you for your continued support.

BLESSING OF THROATS

In honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise, there will be a general blessing of throats at all Masses **this weekend, January 31 & February 1**.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART

Parishioners of all ages, friends and families are encouraged to attend the *Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart* to be held this **Friday, February 6 at 7:00 PM**. The evening will begin with the rosary followed by the Novena, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. What a wonderful experience to come and pray and rest before the Lord. Fellowship will follow in Fr. Wilson Hall. For questions, contact Kathy Cavanaugh at 978-663-2533.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear God, you have created us in your own image and have given us so many gifts. We ask you to bless us all, so that we may know best how to love you and each other with those gifts. We pray for those men and women who are searching for ways to serve you in love. May they be open to all that you may ask. We pray for those who study for the priesthood and religious life, that their preparations may bring happy and holy priests and religious men and women. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS GRADES 8,9 & 10

Lazarus House Food Truck

This past Sunday, our religious education students in Grades 8, 9 & 10 made 299 sandwiches and donated 21 cans of soup to the Lazarus Food Truck. These items were truly appreciated by those who received them!

GRADES 1-6

Our religious education students in Grades 1-6 have been creating Valentine's Day cards for our homebound parishioners, and the residents of New England Pediatric Care.

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.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 31-February 8

Sunday, 2/1, 7:30 AM—Margaret Cornett

Saturday, 2/7, 4:00 PM—Paul Finnegan, 1st Ann.

Sunday, 2/8, 7:30 AM—Marilyn Finnegan

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 2

12:05PM— Daily Mass

Tuesday, February 3

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 4

No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 5

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

Friday, February 6

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

7:00 PM—Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 7

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

ST. ANDREW PRAYER SHAWL MNISTRY

Do you know a parishioner, friend or loved one who is sick; going through a difficult time; experiencing a pregnancy; facing surgery; lost a loved one or is homebound? The members of the St. Andrew Prayer Shawl Ministry knit and crochet beautiful "prayer shawls" for those people who could benefit from the warmth of the shawl, along with the comfort of that prayers that were said with each stitch! The shawls are blessed and available at the rectory. If you would like a shawl for someone who would benefit from the prayers and comfort, please contact Pam or Adrienne by phone (978) 663-3624 or pam@saintandrewbillerica.org or Adrienne.Cullen@parishmail.com

2014 TAX STATEMENTS

1. D. P. Murphy, our envelope company, will send tax statements to those parishioners who used 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.

COURAGEOUS CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

All women are invited to the Courageous Catholic Women (CCW) meeting on **Monday, February 9 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Fr. Wilson Hall**. We look forward to coming together with others as we strive to become “Courageous Catholic Women”. For more information, contact Fran at (978) 387-3155 or fmb0427@verizon.net for more information.

MEN’S GROUP—SATURDAY MORNING DISCIPLES

Would you like to share your faith in an informal setting? All men are invited to join the “Saturday Morning Disciples.” They meet on **Saturday mornings from 8:00—9:00AM at St. Andrew Parish in Fr. Wilson Hall** to discuss the readings for the Mass of the weekend and to share their faith. For information, contact Mike Sullivan at imsullyman@aol.com.



COLLABORATIVE POTLUCK MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!

You are invited to celebrate “Fat Tuesday” **February 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM** as we gather to share food, fellowship and prayers in preparation for the beginning of Lent. Join parishioners from St. Andrew, St. Mary and St. Theresa parishes as we transition into the fasting of this holy season. Come and decorate a Mardi Gras mask to wear with your colored beads and join in the festivities. This year’s Mardi Gras Celebration will take place at St. Theresa Parish Hall. Please fill out the form below and drop in the offertory basket or email Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com and let us know if you are able to help. Also, indicate how many in your party and what you plan to bring. We need main dishes as well as desserts. Thank you!

Billerica Collaborative Potluck Mardi Gras Celebration

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

in party: Adults _____ Children _____

I can help set up/decorate: _____

I will bring: Main dish: _____

Dessert item: _____

Help with Activities: _____

I can help clean up: _____



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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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