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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,
 Sherborn, MA 01770
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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 JANUARY 12, 2019

5:30PM Mass for Joe & Nina Sullivan

MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2019

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019

5:30PM Mass for Charles Emanuelli

SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2019

5:30PM Mass for Eileen M. Rose & Kathleen Rose-Fabis



December 23rd: \$9,216

Christmas Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust: \$14,439

December 29th: \$1,756

On-line donations 12/26—12/31: \$645.01

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

The Church of the Most Precious Blood
30 Centre St. P.O. Box 812, Dover MA 02030

During the Flu Season out of care for parishioner's health, we are suspending the reception of Precious Blood with the Consecrated Chalice and also suspending the handshake during the greeting of peace,

Church in Latin America Collection

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

An eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius will be held during Lent. Sister Anne D'Arcy, CSJ will lead a group at Fontbonne Convent, 444 Centre Street, Milton, MA on Tuesday evenings March 5- April 23 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. For further information and to register call 617-433-5085 Or email darcy@csjboston.org.

The PPC Collaborative meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th at St. Theresa Parish, 7:00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Cori Weekend January 26th and 27th

CORI forms have been sent via email to volunteers. You can return them to the office before CORI weekend or return them at Mass on the 26th or 27th.

Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

1. Visit mpb-stp.org or mpb-stp.churchgiving.com and click GiveOnline.
2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
3. Set up your donation or payment.

For support contact weshare@4lpi.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

Dover's Senior Lunch – all are invited
January 22 at noon at MPB

**Food Pantry**

PLEASE Help us Donate to our new **FOOD PANTRY in Waltham**

To benefit: **Boston Health Care for The Homeless Program - Family Team**

(<http://www.bhchp.org>)

A list of needed items have been left out at the entrances to the church.

Civil Rights Day

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.



The Secretariat for Evangelization & Discipleship and Black Catholic Ministries, with St. Katharine Drexel Parish invite you to the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast**, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 from 9AM-12PM. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bryan Barnett from WHDH Channel 7 News and music will be provided by Boston Black Catholic Choir. For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/2019MLKprayer>.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever consider that God takes great delight in you? We are by no means second or afterthoughts of God. As the master artisan, God takes delight in every fabric of our being and every single component of who we are. We are intentionally and lovingly designed! God gets much joy out of every child He creates, and He does not abandon us. God is definitely in charge! God can take a painful past or an apparent dead-end and turn it into a glorious future. He can transform nothing into something and is always eagerly ready to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We are never bound by the past and never without options. All we have to do is listen to Him. Are we willing to give up the controls and allow Him to do what He does best?

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