



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: Open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]



Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24

July 23, 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

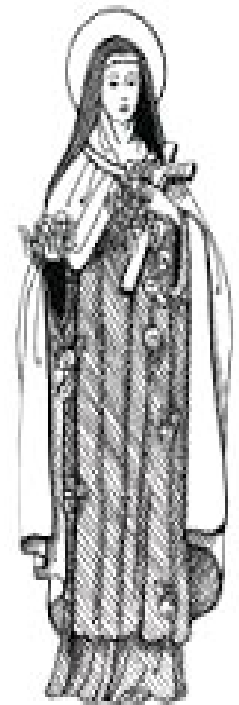


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**Sunday, July 23, 2017 ✕ The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions**

Saturday	July 22	4:00 p.m.	Denise McNamara and Jack Moore by Elaine and Jim
Sunday	July 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Raymond Dubois and son Joseph by Rena Dubois Estelle Mongeau by Rene Mongeau
Monday	July 24		No Mass
Tuesday	July 25	6:30 p.m.	Jaqueline Scott by Roger Moreau
Wednesday	July 26	7:30 a.m.	Mary and John Koury by the Koury Family
Thursday	July 27	7:30 a.m.	Lucille Robidoux by Family
Friday	July 28	6:30 p.m.	Yvonne Pepin by Husband and Children
Saturday	July 29	4:00 p.m.	Jeannett & Guiseppe DiPietro & Felice Manni by Joseph DiPietro
Sunday	July 30	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Estelle Mongeau by Lawrence Mongeau

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



*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."*

July 29 & 30	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Daniel Cardone Patrick Clifford Abigail Clifford	M. Cardone C. & R. Perreault H. Trottier	J. DiPietro
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Olivia Castonguay Maura Driscoll Mallory Hrezuch	R. Costanzo G. Marchand L. St. John D. Vose	R. Vose

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	July 23	After 10:00 a.m. Mass	Coffee and	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	July 25	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	July 26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	July 27	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Friday	July 28	7:00 p.m.	Benediction	Chapel
Saturday	July 29	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

July 16th Collection:

Stewardship:	\$ 1,704.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Fuel	\$ 729.00

Thank you for continued support!

Recent Donations

- The Social Committee has given the Parish an additional **\$800.00** from the money raised by all the wonderful social events they put on here at the church.
- Also **\$368.12** has been donated for Masses.

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

Bottle and Can Drive

- Thank you to all who participated in this event on July 8th especially A Plus Tire & Auto who made the biggest contribution with about 20 trash bags of items. We raised **\$117.65** to benefit the Parish Food Pantry. Thank you!
- St. Theresa's also received **\$371.00** from the Wheel Barrel Raffle that was held in late May. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2017-2018 registrations are now available. You can download a registration form from our website or pick one up at the entrances of the church.

Our program begins on Sunday, September 10th with a trip to the Fatima Shrine in Holliston. Informational letters will be mailed to each of our student's families this month.

We are always looking for additional substitute teachers or other volunteers for our program. Those interested in becoming a part of our educational team, please contact Toni Harvey either by phone (508-254-3440) or email (ccdreligiouseducation@gmail.com).

St. Theresa's Mini-Pilgrimage Sign-Up sheets are now available at the entrances of the church. Join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, September 10th free of charge. Lunch will be supplied to all in attendance. (2) Buses are available to those interested or you may use your own transportation. Seats are limited to ride the buses - to ensure a seat, please return your completed sign-up sheet promptly! Completed forms can be dropped in the offertory basket during Mass, or the parish office, or religious education office.

Our Fun, Faith-Filled agenda for this event is as follows:

- Buses leave St. Theresa's @ 11:15am **right after 10:00am Mass*
- Lunch at Fatima @ 11:45am – 12:15pm
- Over view of Our Lady of Fatima in Shrine church @ 12:30pm – 1:15pm
- Guided walking Tour of grounds @ 1:30pm – 2:00pm
- Buses leave Fatima @ 2:15pm
- **stated times are approximate*
- Any questions, please contact Toni Harvey @ [508-254-3440](tel:508-254-3440).



New Recycling Program

St. Theresa's has a new recycling program that is up and underway. This program is where the church will get paid for clean recycling. The yellow/green bin is located in the back corner behind the Church. You can drop-off clean paper, books, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard. Please remember to flatten larger cardboard boxes. You can drop off any clean recyclables any time. Any questions call the rectory. Thank you!

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Christmas in July Yard Sale

Come in and check out holiday/everyday items along with our kitchen serving eggs and English muffins and coffee for breakfast and hotdogs/hamburgers and refreshments for lunch.

Saturday July 29th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Hope to you there!!!



To our Fellow Parishioners:

The Parish Council held a joint meeting this past Thursday evening, June 15th where all members of the various parish groups were invited. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold; 1st to introduce ourselves as a council, our mission, and what we have accomplished to date. 2nd was to seek feedback and insight as to what our parishioners are looking from the parish and how we as a congregation are going to make it a reality. In an effort to gather understanding we have set up a "Parish Council Suggestion Box" at the entrance of the church. Blank suggestion forms are available for you to use. We encourage you to please take the time to write your thoughts and drop them into the suggestion box. We expect the box to remain at the entrance of the church until July 16th. Any questions, you may contact Toni Harvey at [508-254-3440](tel:508-254-3440). Thank you in advance for your continued support in revitalizing our parish!

FORGIVENESS

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin? —St. Catherine of Siena