

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
BILLERICA  
SAINT ANDREW PARISH

APRIL 12, 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Peace be with you.*

*As the Father has sent me, so*

*I send you.* John 20:21 (NAB)

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA

## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>St. Andrew</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Daily Mass Schedule</b>
	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	
	<b>St. Theresa</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>St. Andrew</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Andrew: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday</b>
	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>9:00 AM and Noon</b>	<b>St. Mary: 9:00AM Mon., Wed. &amp; Sat.</b>
	<b>St. Theresa</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Theresa : 9:00 AM Tues., Thurs. &amp; Fri.</b>

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15 PM, and on request at any reasonable time.

### PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Shawn W. Allen, VF, Pastor  
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Rev. Gerald Souza, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Hal Obayashi, Parochial Vicar  
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### INFANT AND ADULT BAPTISM

Please contact the rectory for information at  
978-663-3624.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations on your engagement! Please schedule an appointment with Adrienne Cullen, the Pastoral Associate, at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

### ADULT INITIATION AND EDUCATION:

Please contact Deacon Phil DiBello at  
[deaconphildibello@gmail.com](mailto:deaconphildibello@gmail.com) for more information.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Our parish has a ministry to the homebound. Do you know someone in the parish who is sick, homebound and would like a visit from a priest or to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory at 978-663-3624 to schedule a convenient time for a visit.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA

### NOTE FROM FR. JACK

Many thanks for all your prayers for me this week. They will carry me through the surgery and its aftermath. Please God, I'll be returning soon after my time away. 'til then.....

God Bless,  
Father Jack

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### “Who do you say that I Am?”

#### Jesus: Head of the Church

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection during this beautiful Easter Season and await His glorious ascension into heaven, let us be mindful of the Church that Christ left behind for His Apostles, and future disciples, to build. In our next “Who do you say that I am” presentation, we will look at Jesus as the head of the Catholic Church and we as His body here on earth. Join us for one of the following times:

**Sunday, April 12: St. Mary's at 3:30 – 5 PM**

**Tuesday, April 14: St. Andrew's at 7-8 PM**

**Thursday, April 16: St. Theresa's at 7-8 PM**

#### Jesus: Son of Mary



Join us at one of the following presentations:

**Sunday, April 26: St. Mary's at 3:30 – 5 PM**

**Tuesday, April 28: St. Andrew's at 7– 8:30 PM**

**Thursday, April 30: St. Theresa's at 7-8:30 PM**

For more information please contact [Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com](mailto:Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com)



## \*\*\*PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*



### YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ELIJAH CHALICE

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of Boston. The purpose of the Elijah Chalice is to provide a focal point for this prayer in your own home.

Beginning this weekend at our 10:00a.m. Sunday Mass, the celebrant will use the Elijah Chalice for the Precious Blood. A family, individual or couple will be called forward to receive the Elijah Chalice, which will be placed in a protective carrying case. They will receive a blessing and then take the Chalice home, placing it in an area of prominence. Each day during prayer time, they will pray for an increase in vocations. Suggested prayers for each day of the week will be included. Each Sunday, they will return the Elijah Chalice, for the next host.

A prayer journal travels with the Elijah Chalice, for those who may like to enter a thought, prayer or Scripture verse. Over time, this diary becomes a spiritual journey and blessing for the parish. Let us pray in thanksgiving for those men who have become our spiritual fathers. Their dedication and willingness to answer God's call enables us to become closer to God in so many ways, especially through the Eucharist. If you would be interested in hosting the Elijah Chalice or if you have questions, please contact Ed McLean at [ed\\_mclean@comcast.net](mailto:ed_mclean@comcast.net).

### DISCIPLES IN MISSION

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and the Gospel tells us that the first thing Jesus did when he appeared to the Apostles gathered in the upper room was to give them his peace and give them the power, through him, to forgive sins. Divine mercy. Later, Jesus says to Thomas who doubted: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Us! Jesus is talking about us. We are blessed. Take this saying to heart: "Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you." Let the blessing and Divine Mercy of Jesus make a difference in your life and in the way you introduce others to Jesus.

### SUNDAY PARISH OFFERTORY

Your Stewardship

Easter Collection: **\$ 4828**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### PARISH MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The monthly Parish Maintenance Collection will be taken up at all the Masses **this weekend, April 11 & 12**. This collection is essential, as it helps to meet parish expenses. Thank you for your continued support!



