



### Saint Theresa Catholic Church

Alive in Christ

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#### Sunday, December 7, 2014 Second Sunday In Advent Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 06	7:00 a.m.	Denyse Remillard by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bessette
		4:00 p.m.	Roger Parenteau by Deborah and Steve Champeau
Sunday	Dec 07	9:30 a.m.	Richard Berard (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his wife and family
Monday	Dec 08	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Gerald Dorais and Sr. Rita Martinelli by Rita and Beatrice Desilets
Tuesday	Dec 09	7:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Theresa's Parish
Wednesday	Dec 10	7:00 a.m.	Laurice Carriere by Koury Family
Thursday	Dec 11	7:00 a.m.	Edna Derois by Constance and Roger
Friday	Dec 12	7:00 a.m.	Rita Cardinal by Walter Cardinal and family
Saturday	Dec 13	7:00 a.m.	Mass Intention Available
		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

\*\*\* 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 07	After Mass	Coffee And ...	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Dec 09	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Dec 10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Dec 11	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Church
Friday	Dec 12	6:30 p.m.	Holy Hour	Chapel
Saturday	Dec 13	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional



December 13 & 14	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	G. Dufault
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	C Demotte, A & B Putnam M Driscoll, M Variieur, C Norcross-Joyce, O Castonguay, A&A Marino	M. Costanzo, J. DiPietro, G. Marchand, R. Turcotte	R. Vose

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Stewardship: \$2,945.55; Visitation House \$384.55 Thank you!

**Saint Michael's Vigil Lights: For All Military Members in Harm's Way**  
Mary's Vigil Light burns in memory of Coranna Perreault by Lisa Buckley

**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 9, 7 p.m. Please join us!  
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.

#### From the Office:

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Because it falls on a Monday, there will be no Vigil Mass. Therefore, our Monday morning Mass at 7:00 a.m. will be our Mass for this Holy Day.

#### LEARNING, LOVING, & LIVING IN CHRIST

**Happy Advent!** During Advent, grades 3 thru 10 will be meeting with Fr. Thien during classroom sessions in the Chapel. Your children's teachers will be bringing them down on their assigned date. Fr. Thien will be discussing the Ten Commandments and Confession with the students. Grades K thru 2 will meet with Fr. Thien at a later date during the school year. Thank you.

#### FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry and thrift shop are now open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. **More volunteers are always appreciated. 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. Donating to the Food Pantry can be easy and affordable by shopping the weekly specials. 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 or attend the next meeting on Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center.



**THE ST. THERESA'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR** meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. 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, December 22 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.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live — the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

#### 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 our church bulletin. Please PRINT their names clearly.



#### COFFEE AND ...

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

#### SENIORS OF ST. THERESA

The Christmas party for the seniors will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the Bocce Club. The cost is \$11. Anyone wishing to join us, please call Rose at 401-658-2515 or 401-658-6439 or Bella at 401-766-5155.

**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** The gifts for the giving tree should be under the tree as of today. They will be picked up soon. If you have NOT brought your gift, PLEASE plan on bringing it during the week. 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 have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Have you invited the Holy Spirit into your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**MOUNT SAINT CHARLES** invites you to its annual celebration of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. at Precious Blood Church, 94 Carrington Avenue in Woonsocket. Tickets are free but necessary for admission and are available at the Mount Saint Charles Office. You may call 401-769-0310 ext. 100 for more information.

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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org)