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NORTH BILLERICA, MA



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*The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

# SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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## mass schedule

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	St. Andrew	4:00 PM
	St. Mary	4:00 PM
	St. Theresa	4:00 PM
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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



### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Wednesday, December 31**

4:00 PM—St. Theresa Church

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

9:00 AM - St. Mary Church

11:00 AM—St. Andrew Church

### Adult Faith Formation

**Who do you say that I am?**

### Prayer is at the root of knowing Christ

Imagine the delight of Simeon (a devout man whom the Spirit was upon) and Anna (an elderly prophetess who “worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer”) to be at the temple when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to be presented to the Lord. Their lives of prayer and holiness granted them the opportunity to gaze upon the face of the child Jesus and know with certainty that He was the long-awaited savior. May we, too, be rooted in prayer so that we are able to let the “peace of Christ control our hearts” and to show “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” until He comes again.

We hope you will consider joining us at one of our next WDYSTIA presentations on ***Jesus: Person of Prayer***. In the Gospel this weekend we hear that “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” What must have those early years for the Holy Family been like? Jesus would have been an obedient son, studied Scripture and learned to pray. We begin to see the fruits of those hidden years when Jesus comes to the Jordan to be baptized, followed by forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert.

Come and hear more about Jesus’ prayer life and how we can become persons of prayer ourselves at one of the following presentations:

- **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**

## \*\*\*PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*



### OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that we have updated [www.BillericaCatholic.org](http://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](mailto: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?



### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CLERGY FUNDS

The Christmas Collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust supported our priests. Our contribution will have a significant impact on the quality of life programs we are able to provide for our priests in the New Year and beyond. If you were out of town this Christmas or did not have the opportunity to participate and you wish to make a gift, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org). On behalf of all Boston's priests, thank you for your prayers and generous support of the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.

### 2015 CALENDARS

A special *thank you* to Burns Funeral Home for donating the lovely 2015 calendars to the three parishes in the Catholic Community of Billerica. Parishioners are encouraged to take them home to share with family members and friends.



### 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, January 2, 2015 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.

## 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.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Lord God, you so loved the world that you sent your only son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in him. I join him in his prayer for laborers in your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen generous men and women to continue his mission in the world. May this same Spirit make known to me your will in my regard. Where you led, I will follow. Let it be done to me according to your word. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

December 27– January 4, 2015

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  
Saturday, 1/3, 4:00 PM—Frances Malandrino, 13th Ann.

Sunday, 1/4, 7:30 AM—Patricia Newfell

Sunday, 1/4, 10:00 AM—Robert Loranger, Sr., 3rd Ann.

## \*\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\*\*

*Monday, December 29*

12:05PM— Daily Mass

*Tuesday, December 30*

No Daily Mass

*Wednesday, December 31*

No Daily Mass

*Thursday, January 1:*

11:00 AM—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*Friday, January 2*

12:05 PM—Daily Mass

*Saturday, January 3*

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

## 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](mailto:imsullyman@aol.com).





## BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

### THE BOOK OF SIRACH

Where in the Bible is the Book of Sirach to be found? Is it known by any other title as well? Do we know who wrote this book, and when?

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. Find out what the temple looked like at that time. When was the temple built, and what happened to it?

This visit to Jerusalem forms one of the joyful mysteries of the rosary. What is this mystery called? How many other joyful mysteries are there, and what are their names?

## FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

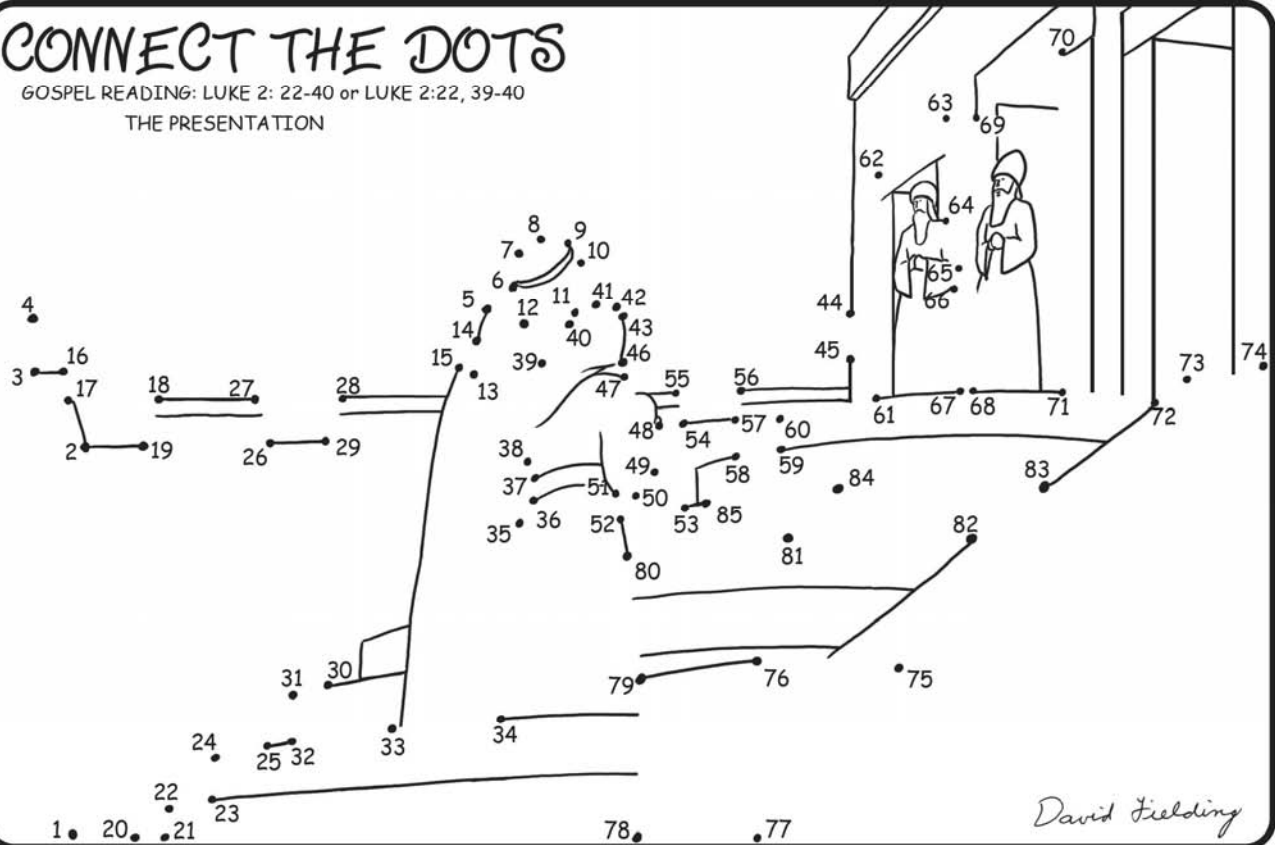
1. He \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ his mother.
2. My son, take care of your \_\_\_\_\_ when he is old; \_\_\_\_\_ him not as \_\_\_\_\_ as he lives.
3. Children, \_\_\_\_\_ your parents in \_\_\_\_\_, for this is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ him up to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him to the Lord.
5. The child grew and became \_\_\_\_\_, filled with \_\_\_\_\_; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was upon him.

