



# SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Alive in Christ*

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

**BAPTISM:** Contact Father Thien 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 Thien 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 after the 6:30 Mass.

**ROSARY:** After the weekday morning Mass.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Sundays, September to May. First through Grade 10. Session begins at **8:30 a.m.** and ends at **9:45 a.m.** before 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is located in the Thrift Shop. Open Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Donations are always accepted.**

**THRIFT SHOP:** Closed for the Winter. It will re-open on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4 p.m. Vigil

Sunday, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Monday, NO Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wed. & Thurs., 7:30 a.m.

Friday, 6:30 p.m. followed by

Benediction

### Holiday Schedule

See Bulletin

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 3 p.m.

### ADORATION

Friday after 6:30 Mass

### ROSARY

After weekday morning Mass

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

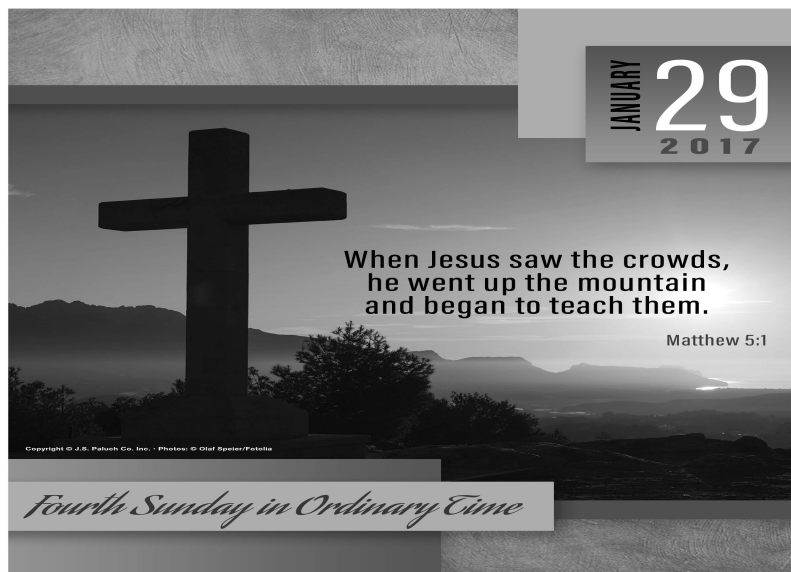
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



**Sunday, January 29, 2017 \* Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Leo Martinelli by Bob Lamarche
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.</b>	Alice Germain (2nd Anniversary) by her sister, Georgette
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Leo Martinelli by Bob Lamarche
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 2</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Living and Deceased Members League of the Sacred Heart
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Anita and Derila Giguere by Son and Grandchildren
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.</b>	Fran and Paul Gilchrist for good health by Marylee

\*\*\* If possible, we would like members of the family who requested the Mass to bring up the gifts at the appropriate time.

<b>Feb 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Daniel Cardone Patrick Clifford Abigail Clifford	M. Aubin M. Cardone M.J. Gagliani C. Martinelli	R. Turcotte
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Abigail Putnam Benjamin Putnam Adelaide Turner Olivia Castonguay	J. DiPietro G. Marchand E. & J. McNamara	T. Harvey

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>DAILY</b>	<b>Mon-Sat</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>12 Golden Steps Meeting</b>	<b>Father Lamothe Center</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan 29	After 10:00 a.m. Mass	Coffee and.....	Father Lamothe Center
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan 31	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
<b>Wednesday</b>	Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Thursday</b>	Feb 2	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
<b>Friday</b>	Feb 3	6:30 p.m.	Benediction After Mass	Chapel
<b>Saturday</b>	Feb 4	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

**January 22nd Collection:**

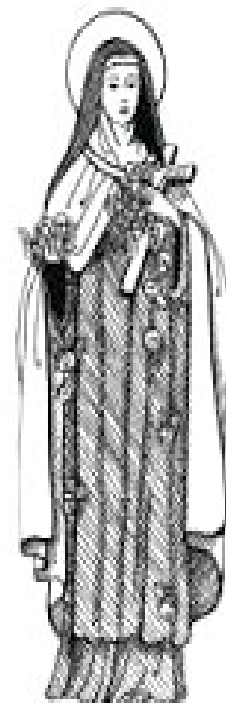
**Stewardship: \$ 2,048.00**  
**Capital Improvements: \$ 716.00**  
**Fuel: \$ 38.00**

-St. Michael's Vigil Lights burns in honor of all Military Members in Harms Way

Thank you for continued generosity.

**Saint Theresa Parish Mission Statement** Saint Theresa's in Blackstone, MA founded in 1929 is a Catholic Community dedicated to being disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to provide a loving environment where we can grow in our faith by worshiping God, receiving the Eucharist and giving to others using our talents and gifts. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to helping one another by serving those in need both spiritually and physically. Through these works of charity and by reaching out to all about the good news of Jesus Christ, we work to grow our community and become stronger in our faith.

Adopted May 5, 2016



*Hear me,  
Lord Jesus  
listen as I pray:  
"Lead me from  
night  
to never ending  
day.  
Fill all the world  
with love  
and grace divine.  
And glory, laud  
and praise  
be ever thine."*

## Religious Education:

This Sunday, January 29th our Confirmation Candidates are attending their Confirmation retreat - please help us pray for Isaiah A., Ashleigh B., Madeleine C., Maura D., Tyler W., as they prepare their hearts for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*May God strengthen them with his gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.*

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4th @ 10:00am Sacrament of First Penance for our grade 2 students.

April 29th @ 10:00am Sacrament of Holy First Communion for our grade 2 students

May 12th @ 7:00pm Sacrament of Confirmation for our grade 10 students

### New Altar Server schedules have been made and are available in the Sacristy for you to pick up.

Please remember to pick them up so we have proper coverage for weekend Mass.

**Seniors of St. Theresa :** Wednesday, February 15th, at 12 noon please join at the Empire Buffet on Diamond Hill Road.

**Social Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm in the Father Lamothe Center. All are welcome.** Also every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. we are now accepting items for our annual yard sale. Thank you!

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3) This one confuses even Stewards. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

## THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.  
—Gilbert K. Chesterton

**From the Office:** stewardship statements for tax purposes (2016) are now available to pick-up after Mass in the Father Lamothe Center. Anyone who is not able to pick them after Mass, they will be sent out in the mail. Thank you.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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**Parish website.**

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