



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: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST
WATCHED JESUS
WALK BY,
HE SAID,
"BEHOLD, THE
LAMB OF GOD."

JOHN 1:36



**Sunday, January 14, 2018 ✘ Second Sunday in Ordinary Times
Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Jan 13	4:00 p.m.	Michael P. Ryan by Wife
Sunday	Jan 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Donald R. Turgeon & Donald R. Turgeon Jr. by Linda Ewing Chet Stokloza by Gary Blake
Monday	Jan 15		No Mass
Tuesday	Jan 16	6:30 p.m.	Cil Martinelli for Good Health by Joseph DiPietro
Wednesday	Jan 17	7:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Jan 18	7:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Jan 19	6:30 p.m.	Frank Ramella by Connie and Roger Perreault
Saturday	Jan 20	4:00 p.m.	Laura Marchand by Cecile Martinelli
Sunday	Jan 21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Crystal Dumont by her father, Bob Dumont Claire Giguere by Family

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

Jan 20 & 21	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Daniel Cardone Adelaide Turner	C. & J. Brillion M. Cardone C. Perreault	J. DiPietro
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Abigail Putnam Benjamin Putnam Angelo Cardarelli Anthony Cardarelli Andrew Cardarelli	G. Marchand E. & J. McNamara D. Vose	R. Vose

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

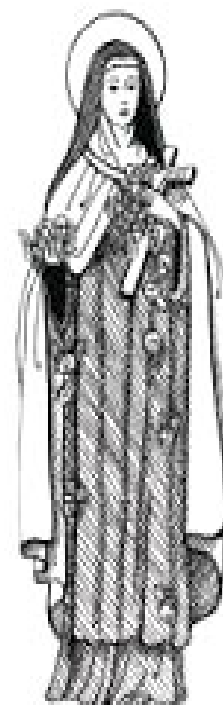
DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	Jan 14	After 10:00 a.m. Mass	Coffee and	Father Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Jan 16	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Jan 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Jan 18	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Friday	Jan 19	7:00 p.m.	Benediction	Chapel
Saturday	Jan 20	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

January 7th Collections:

Stewardship:	\$ 1,310.00
Build Catholic Ed.:	\$ 440.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 112.00
Christmas :	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 203.00

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms. —St. Francis de Sales



*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 LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be renamed Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Although it is MLK day on Monday, January 8th, we **are** holding religious education classroom sessions this Sunday, January 14th.

Next Sunday, January 21st our grades 7 and 8 will be participating in our 10:00am Mass. Be sure to support them by attending Mass and letting them know what a great job they are doing!

ST. THERESA'S MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

If you are interested in serving our parish in a fun unique way, our newest ministry is for you! *There are (2) scheduled meetings for those who may be interested in serving our parish in this new ministry. Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30pm in the Fr. Lamothe Center and Sunday, January 14th at 11:15am in the Chapel.*

These friendly faced volunteers will assist in greeting our parishioners before Mass on the weekends. If you would like to be a part of this welcoming group, please attend either of these two meetings or contact Toni Harvey @ [508-254-3440](tel:508-254-3440).

ALTAR SERVERS: The new schedules are now available. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy. *Serving as Altar Servers is an important part of our weekend Mass. Please make every effort to fulfill your service date.* Thank You.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2018 dates are: Men's - February 22-25 & June 14-17; Women's - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.

Join us in celebrating the memory of parishioner, Chet Stokloza. At the conclusion of our Sunday, January 21st Mass, Fr. Thien will be blessing a print that has been donated to the parish in memory of Chet Stokloza who past away September 2015. Chet was a long time Catechist and Director of Religious education here at St. Theresa's. The print is entitled *The Four Evangelists*, which was painted in 1625 by artist Jacob Jordaens. After Mass and the blessing, the print will be displayed at the top of the stairs - leading to the religious education classrooms.

18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17 and ticket prices increase on Thursday, March 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac.** Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call 508-929-4345. Visit our website - www.firstmensconf.org - for information and ticket purchases.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecoreated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.