



SAINT ANDREW PARISH
NORTH BILLERICA, MA

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

You shall name him *Jesus*. He will be great
and will be called Son of the *Most High*.

Luke 1:31-32

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

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EUCHARIST 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 AND CONFESSION

Where: St. Andrew Church

When: Monday Evenings, December 22 & 29 from 6:00—7:00 PM

Parishioners, family and friends are encouraged to spend an hour with the Lord from 6:00-7:00pm on Monday evenings, December 22 & 29 at St. Andrew Church. The Holy Hour will include time for silent prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Take some time for yourself and come to rest before Lord. Fr. Gerald will hear confessions during this time for those who may wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA

Wednesday, December 24

Saint Andrew Parish: 4:00 pm and Midnight

Saint Mary Parish : 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Saint Theresa Parish : 4:00 pm Church & Hall and 10:30pm

Thursday, December 25

Saint Andrew Parish: 9:30 am

Saint Mary Parish: 8:30 am

Saint Theresa Parish: 10:30 am

***He will be great and will be
called Son of the Most High...***

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

It won't be a surprise to anyone that we anticipate the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses to be packed to overflowing. We know that these celebrations can be difficult for you who attend Mass week after week, and whose attendance we cherish and rely upon.

As a Parish Family we can respond to the larger number of Parishioners as either a blessing or a curse. We can easily complain about someone else sitting in our pew or grumble about not being able to park in our usual spot. Or, we can welcome them with a warm smile and open arms.

We need your help to make Christmas Mass experience the best it can be for all. Let's go out of our way to greet those we do not recognize or whose names we do not know. Let's be understanding and patient with the children who attend. Let's move in from the ends of the pews so that all can find places to sit.

After all, *together* we are God's family in Billerica, a blessing to all.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

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.

Thanks to Ted Collins for his enormous help in setting up the new web site! To keep moving with this momentum, though, we are looking for a volunteer to help keep [BillericaCatholic.org](http://www.BillericaCatholic.org) up-to-date. If you have experience with WordPress and can spare a few hours per week, please contact Father Shawn or Deacon Phil—we would be happy to chat about what needs to be accomplished.

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?

SUNDAY PARISH OFFERTORY

Your Stewardship

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$ 4356
Parish Maintenance Collection: \$1786
Thank you for your continued generosity!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

CLERGY FUNDS

Every Christmas, Catholics across the Archdiocese of Boston join together to honor and thank our priests. Your gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps to ensure the highest quality of care and quality of life programs that provide for the health and well-being of our 638 active and senior priests. Remember priests who have made a difference in your life and consider honoring them with a generous gift to the Christmas collection. Our priests have been there for us in our times of need. Now it is our turn to care for them when they need us. All are welcome to make a gift online at www.clergyfunds.org or use the envelopes provided in the monthly packets or in the pew. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of our priests.*



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

All who wish to have their beloved family members and friends listed on our Christmas Flower Memorial are welcome to pick up a Christmas Flower envelope on the tables at the entrances to the church. Simply **print** the names on the envelope and place it in the offertory basket or return it to the rectory.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Would you like to help decorate the church for Christmas? If you have some time **around 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 24** and would **like to share in the decorating, your time and talent would be appreciated!** The wreaths will need bows attached; candles will need to be changed; greens will need to be hung and the poinsettias will need to be unwrapped and placed in their locations.



ST. ANDREW FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

This weekend, December 20 & 21, is be 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!

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: 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY



All are invited and encouraged to come and pray the Rosary on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 11:30am in the church. The Rosary is followed by daily Mass at 12:05pm for those who are able to stay.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 20-28

Saturday, 12/20, 4:00 PM—Paul Finnegan
 Sunday, 12/21, 10:00AM— Joseph Malandrino
 Friday, 12/26, 12:05 PM—Gino Pietrangeli
 Saturday, 12/27, 4:00 PM—The Williams Family
 Sunday, 12/28, 7:30 AM—Leo Lamarche, 30th Ann.
 Sunday, 12/28, 10:00 AM—Lorraine Williams

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 22

12:05 PM—Daily Mass
 6:00-7:00 PM—Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 23

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 24

No Daily Mass
 4:00 PM—Vigil Mass for Christmas
 Midnight—Christmas Mass at Midnight

Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM—Christmas Mass for the Day

Friday, December 26

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

Saturday, December 27

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

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

O Jesus, Our Beloved Savior, thank You for living among us and showing us the way to God. Thank you for being born at Christmas. Your presence among us is our greatest gift.

Thank You, too, for all the spiritual gifts You give us as we try to follow You. Thank You for Your gifts of faith, hope, charity, peace, joy and contentment, and for all the gifts and talents You have so generously given to our family.

May we go forth from our Christmas celebrations ready to share our gifts with others and ready, too, to proclaim by our actions that You are the greatest present the world will ever know.

May Christmas be in our hearts this day and all year through. Amen.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: MATTHEW

We are not exactly sure what happened to Matthew after the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost.

