



**Saint Theresa Catholic Church
Alive in Christ**

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Sunday, December 21, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 20	7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Jack Moore and Denise McNamara by Elaine and Jim Norma DiPietro by her husband, Joseph
Sunday	Dec 21	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Gerald Dorais by Rita and Beatrice Desilets
Monday	Dec 22	7:00 a.m.	Roland Groleau and his sister, Claudette Morriseau by the family
Tuesday	Dec 23	7:00 a.m.	In Honor of St. Jude for a favor obtained by a parishioner
Wednesday	Dec 24	7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Midnight	Mass Intention Available Peter and Cecile Bresette by the children Fr. Dennis Rocheford by Steve and Deborah Champeau
Thursday	Dec 25	9:30 a.m.	Robert A. Marchand and Robert Marchand, Jr. by the family
Friday	Dec 26	7:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Theresa Parish
Saturday	Dec 27	7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Mass Intention Available Victoria Weston by Gloria and Jeff
Sunday	Dec 28	9:30 a.m.	Robert Desilets by Beatrice and Family

*** If possible, we would like members of the family who requested the Mass to bring up the gifts at the appropriate time.
***Please excuse any misspelled names. Please phone any corrections.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
DAILY				
Sunday	Dec 21	After Mass	Coffee And ...	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Dec 23	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Dec 24	7:00 p.m.	No Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	No Prayer Shawl Group	Church
Friday	Dec 26	6:30 p.m.	Holy Hour	Chapel
Saturday	Dec 27	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional



December 27 & 28	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Readers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	D Cardone, R & C Swenson	C. & J. Brillon, M. Cardone, C. Martinelli, H. Trottier	S. Champeau
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	C Demotte, A & B Putnam M Driscoll, M Varieur, C Norcross-Joyce, O Castonguay, A&A Marino	D. Plouffe, J. Ristaino, L. St. John. N. Stockert	D. Plouffe

Last Sunday's Collection: Stewardship: \$2,332.00 Thank you!

Saint Michael's Vigil Lights: For All Military Members in Harm's Way

Mary's Vigil Light burns in thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio for favors obtained

Mary's Vigil Light burns for Roland Gagne, Bea Powers, and Mary Neil Tancrell

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to Saint Theresa's Parish. Please register at the Parish Office on the second floor.

BAPTISM: Contact Father O'Mara or Deacon Gagliani for catechesis and arrangement for celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation takes about one year. Couples who wish to marry at Saint Theresa's should see Father O'Mara or Deacon Gagliani as soon as possible.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturday at 3:00 to 3:40 p.m. in the confessional or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call for a hospital visit or anointing of the sick.

HOLY HOUR: Friday evening at 6:30.

ROSARY: After the weekday morning Mass and at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sundays, September to May. Kindergarten through Grade 10. Session begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends after Mass at 10:30 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations are always accepted.. "Got Food? Sunday" collection is the last weekend of each month. The pantry is available on Tuesday and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is located in the Thrift Shop.

THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations of clothing are accepted Monday thru Friday. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

From the Office:

Come join us Monday, December 22 at 10 a.m. to decorate. We will set up the crèche, put up the poinsettias and have some fun!

Lectors are still needed for the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas day. Please call the office if you are available.

We thank Cartier's Funeral Home for sponsoring the 2015 calendar. They are available this weekend. Please take one.

LEARNING, LOVING, & LIVING IN CHRIST



The Religious Education program will be holding a "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration for students on Sunday, December 21. It will be held during our regular class session time, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall (across from the church). Parents are asked to drop their children off at the parish

hall, 2nd floor for this class session only. Students will be dismissed in the Fr. Lamothe Center, as usual.

Due to our Christmas break, there is NO class session December 28. There is no change to the Mass schedule.

Reminder: The Confirmation Grade 10 Class Retreat will be on Saturday, January 24. Confirmation will be held on Monday, June 15, at Sacred Heart in Milford. *Please continue to pray for our 2015 class of candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament.*

Kaycee, Myah, Michael, Mitchell, Erin, Jocelyn O., Jocelyn S., Oliver, Timothy, Ryan, MacKenzie, Lauren and Amy.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who donate food during the month AND on "GOT FOOD? Sunday." For the month of November the food pantry served 39 families. In response to a question regarding the food pantry accepting personal care items, we would not refuse any donation of any kind. However, we would not want personal care items to be substituted for food. Specific requests of food is not done because it has been found that by shopping the weekly specials it is more affordable and the pantry stays well stocked. Any (non-perishable) items will be greatly appreciated. Drop off any time, however, the next "Got Food? Sunday" collection is December 27 and 28.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

As the year comes to an end we wish to thank Ned Stockert and Pat Carroll for chairing the Social Committee. You did a great job! We wish to welcome Sheila Landry, Chairman and Sharon Putnam as Co-Chair. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center. Please join and assist us in developing a calendar of activities for 2015!

THE ST. THERESA'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR



The children's choir meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 to 7:15. New members are always welcome. Ages 7 and up. Contact Paula with questions at 508-883-2435.

Please join us for Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood of St. Theresa's, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. We will be leaving from the Fr. Lamothe Center and returning there for hot chocolate and snacks. Dress warm and bring a flashlight.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" — "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." — that the promise finds fulfillment. (See Luke 1:38)

ENVELOPE REMINDER



The next second collection will be the yearly initial offering and January 4 for the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE AND ...



Please join us after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Father Lamothe Center.

COMMON SENSE PARKING

I would respectfully ask for all parishioners to use a designated parking spot and not block the middle of the parking lot. If no spots remain, the back field and/or street are available. Thank you for your cooperation. Ned

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Calling all Knights of Columbus. If you are 18 or older, come join the Blackstone Knights of Columbus Council. The next meetings are Monday, January 26 and Monday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Lamothe Center. For more information contact Jeremy Labonte 617-669-5478 or Jeremy.labonte@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DePAUL

The next meeting is Sunday, January 18 and February 15. Both meetings will be at St. Theresa's at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 23 - 25, 2015 and March 13 - 15, 2015. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at

www.wwme.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is seeking individuals interested in working with elderly and the disabled. Candidates must be reliable, compassionate and have reliable transportation. Please call 1-800-649-4364.

Weight Management Support Group to begin January 8, 2015 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Blackstone Library in Quiet Room Number 1. Do you struggle with weight issues? Let us help each other through conversation and support. There is no charge to join. Please contact Sheila Landry at 508-883-7549 to register or for more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE The 42nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC is Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015. Buses leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Wed., Jan. 21 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m. and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Thursday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return by 1 a.m. on Jan. 23 to the Cathedral immediately following the March. Cost is \$70 for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31 and \$85 thereafter. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

Got Food? Sunday Collection December 27 and 28 Thank you!

Christmas Schedule of Masses

December 24, Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Mass

December 24, Midnight Mass

December 25, Christmas Day 9:30 a.m. Mass