



CCB Parent Connector



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Autumn Greetings, 

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather and the fun fall activities that go along with the season. My husband and I always loved going apple picking with our children each year when they were young (and still living at home!). We would head down to Honey Pot Orchards and enjoy the cider donuts and other attractions that were offered. Numerous photos later and our bellies full we would head back home to make apple pie, cake or crisp. It is a tradition that I hope they preserve and continue with their families someday.

Tradition can be defined as “the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs.” Most families would say they have certain traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation. It could be as simple as a recipe, baking pumpkin seeds after making a Jack-o-lantern, or saying grace before a meal.

Likewise, our Catholic Church family has certain beliefs that have been passed down from the Apostles. We read in the Catechism (78) that “this living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though close connected to it. Through Tradition, ‘the Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes.” It continues on to say that this Tradition is “poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and prayer.”

This Tradition is what you, as parents, promised to pass on to your children when you had them baptized. The Catholic Community of Billerica is here to support you in your role. Let us know how we can help. We are here for you!

I pray that along with your own family traditions, that you engage and teach your children about their Catholic Faith and show them how to practice that faith. You won't regret it. I promise. May you all be richly blessed.

Adrienne   

**October**  
month  
of the  
**HOLY ROSARY**



**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7<sup>th</sup>**

We celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup> each year. The day was dedicated by St. Pius V who credited a victory over the invading Turks to the intercession of Mary through the rosary. This year the feast day is on a Sunday. I hope you can join us for Mass. The full schedule is on our website [www.billericacatholic.org](http://www.billericacatholic.org).



**Rosary on Billerica Common October 7<sup>th</sup>**

All families are invited to join together on the Billerica Common to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet **on Sunday, October 7 at 3:30 PM**. What a wonderful way to come together as a community, along with other communities throughout the USA, to pray for our nation, world, and families.



St. Francis

Please join us on **Sunday Oct. 7th at 2 PM in front of St. Theresa Church** for a special Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The love families give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle

of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our creator. All animals welcome.



**Blessing of  
the Animals**

**Catholic Women in Ministry – Oct. 14th**



Have you ever thought about working professionally in church ministry? **St. Catherine Parish in Westford is hosting a light luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 12:30-3 PM** where you will hear from a panel of Catholic women who have made church ministry a first or second career. No charge, but **pre-registration by Oct. 11 is required**. Contact PegH@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4209. I am on the panel, hope to see you there! ☺

*Have a safe and blessed Halloween! See All Saints Day Mass Schedule at [www.billericacatholic.org](http://www.billericacatholic.org)*