



Saint Theresa Catholic Church

Alive in Christ

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Sunday, December 14, 2014 Third Sunday In Advent Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 13	7:00 a.m.	Joseph DiPietro (for good health) by a parishioner
		4:00 p.m.	Roland Trottier by Terry and Family
Sunday	Dec 14	9:30 a.m.	Father Gerald Dorais by Rita and Beatrice Desilets
Monday	Dec 15	7:00 a.m.	Victoria Weston by Gloria and Jeff
Tuesday	Dec 16	7:00 a.m.	Roland Remillard by his wife, Kay
Wednesday	Dec 17	7:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Theresa Parish
Thursday	Dec 18	7:00 a.m.	Dick Lozeau (Birthday Remembrance) by Jeanne
Friday	Dec 19	7:00 a.m.	Rita Cardinal by Walter Cardinal and Family
Saturday	Dec 20	7:00 a.m.	Jack Moore and Denise McNamara by Elaine and Jim
		4:00 p.m.	Norma DiPietro by her husband, Joseph
Sunday	Dec 21	9:30 a.m.	Father Gerald Dorais by Rita and Beatrice Desilets



*** 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

DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	Dec 14	After Mass	Coffee And ...	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Dec 16	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Dec 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Dec 18	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Church
Friday	Dec 19	6:30 p.m.	Holy Hour	Chapel
Saturday	Dec 20	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional



December 20 & 21	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Readers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	D Cardone, R & C Swenson	C. & J. Brillon, C. Martinelli, C. & R. Perreault	R. Turcotte
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	C Demotte, A & B Putnam M Driscoll, M Varieur, C Norcross-Joyce, O Castonguay, A&A Marino	A. Markle, E. & J. McNamara,	K. Marino

Last Sunday's Collection: Stewardship: \$2376.15; Share in the Care: \$608.70 Immaculate Conception: \$308 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

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

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

Christmas Schedule of Masses

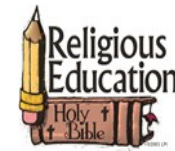
December 24, Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Mass
December 24, Midnight Mass
December 25, Christmas Day 9:30 a.m. Mass

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!

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 all students on Sunday, December 21. It will be held during our regular class session time, 8:15 to 9:15 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. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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

It is time to elect a new chairman. Please consider joining the Social Committee and volunteering to chair this important ministry in our parish. For more information, contact the office. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center. Please join us!

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, December 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All of the people in today's readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

ENVELOPE REMINDER



The next second collection will be December 21 for Capital Improvements.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS MAY BE PUT INTO ANY COLLECTION BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 21. Your loved ones names will be published in the bulletin. Please PRINT their names clearly.



COFFEE AND ...

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

ST. THERESA'S SIGN

I would like to thank everyone for your help, support and donations which made our new sign possible. Your prayers, philanthropy and hard work are just a small part of what makes us a prayerful, giving parish community.

Thank you, Ned

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The gifts for the giving tree will be picked up today. If you have NOT brought your gift, PLEASE plan on bringing it before noon. The gifts for the seminarians may be a gift card from either Staples, WalMart, CVS, BestBuy, Mastercard or Visa of any denomination. It should be placed in the envelope and mailed directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL

The next meeting is Sunday, December 14, at St. Theresa's at 6:30 p.m. And in the new year, Sunday, January 18 and February 15, 2015 both meetings will be at St. Theresa's at 6:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our marriage? 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



ST. ANDRE BESSETTE COUNCIL #15829

Our next meeting is Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish Center, 48 St. Paul St., Blackstone. The Most Reverend Robert J. McManus of Worcester has appointed Fr. D. Timothy O'Mara as the new State Friar for the Knights of Columbus. Join us in congratulating Father. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about this Blackstone council should contact Jeremy Labonte (617) 669-5478 or jeremy.labonte@gmail.com.

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. 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