

# Church of the Most Precious Blood Saint Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative



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# OUR COLLABORATIVE

## Most Precious Blood—St. Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative Pastoral Council

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## Sacramental

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish  
**Baptism:** Contact the Parish  
**Funeral:** Contact the Parish  
**Marriage:** Arrange six months prior  
**Confession:** By appointment contact the Parish



Sunday April 25 9:00AM (MPB)	William Burns	Memorial
Sunday April 25 10:30AM (STP)	Bruce Gray	Memorial
Monday April 26 9:00AM (MPB)	Mary Clark	Memorial
Wednesday April 28 9:00AM (MPB)	Sarah Pennington	Memorial
Friday April 30 9:00AM (MPB)	James J. McCue	Memorial
Sunday May 2 10:30AM (STP)	Patricia Clancy	Memorial
Sunday May 2 10:30AM (STP)	Adailson Fonseca	Special Intention



## We welcome the newly baptized to our collaborative

Caroleina Harper Tamposi	February 21
Evelyn Yanrong Lu	March 21
Andrew Michael Preziosi	April 11
William Peter Prezioso	April 11
Matthew Edward Treiber, Jr.	April 11

## COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

**Saint Theresa of Lisieux**  
 Sunday 10:30AM  
 Sunday 5:30PM thru May 23  
 Thursday 9:00AM



**Most Precious Blood**  
 Saturday 4:30PM  
 Sunday 9:00AM  
 Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00AM

**COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

**Watch Sunday Mass from our collaborative**

View our weekly Mass posted on our website. If you do not have access to the web you can view the Mass on community television.

**Sherborn** TV station (Comcast Channel 8 & Verizon Channel 32)

**Dover** TV station (Comcast Channel 8 & Verizon Channel 45)

**Sign up for Masses**

Go to our website to sign up for weekend and Holy day Masses.

**Emails**

If you are not receiving our emails and would like to please call the parish office or email us.

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**First Friday Adoration**

On Friday, May 7 we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9am daily Mass at Most Precious Blood. Adoration will continue the First Friday of each month.



**Mark Your Calendars**

On Saturday, May 1st, the 10th grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Most Precious Blood Church. Due to the Confirmation ceremonies, there will be **NO 4:30 pm Mass Saturday, May 1st**. We invite you to sign up for one of our other Collaborative Masses (see schedule below).

**Collaborative Masses**

Most Precious Blood – Sunday, May 2 - 9:00 am  
 Saint Theresa – Sunday, May 2 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

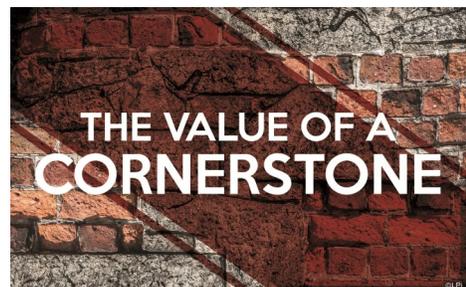
**4th Sunday of Easter**

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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## 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

I am pleased to share that even during these difficult times, Saint Theresa of Lisieux has raised \$19,215 toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$32,779.50. Most Precious Blood has raised \$43,285 toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$67,240. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, I invite you to support the Catholic Appeal. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

**This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support us!**

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

"Remain in me, as I remain in you." Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next English Worldwide Marriage experience on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchin @ [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website @ [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england).