



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 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

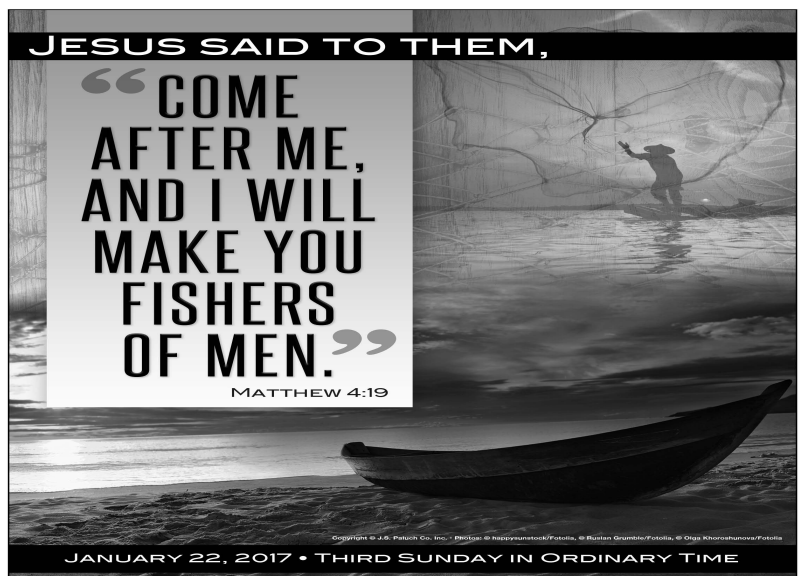
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



JANUARY 22, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday, January 22, 2017 ✕ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Jan 21	4:00 p.m.	Jan Boutiette by loved ones
Sunday	Jan 22	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Denise McNamara by Elaine and Jim Norma DiPietro by Joseph DiPietro
Monday	Jan 23		No Mass
Tuesday	Jan 24	6:30 p.m.	Leo Martinelli by Rosie and Keith Kraunelis
Wednesday	Jan 25	7:30 a.m.	
Thursday	Jan 26	7:30 a.m.	
Friday	Jan 27	6:30 p.m.	In Honor of St. Jude for a Favor Obtained
Saturday	Jan 28	4:00 p.m.	Leo Martinelli by Bob Lamarche
Sunday	Jan 29	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Alice Germain (2nd Anniversary) by her sister, Georgette

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

Jan 28 & 29	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Daniel Cardone Joshua Martinelli	C. Martinelli C. & R. Perreault H. Trottier	G. Defeault
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Patrick Clifford Abigail Clifford Maura Driscoll Mallory Hreczuch	J. DiPietro T. Harvey A. Markle R. Turcotte	Grade 7 & 8 Students

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

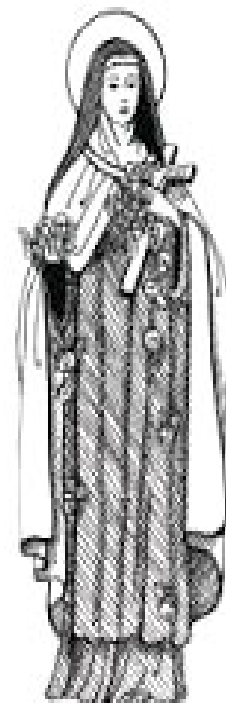
DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	Jan 22	After 10:00 a.m. Mass	Coffee and.....	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Jan 24	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Jan 25	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Jan 26	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Friday	Jan 27	6:30 p.m.	Benediction After Mass	Chapel
Saturday	Jan 28	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

January 15th Collection:

Stewardship: \$ 3,591.50
Initial Offering: \$ 10.00
Fuel : \$ 860.00
Catholic University of America: \$ 257.00

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

-Mary's Vigil Light burns in memory of Roland Gagne



*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."*

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



The Saint Andre Bessette Knights of Columbus council of Blackstone will be holding an "All-You-Can-Eat" Dynamite Sandwich

fundraiser. This annual event will be held on Saturday January 28th from 5-7PM in the lower hall at Saint Paul's. The Knights of Columbus donates millions of dollars and volunteer hours to numerous worthy causes such as the Special Olympics, Coats for Kids and Wheelchairs for Veterans. By you helping us we in turn can help others, we hope to see you at this important fundraiser for us.

Bulletin Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

In light of the second reading this week from Saint Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth, I reflected upon the ever-growing, and increasingly obvious, division within the Roman Church today. The consequences of this widening rift are far reaching, and could very well impact the stability and unity of the Catholic faith for many years to come, perhaps even permanently.

One of the top bishops in the Catholic Church said there is "a very serious division in the Church which has to be mended" or it "could develop into a formal schism." Much of the present debate surrounds Pope Francis' letter on the family known as *Amoris Laetitia*. Some bishops and Catholic scholars have asked the pontiff for clarity with regard to the matter of Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried Catholics. So far, the Pope has not responded, and is increasingly unlikely that he will do so.

How did the apostle Paul deal with such divisions? "I urge you, brothers (and sisters), in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." Then he directed them all back to Christ Jesus and what he accomplished for us. For Paul, unity, then, is centered in Christ. This admonition is that which we should all follow. It is Christ who brings clarity and dispels the darkness.

When all things are viewed in the light of Christ, our divisions become less apparent. May we echo the sentiment of Saint John the Baptist who said, "He must increase, and I must decrease."

Pray for Holy Mother Church that she remains obedient to the Holy Spirit and ever fixed upon her first love, our Blessed Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

-Deacon Tony

EFFORTLESS

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

—Anonymous

Reminder to our Confirmation Candidates: Your mandatory Confirmation Retreat is coming up in in 2 weeks. It will be held on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00am until 5:00pm at the CYO Center in Woonsocket RI. If transportation is an issue, please contact John Marino, your religious education teacher of Toni Harvey, coordinator for religious education and arrangements will be made.

The date that our Confirmation Candidates will be making their Sacrament has been determined by the Bishop. It will be held on Friday, May 12th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Milford MA. There is a mandatory rehearsal for candidates and their sponsors on Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Reminder to our First Communion Candidates: Your Sacrament of First Penance is on Saturday, March 4th at 10:00am.

Your Sacrament of Holy First Communion is on Saturday, April 29th at 10:00am. Future meeting to prepare for these Sacraments will follow.

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.

Food Pantry: The Food pantry is now open only on Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **For the month of December the food pantry gave to 55 families.** Donations are always welcome.

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!

17TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 1st. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar, and Jeff Cavins. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 15th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.