Early writers tell us that he preached among the Jews for fifteen years before going into other countries. Before leaving, he wrote one of the four gospels.

We are not sure which countries were visited by Saint Matthew. It seems, though, that he was put to death as a martyr for the faith.

Saint Matthew is often represented in art as a winged man carrying a lance. The picture above is taken from the Book of Kells, an ancient collection of the gospels.



CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:

Q = T, and E = H.

Crossword solution from last week

M	E	R	C	Y	R	I	C	H
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B	R	I	D	E	U	A		
O	N	O		P	L	A	N	T
D		O	U	R		D		
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	L		Y				A	
C	A	L	L	S		G	O	O

QEB ELIV PMFOFQ TFII

ZLJB RMLK VLR XKA QEB

MLTBO LC QEB JLPQ EFDE

TFII LSBOPXALT VLR.

ANSWER

The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

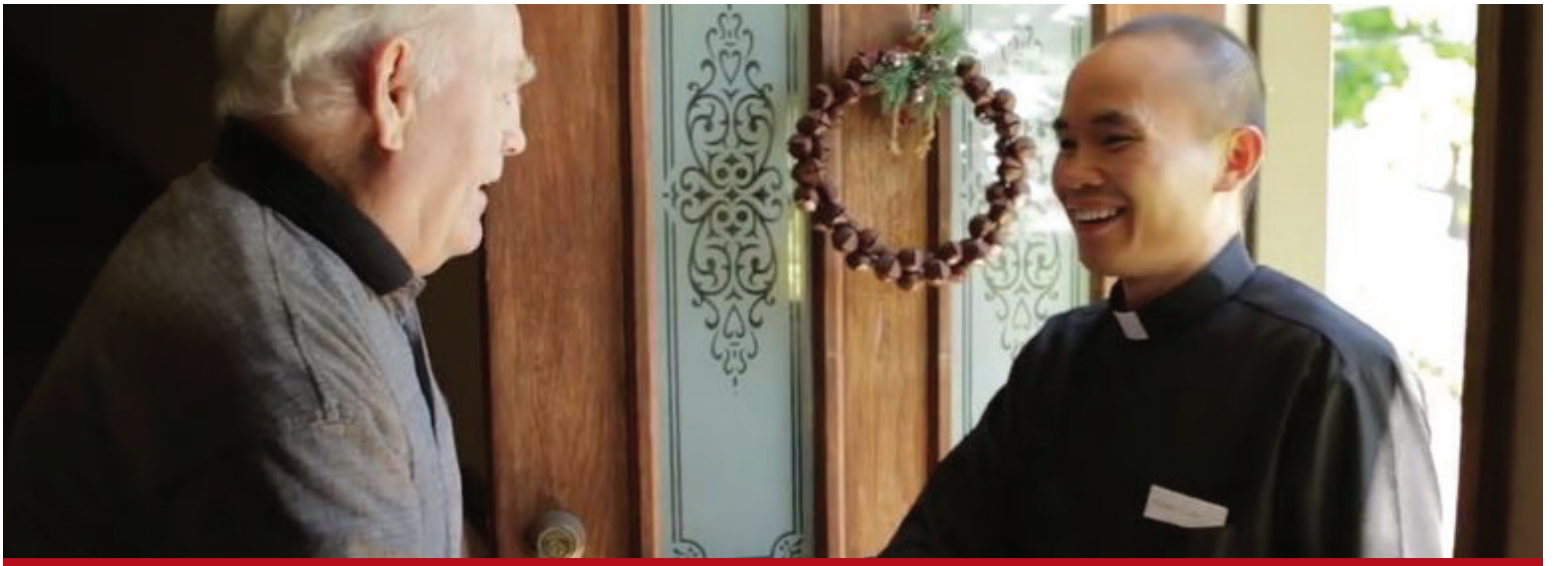
A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING: LK 1, 26-38
THE ANNUNCIATION



David Fielding

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Meet Fr. Huy – *Bringing the Hope of Christ to Others*

It is mid-morning in November, and Jim Thompson greets his pastor, Fr. Huy Nguyen, at his front door. “I cannot see,” Jim reflects, “but when Fr. Huy goes out of his way to bring me communion or to just visit, it makes my day. He gives me the strength to keep going.”

As a young child, Fr. Huy fled Vietnam with his family as one of the “boat people.” He knows what true sacrifice is and feels blessed by the grace of hope in his own life. “It gives me great joy when I visit homebound people such as Jim,” says Fr. Huy. “I never thought I would be a priest in America. Now, even though Jim cannot come to the Church, I can help give him hope by bringing Christ to Jim. God does work in very miraculous ways.”

Fr. Huy, like so many priests in our Archdiocese, is there to bring the Sacraments to homebound parishioners every day of the week. This Christmas, please consider making a generous gift to your parish collection to show our priests you truly care.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all of Boston’s priests.



“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, please visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Huy Nguyen, please visit our website at www.clergyfunds.org.



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