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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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

5:30PM Mass for Emma Knapp

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

9:00AM Mass for Robert Wright

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

5:30pm Mass for Daniel Rapela

Collaborative Update

The official collaborative of Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa Parishes has been moved to June 1, 2020. At that time a new Pastor will be assigned. This date coincides with the required age of retirement for Father Grimes who will be 75 years old.



**Welcome Back Brunch
Sunday September 22
After the 9:00AM Mass**

**Men's Gathering - Tuesday, October 8th
7:00 PM - Saint Theresa Parish
Presenter Deacon Tim Donohue
More information to come.**

Women's Group Wednesday, October 30th.



Offertory September 15th: \$2,878

Clergy Retirement Trust: \$1,335

On-line giving week of September 7-13: \$2,318.08

Protecting God's Children Training

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7-9 pm at St. Theresa Parish

If you are a volunteer at either Most Precious Blood Parish or Saint Theresa Parish you must attend a "Protecting God's Children" training session. If you have not yet been trained, please attend the training on Wednesday, October 16th at Saint Theresa Parish at 7 PM. The Boston Archdiocese requires all parishes to be in 100% compliance with the "Protecting God's Children" program. To register or for more information, contact Sue Nealon at 508-653-6253 or sue@mpb-stp.org. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important safety effort.

Workshop in Serious Illness care and Advance Care Planning

Are you concerned about your aging parents? Have you or has someone you know been diagnosed with a serious illness? Come hear a presentation and join in a discussion about palliative care, a way for people to live better with serious illness that offers support for loved ones as well. Palliative care is often confused with hospice care and they are not the same thing. A Palliative Care/Advance Care Planning presentation will take place on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church hall in Wattertown. Presented by the Archdiocese of Boston's Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH and Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

COLLECTING DIAPERS SUNDAY SEPT. 29

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK is September 23 to September 29. Do you know Many Metrowest families struggle to buy diapers--up to 3,000 families in Natick and Framingham alone.

A family needs up to \$80 a month for diapers per child—an average of 50 diaper changes per week over 3 years. Government programs don't cover the cost of diapers.

Many parents are forced to re-use diapers or leave their child in a soiled diaper longer than appropriate. This can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families. Many families have to decide between food, medicine, and clean babies. Without diapers, babies cannot attend daycare or early childhood programs. Let's help provide Metrowest families in financial distress with diapers for their infants and toddlers to keep them clean, dry and healthy.

On Sunday September 29, please bring a package of diapers to church-- sizes 5 and 6 are in high need. Opened packages your child has outgrown are fine. We will donate collected diapers to The Diaper Project at A Place To Turn located at 99 Hartford St. in Natick. In FY2019, they distributed 82,800 diapers to 1109 families. For further information, contact Eve Benda, Coordinator, Diaper Project at A Place To Turn, 508-872-7125.

11th ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN JUSTICE CONVOCATION

Catholic Social Teaching:

Do Justice. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly with God. Saturday, October 5th, 8am – 3:00pm, Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd, Boston 02125. Registration Fee \$25 including lunch. Plenty of free parking.

Come join us to deepen your understanding of injustice and inequality in our community and to learn about local efforts to bring about change. Learn from our speakers, exhibitors and other parishioners about ways they are promoting Catholic Social Teaching in their parishes/collaboratives, local communities, workplaces and families.

FEATURING: Remarks by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. J. Bryan, Hehir, Cabinet Secretary Health and Human Services, Keynote Address by Janine Carreiro, Co-Director Massachusetts Communities Action Network, extended networking with wide range of Exhibitors, Small Group Faith-Sharing, Workshops on core principles of Catholic Social Justice, and **NEW:** Inaugural Social Justice Awards. **FOR MORE INFORMATION and TO REGISTER,** go to: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/justice/> or contact Suzanne Graul at socialjustice@rcab.org or (617)746-5738.

**Volunteers Needed**

Help Us Feed the Hungry. Servicing 18 Homeless Families with school aged children - temporarily housed in a Hotel in Waltham"

Drivers are needed to deliver the food pantry items to BHCHP on

Wednesdays once or twice a month between 11—6:30. Please contact the parish office for more information, mpbdover@mpb-stp.org or 508-785-0305.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "*How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty.*" This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "*No servant can serve two masters.*" These week, take stock of your life. *All* of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?



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