

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



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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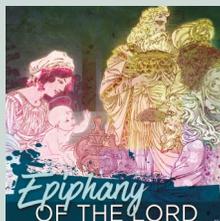
MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am
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*As Announced September - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am



Most Precious Blood

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 5:30pm*

*As Announced January—May

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

OUR COLLABORATIVE

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

Father Robert Blaney	Ann Carroll (STP)
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Sacramental & Devotional Services

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish
Baptism: Saint Theresa of Lisieux (contact the Parish)
 1st Sunday of the month at 12noon
Most Precious Blood (contact the Parish)
 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm
Funeral: Contact the Parish
Marriage: Arrange six months prior
Confession: By appointment contact the Parish
Adoration: First Fridays following 9am Mass (MPB)
Rosary: Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)



Pray the Rosary at Saint Theresa on THURSDAYS at 8:30am, prior to the 9:00am Mass.



Sunday January 9
10:30am (STP)

William Haughey & Sylvia McCann Memorial

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



COFFEE & DONUTS

The Coffee & Donuts Socials have resumed at Most Precious Blood and Saint Theresa Parishes after the Sunday morning Masses. We hope you can join us in the Lower Halls to reconnect with old friends and to make some new ones!

PEER MINISTRY

Our Peer Ministry is a volunteer group of high school juniors and seniors that meets regularly to foster their personal and spiritual growth through faith formation, community outreach, mentorship of parish youth, and social activities.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Stewardship

NOVEMBER MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Most Precious Blood	Saint Theresa of Lisieux
November	November
Offertory: \$18,097	Offertory: \$31,550
Expenses: \$38,521	Expenses: \$33,123
December Offertory	December Offertory
12/5: \$5,512	12/5: \$5,905
12/12: \$10,999	12/12: \$8,271

Matching Gifts

12/5-12/12: \$8,100 + Match = \$16,200

Please consider On-Line Giving

1. Visit www.mpb-stp.org go to Online Giving.
2. Choose WeShare for your parish
3. Select the collection or event of your choice.
4. Set up your donation or payment.

For support contact weshare@4lpi.com or call 800-950-9952

Matching Gift Fund

Help make an impact on the financial health of Most Precious Blood Parish.

For each dollar contributed to Most Precious Blood Church, the Matching Gift Fund of \$18,000 (established by a generous parishioner) will also contribute a dollar to Most Precious Blood Church (until the fund is expended).

We are most grateful to those who have acknowledged the importance of making these pledges.

1(Your Dollar) + 1(Matching Dollar) = 2 (Twice the Impact)

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 your parish:

- 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 or Saint Theresa parishes. 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 12-31-2021. Doing it this way will avoid paying income tax on your withdrawal altogether!
- Please call or talk to your tax advisor for additional details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION A Source of Many Graces

As a follower of Jesus, we are all invited to an encounter with our loving God's mercy through the sacrament of confession, where God meets us where we are in our weakness and powerfully deepens our spiritual growth.

If you would like to schedule a confession, please call or email Father Blaney at 508-785-0305 Ext. 223 or frblaney@mpb-stp.org.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Women's Prayer Group at Saint Theresa Parish will meet via Zoom now through April on Tuesdays at 7pm. We welcome all women of the collaborative to join us in prayer as their schedules allow. No commitment is required. To join our zoom email list, or for more information, please contact Kathy Donohue at 508-934-9366.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

We invite all the men of St. Theresa & Most Precious Blood Parishes— young and old – to join the Men's Prayer Group each week as we get together to read the Sunday Scripture and then share our thoughts and reflections on what the readings mean and how we can better bring the Word into our lives. Meetings are on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9am.

Because of COVID, the meetings are now being held via Zoom, but we hope to meet again in person later this year. Each week is a lively event, bringing lots of different perspectives on our faith and our daily challenges. Please contact Gene Ham hamgene50@gmail.com if you'd like to join.

WEATHER CANCELATIONS

Whenever Dover-Sherborn schools are cancelled because of bad weather, daily Mass will be cancelled at Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa Churches. On the weekends Mass cancellations will be announced on TV (channels 5 & 7). There will also be a blast email providing there is electrical power at the church. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to remind parishioners that when weather conditions are bad everyone should use caution and exercise good judgment about coming to church, as roads, parking lots and sidewalks may be hazardous. During severe weather everyone is urged to stay at home, both for personal safety and to give town crews ample time to clear roads.

CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the entrances of the churches.
Saint Theresa Parish calendars are compliments of
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With great joy Kevin and Caroline Aufiero welcomed their first born, Kevin William, into the Church two weeks ago.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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