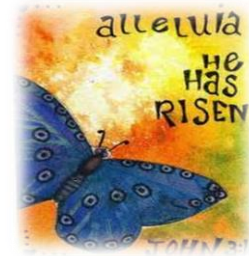




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APRIL 2018

Happy Easter!

Jesus Christ has conquered death! He is risen...Alleluia! And that is NOT an April Fools' joke. It IS what we base our faith on however, and hopefully our lives. I write this on Holy Thursday, the day Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Jesus told his disciples to "Do this in memory of me." After Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost His disciples would gather as He asked. They would share stories about Jesus, break bread together and REMEMBER Him. We gather at Mass each Sunday and do the same. We listen to Scripture and share in the Eucharistic feast. And we receive the actual Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. What an incredible gift! Truly the Eucharist is a gift to be shared with your children, and a HUGE part of bringing them up in the *practice* of the Catholic Faith. **Here are 7 reasons to celebrate Mass every week with your children:**

1. A week is a long time for a child; they need consistent experience of important events in their lives.
2. Weekly Eucharist helps children to behave and adjust to adult settings.
3. Weekly Eucharist exposes children to the witness of faith of their parents, and others in the parish.
4. Weekly Eucharist teaches about Christ's life through the Scripture readings and liturgical prayers celebrated by the whole Catholic Community worldwide.
5. Weekly Eucharist opens children's hearts (and ours!) to the working of God's grace in their lives.
6. Weekly Eucharist celebrates the Death and Resurrection of our Jesus, our Savior and is the means to our healing and forgiveness of sin.
7. Jesus Christ established the Eucharist and intended it to be the central gathering of his community of friends to support their lives as disciples. ***It is simply the right thing to do!***

Thought for prayer this month: *What might be getting in the way of my fulfilling the promise I made at my child's baptism?*

Have a beautiful Easter Season, *Adrienne*



Upcoming Events in the Catholic Community of Billerica



Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour April 8 at St. Theresa's

Join us **Sunday, April 8 at 3 PM at St. Theresa Church** to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Information tables are set up in all three Billerica parishes. For additional information on Divine Mercy please go to <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/>

Hope to see you for Holy Hour. ☺

Religious Education Registration begins on April 8th!

Please check out the Billerica Catholic's Religious Education Program at <http://reled.billericacatholic.org/register/>. You will get access to forms and answers to most questions you have. For further help call the Religious Education Office Manager, Carol Wemmitt, at 978-667-3733 (ext. 400).



Billerica Catholic VBS 2018!!!!

If your children are currently in kindergarten through fifth grade they are invited to attend VBS this summer. Space is limited so don't wait too long to register. Go to <http://reled.billericacatholic.org/vbs/>

for more information and to register. You won't regret it! This is the best summer deal in town!! (VBS will be the last week of June but specific days and times to be announced due to Billerica Schools' calendar.)



June 2018 Date TBD for a Sunday Mass & Brunch for parents/children who have had a baptism in the past year (or 2!)

Look for more information on this in the next newsletter!!!!