### ANSWERS

1. stores, riches, reverses 2. father, grieve, long  
 3. obey, everything, pleasing 4. took, Jerusalem, present  
 5. strong, wisdom, favor

## CONNECT THE DOTS

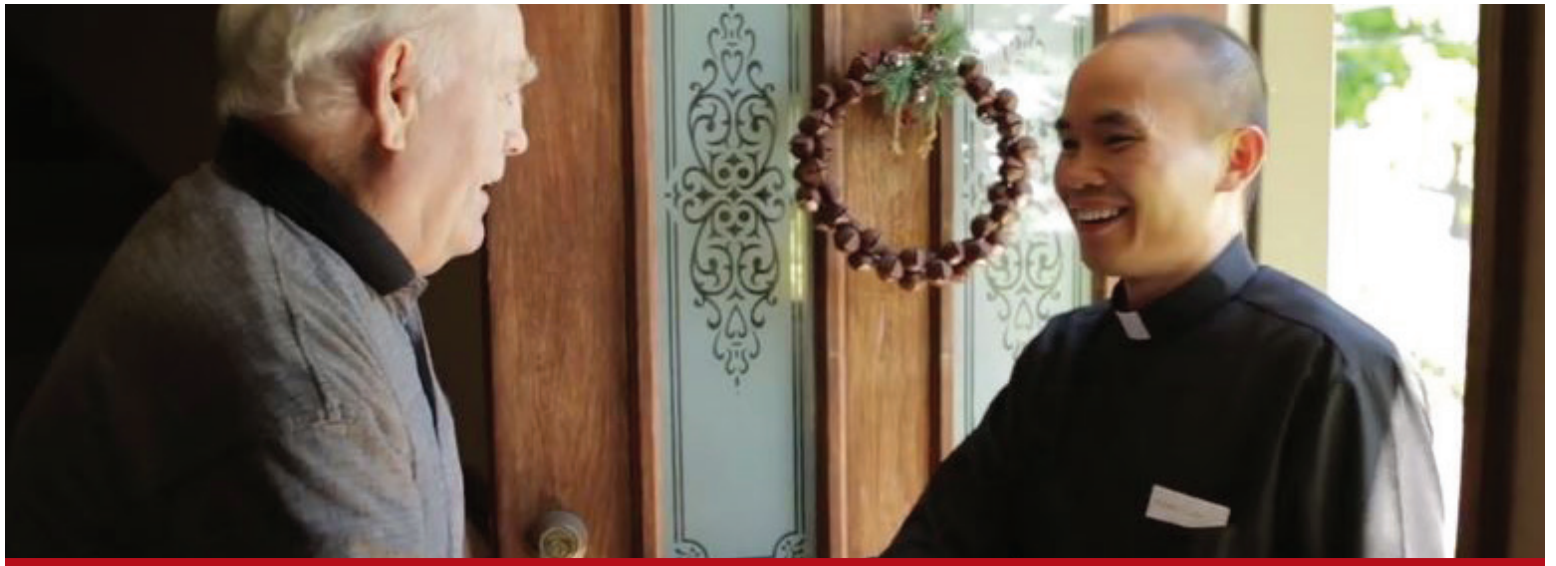
GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2: 22-40 or LUKE 2:22, 39-40  
 THE PRESENTATION



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](http://www.clergyfunds.org/intentions).

To watch a short video of Fr. Huy Nguyen, please visit our website at [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).



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