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### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of the Church of the Most Precious Blood of Dover, Massachusetts is —*  
*“By Our Example to:*

- Love God
- Reach out to those in need
- Lead and Build a Catholic Community
- Pass our Faith on to future generations”



### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 12:00 Noon. For the celebration of Baptism and preparation sessions, please contact the Parish office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance for marriage preparation and the desired date.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoons at 5:00 PM or by appointment.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

If a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home, a family member is encouraged to call the parish office so that a pastoral visit, Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick can be arranged.

On the first Saturday of every month the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 5:30PM Mass.

### Sunday Coffee Hour

Conversation and refreshments available after the 9:00 am Mass, October through May.

### Social Outreach

“Pine Street Inn”. . . third Sunday of the month, parishioners meet to serve Dinner to the residents of “The Pine Street Inn Boston. “Food Bin”. . . non-perishable food items are always needed and distributed to a neighboring parish food pantry.

### The Parish Choir Ministry

Our Parish Choir enhances our sung prayer at Liturgy and supports congregational singing at the 9:00 AM Mass from September through June. Adults, young adults, and children are always welcome and there is always room.

### Welcome to the Parish

We are happy to welcome new parishioners and urge you to register at the parish office. Please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know you and serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 9:00 AM  
**Sunday:** 5:30 PM As Announced  
 September through June

**Weekday Masses**  
**Mon, Wed, & Friday 9 AM**

### St. Theresa Parish

35 S. Main St,  
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### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. THERESA

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
 Sunday: 10:00 AM  
 Sunday: 5:30 PM As Announced  
 September through June

**Weekday Masses**  
**Mon, Wed, & Friday 9 AM**



If you are visiting today we welcome you to Most Precious Blood Parish and hope that through our liturgy and with our community you experienced the love of Christ and an opportunity to grow in faith. If you are

looking for a spiritual home, please introduce yourself to any member of the parish staff or fill out a registration form, available at the entrances of the church. If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, please call the parish office and our pastor would be happy to meet with you.



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2018**

5:30PM Mass for Dr. Mitchell Nore

**MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2018**

9:00AM Mass for our parishioners, relatives, and friends who are ill and confined to home or hospital



Offertory December 2: \$2,525.00  
On-line giving: Nov. 26-29: \$645.01

For the purpose of wills, bequests, and living trusts, our official name is:

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3. Set up your donation or payment.

For support contact [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com)

**Advent Confession & Adoration**

Most Precious Blood - December 11 - 7:00 PM  
Saint Theresa Parish - December 12 - 7:00 PM



**Christmas Masses**

**Most Precious Blood**

Monday, December 24th 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th 10:00am

**Saint Theresa**

Monday, December 24th 4:00, 6:30 & 10:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th 10:00am

**New Year's Masses**

**Most Precious Blood**

Monday, December 31st 4:00pm

Tuesday, January 1st 12 noon

**Saint Theresa**

Tuesday, January 1st 10:00am



**Christmas Flower Fund**

Contributions toward the purchase of Christmas flowers to beautify the celebration of Christmas are gratefully appreciated. Donations made in memory of your loved ones will be prayed for during the Christmas season.

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**

The hardworking priests in the Archdiocese of Boston are here for us each day throughout the year.

**Every Christmas, we hold a special collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing.** Amid these difficult

times for our Church, these priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests, including our senior priests, who have devoted their lives to our Church...and to all of us. To donate online, please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) or text the word PRIEST25 to 20222 to donate \$25. Msg. and data rates may apply. Visit [clergyfunds.org](http://clergyfunds.org) for a heartwarming testimony from a family about our priests.

## December 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” This is where Advent calls us to put our focus. It can happen though that preparing for the coming of Christ gets overwhelmed by what our culture tells us Christmas should look like. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that God has already begun a good work in us and will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. This Advent let us pray for the ability to put our priority on preparing our hearts and minds to receive Christ and trust that he will take care of the rest!



The annual Advent Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide a Christmas gift to a child in need. Please take a minute to select a tag(s) and be sure to attach that colored tag to your wrapped gift. For timely delivery, we ask that all gifts be dropped off at the church by 5:00pm on Sunday, December 9, 2018. If you are

unable to return the gifts by the 9th please use the addresses given on the flyer posted on the wall by the tree. Any questions? Please contact Sue Geremia at [suegeremia@gmail.com](mailto:suegeremia@gmail.com).

### Year End Charitable Contributions

As we approach the end of the year you may be considering the best way to make a charitable contribution to our Church:

- Standard cash gifts are greatly appreciated and are fully tax deductible.
- Significant tax savings can result from having stock and/or mutual funds transferred directly to Most Precious Blood parish. Not only will the IRS allow you to deduct 100% of the value of the underlying stock/mutual fund the day it is received by the parish; you can also avoid paying capital gains taxes resulting from the transfer. Please contact Anne Mangini (508-785-0305) for additional details.
- If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can make a donation to a charitable organization directly from your IRA before 12-31-13. Doing it this way will avoid paying income tax on your withdrawal altogether!
- Please call or talk to your tax advisor for additional details.

### PINE STREET INN

Most Precious Blood parish has supported the Pine Street Inn for over thirty years. A small group goes to into Boston on **third Sunday of the month September through June** and serves dinner to 300 or more people. We leave the **church parking lot at 4:00**, serve food from 5:00 to 6:00, clean tables and return to the church by 7:30. You will get more thanks and personal satisfaction than most other hours of your month.

We have a core of 6 people but need backups and staffing of 8 for most months. Many people can't make the commitment to come every month but we are suggesting that a family or three or four students who do community service choose a month to participate.

If you would like to sign up to come one of these dates or have questions, please contact Pam Kelly, Ann Flamand, Geraldine Rapella or me, Mary Carrigan, at [mcarrigan1717@gmail.com](mailto:mcarrigan1717@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!

Join our parish for **BEST ADVENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most this busy holiday season:

[www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas](http://www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas)

### Online Advent Resources:

**How-to-Advent Blog:** <https://lifeteen.com/blog/how-to-advent/>

**Free Advent wallpapers:** <https://lifeteen.com/blog/advent-wallpaper/>

**The Spirituality of Advent:** <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent>

**Start Advent right with this Mass journal:** <https://everysacredsunday.com>

**Bishop Barron:** <https://www.worndonfire.org/resources/browse/season/advent/>

**For spiritual family conversations:** <https://www.faithandfamilycollective.com>

**Advent info.** <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>

**Tips for celebrating Advent:** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/young-voices/busy-catholics-guide-advent-10-tips-observing-season>



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