### We are getting there!

Thank you to all who have participated in St. Andrew Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal Campaign. Thus far, we have received **45% of our goal in the amount of \$9475 from 38 donors**. Our goal **this year is \$21,114 from 63 donors**. If you have yet to pledge, packets are available at the entrances to the church or online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and merciful God, you call us into being and commission us to serve your people. We pray that our lives might make a difference and that our service might give you praise. Strengthen us, we pray, to be instruments of peace and justice in our church and in our world. May the desire to ministry as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 2015 GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

The following is the latest information:

**Number of Pledges/Donations: 99**

**Amount Pledged: \$ 28,290**

**Amount Collected: \$22,098**

For those who may wish to donate or pledge, packets are available at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your support of this important campaign!



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Religious Education Registration for 2015-2016 has begun!** Registration Forms and Information were e-mailed to all currently enrolled Religious Education Families.

As a reminder, we now have one central Religious Education Office located at 470R Boston Road. We encourage you to go to the Religious Education page on [www.billericacatholic.org](http://www.billericacatholic.org) to obtain the pertinent information regarding the 2015-2016 Billerica Catholic Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015. You can get up-to-date forms to register your child(ren) in our unified Religious Education Program on [www.billericacatholic.org](http://www.billericacatholic.org) or we invite you to stop by the Religious Education Office.

### **Do you have a child entering Grade 1 in September 2015?**

Now is the time to register your child for **Religious Education**. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is a two-year process which begins once a student enters Grade 1 (or later). Registration Forms are available at the Religious Education Office or at [billericacatholic.org](http://billericacatholic.org). Please don't hesitate to visit or call 978-667-3733, for more information.

### **ST. ANDREW FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND**



Next weekend, April 18 & 19, is **St. Andrew Food Pantry Weekend**. Parishioners are asked to bring nonperishable food items to Mass and deposit them in the receptacles provided in the narthex. Donations benefit the Billerica Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

### **"ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY"**

Next Sunday, April 19 is **"All Together Sunday"**. All are invited to join in Fr. Wilson Hall **after the 10:00am Mass** for light refreshments and fellowship.

### **April 11-19**

Saturday, 4/11, 4:00 PM– Constance Conway, 1st Ann.

Sunday, 4/12, 7:30AM– Marilyn Finnegan

Sunday, 4/12, 10:00 AM– Richard O'Connor

Saturday, 4/18, 4:00 PM– John Regan, 8th Ann.

Sunday, 4/19, 7:30AM– Paul Finnegan

Sunday, 4/19, 10:00 AM– Patrick J. McCann

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **Monday, April 13**

12:10 PM– Daily Mass

7:00 PM—Courageous Catholic Women

#### **Tuesday, April 14**

No Daily Mass

#### **Wednesday, April 15**

No Daily Mass

#### **Thursday, April 16**

12:10 PM- Daily Mass

#### **Friday, April 17**

12:10 PM- Daily Mass

#### **Saturday, April 18**

8:00 AM-Men's Group: "Saturday Morning Disciples"

### **MEN'S GROUP—SATURDAY MORNING DISCIPLES**

Would you like to share your faith in an informal setting? All men are invited to join the "Saturday Morning Disciples." They meet on **Saturday mornings from 8:00—9:00AM at St. Andrew Parish in Fr. Wilson Hall** to discuss the readings for the Mass of the weekend and to share their faith. For information, contact Mike Sullivan at [imsullyman@aol.com](mailto:imsullyman@aol.com).

### **COURAGEOUS CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING**

All women are invited to the Courageous Catholic Women (CCW) meeting this **Monday, April 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Fr. Wilson Hall**. We look forward to coming together with others as we strive to become "Courageous Catholic Women". For more information, contact Fran at (978) 387-3155 or [fmb0427@verizon.net](mailto:fmb0427@verizon.net).



**FAITH FACTS**

THE APOSTLES:  
JUDAS ISCARIOT  
AND MATTHIAS

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, betrayed Jesus at the first Easter. For thirty pieces of silver, he told the Jewish authorities where they could find Jesus and arrest him secretly.

Thirty pieces of silver was the price of a slave in those days.

Judas later returned the money, but then killed himself. Because of that, the eleven remaining apostles selected another of the early disciples, to replace Judas. This was Matthias. We know very little about him.



**CODE --  
BREAKER!**

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:  
K = A, and B = R.

