



## CCB Parent Connector



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Hello Parents,

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:6-7]*

In Ann Voskamp's book, *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, she accepts a challenge to make a list of 1,000 gifts or blessings in her life. The dare takes her on a journey of "eucharisteo," the Greek word for thanksgiving. She sets out to find something, even if quite small, to be thankful for in every situation and keeps a tally. Ann writes: "the practice of giving thanks...eucharisteo...this is the way we practice the presence of God, stay present to His presence, and it is always a practice of the eyes. We don't have to change what we see. Only the way we see."

"Eucharisteo—thanksgiving—always precedes the miracle," says the author. Jesus gave thanks to His Father often. Even at the Last Supper, knowing full well the suffering that was to come, Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. And because of this gift, we are able to receive the Body of Christ in the *Eucharist*. Perhaps this Thanksgiving would be a good time to practice gratitude for all of God's blessings in our own lives; especially the gift of the Eucharist.



**Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Family Mass is **November 11** at **9am** at **St. Mary**. Refreshments to follow!

*Please join us!*

# 150 Anniversary Mass

Parishioners, friends and families of all ages are invited to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Saint Andrew Parish beginning with a **Mass at 10:00am at St. Andrew Church on November 18**. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be presiding. A formal reception, for those 18 years or older, will follow the Mass at Lenzi's Restaurant, 810 Merrimack Ave. Tickets are \$45. If interested in purchasing tickets for the dinner please call Pam Newfell at 978-663-3624.

**FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER**

**Annual  
Christmas Fair**



**St. Andrew Parish**  
45 Talbot Avenue • North Billerica

**12.1.2018 9AM - 3PM**



Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 22 at St. Theresa Parish @ 8:30 AM. You are welcome to bring your holiday dinner breads to be blessed.