Crossword solution from last week

D	A	R	K	E	N	T	E	R
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G	J	E	W					C
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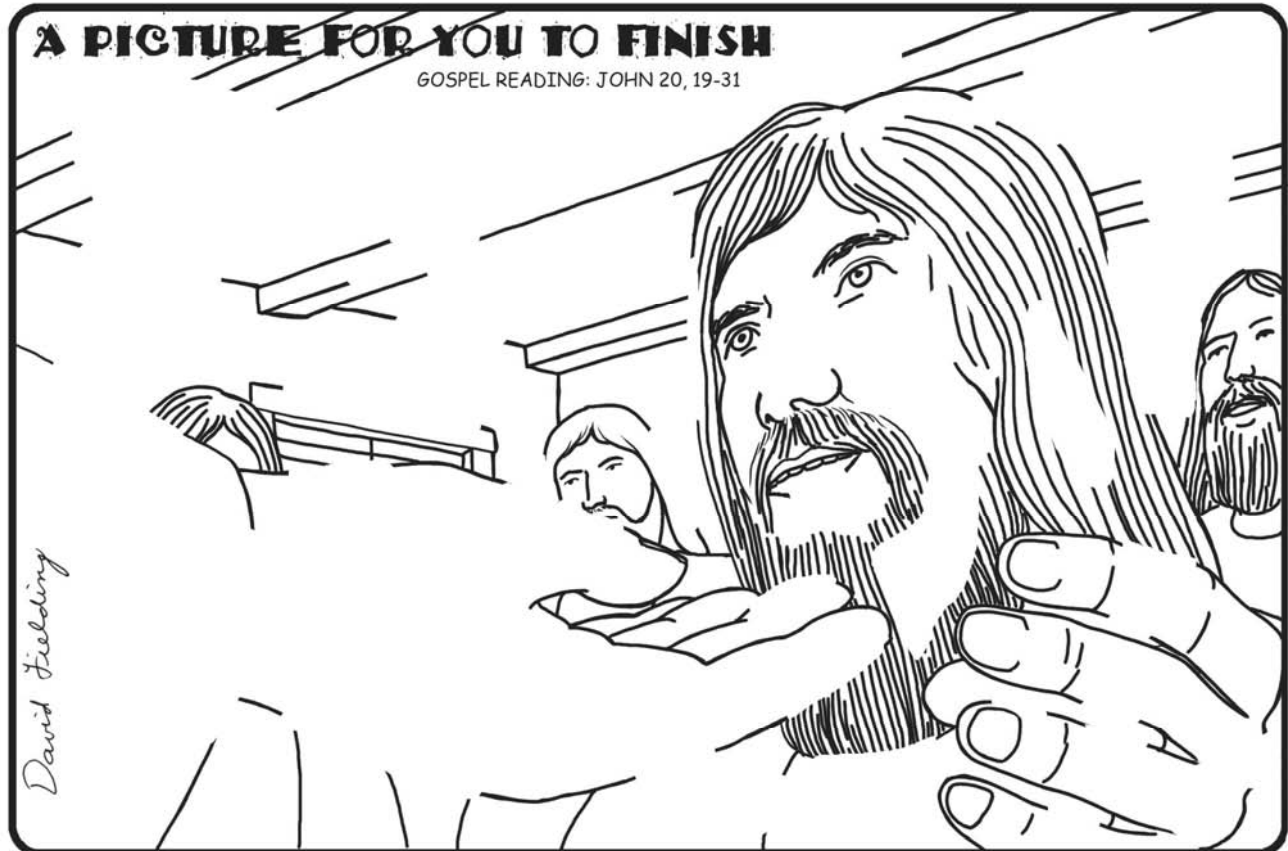
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KXN RKFO LOVSOFON.

ANSWER: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

**A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH**

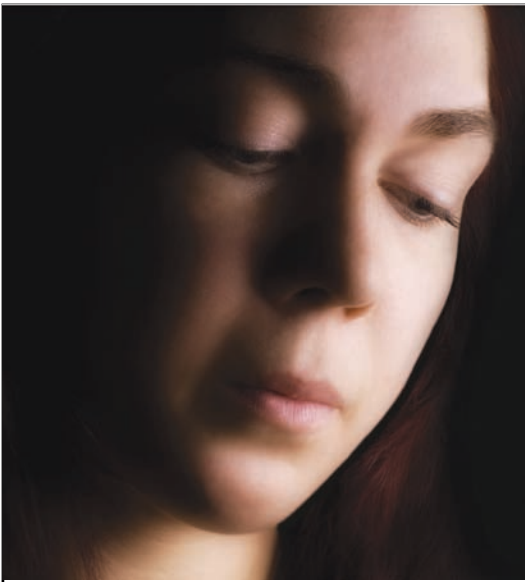
GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20, 19-31



*David Fielding*

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*“Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is life altering...”*

## ***Come to the Waters of Healing***

### ***One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion***

◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015

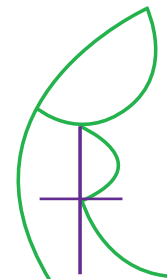
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing in a loving and confidential environment.

***Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston***

Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.

For more information, contact  
Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or  
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