

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



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 10:30am

Sunday 5:30pm*

*As Announced September - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am

**Most Precious Blood**

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 5:30pm*

*As Announced January - May

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

CHURCH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD AND SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX COLLABORATIVE

Collaborative Pastoral Council

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Sacramental & Devotional Services

Baptism: Contact the Parish
Marriage: Arrange at least six months prior
Funeral: Contact the Parish
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish
Rosary: Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)

Confession & Adoration

Saturday	3:00-3:45pm
Thursday (2nd & 4th of each month)	5:30-6:30pm
First Thursdays	9:30-10:00am
First Fridays	9:30-10:00am

Confession	Saint Theresa's
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Mass Intentions

To reserve a weekday or weekend Mass for a deceased loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office ten days to two weeks ahead of time.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle at either church may be memorialized for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one for one week. Please call the office for more information.

Saturday March 11

5:30pm (MPB)

Guiseppe LoCascio

Memorial

Sunday March 12

9:00am (MPB)

Francis Boudreau

Memorial

Sunday March 12

10:30am (STP)

Joe Gillis

Memorial

Tuesday March 14

9:00am (STP)

John Edward Moriarty

Memorial

Thursday March 16

9:00am (STP)

Ann Franciose

Memorial

Saturday March 18

4:00pm (STP)

Vincent D'Eramo

Memorial

Saturday March 18

5:30pm (MPB)

Lori & Joseph Garvey

Memorial

Sunday March 19

9:00am (MPB)

Peter Van Kleeck

Memorial

Sunday March 19

10:30am (STP)

Bruce Gray

Memorial

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INTENTIONS



For the week of March 12th the Sanctuary Candle

At Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church will burn for **Daniel Dzengeleski**.

If you are visiting today we welcome you to our parishes 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 or online at www.mpb-stp.org. If you would like more information about Most Precious Blood or Saint Theresa's Parish please contact the parish office and our Pastor, Fr. Blaney, or Pastoral Associate, Roseann Furbush, would be happy to meet with you.

SUNDAY 5:30pm MASS AT MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

Upcoming dates of Youth Masses are as follows: March 12, 19 and 26; April 2 and 30; May 21

Gifts & Bequests

Did you know you can make a financial gift that will have a lasting impact on either Most Precious Blood or Saint Theresa's Parish? The Catholic Community Fund enables donors to make planned gifts and create charitable endowment funds that provide permanent support for the current and future needs of our parishes. For more information please contact Lynne Sullivan, Executive Director, from The Archdiocese of Boston at 617-779-3747 or lsullivan@rcab.org

Pine Street Inn Volunteer Opportunity

Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa's Parishes have been partnering for many years with the Pine Street Inn assisting with serving dinner to their guests on the third Sunday of every month. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Kim Chase at kchase@crownkemble.com or cell 617-680-7954. We generally need 5-6 volunteers. We leave from MPB parking lot at 4:00pm and return by 6:30pm after serving and engaging in conversation with 150-300 Pine Street Inn guests.

Young Entrepreneur Sofia Valenzuela



You probably know 12 year old Sofia Valenzuela as one of our altar servers here at St. Theresa's. But did you know that she is also a talented artist? As a fundraiser for St. Theresa's Parish, she has created a Lenten almsgiving project called *Whimsical Catholic Saint Art. But Make it Cats*. This came about when one year, for Mother's Day, she drew a picture of her Grammie (whose name is Kat!) in the style of a cat. Soon afterwards Sofia came up with ideas of saints she could draw

that also had fun "cat" pun names. In order to draw each of these cats, she studied traditional saint imagery for each of their namesakes. When Fr. Blaney first saw Sofia's works he exclaimed, "These attractive, catechetical and innovative depictions are amazing! They make great gifts for folks of all ages!!"

You can check out Sofia's pop-up shop at

lentenpawprints.etsy.com.

We thank Sofia for donating all of her proceeds to help support her parish, St. Theresa's!!

Women's Book Group

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic faith while meeting fellow parishioners?

All women of the collaborative are invited to join the **Women's Book Group** to discuss our next book, *Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God* held on multiple **Tuesdays from 7:15-8:45pm at St. Theresa Church**. The Lectio series is an eight-part series put on by Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute. Each meeting, we will watch a video and discuss the biblical roots of Mary in the Old Testament and learn why she is so important to Catholics. Visit <https://lectiostudy.org/mary/> for more information or contact **Angela Montalbano** (angela.r.montalbano@gmail.com). Books will be available for purchase at the first meeting. We will continue to meet every other Tuesday at 7:15pm at Saint Theresa Church as follows: **3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9 and 5/23**. Please join us for faith and fellowship even if you cannot commit to all meetings!

The Annual Catholic Appeal

We're very excited to launch the Catholic Appeal this weekend at St. Theresa's & Most Precious Blood Parishes. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to the Cardinal's invitation! Because of your early support, we have reached 34% of our goal at St. Theresa's Parish and 21% of our goal at Most Precious Blood Parish. As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community – both directly within our parish and to the greater Church. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2023 Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Scan here to make your gift or visit

Bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now



If you haven't already seen the video that was sent out this week of one of our parishioners, Sandy Beyerly, taking about the Catholic Appeal, check it out on our website: www.mpb-stp.org

Collaborative Ministry Fair

Our Collaborative Ministry Fair on January 28th and 29th was a resounding success! You could feel the energy in the church as parishioners inquired about potential ministries, many surprised to see all that our collaborative has to offer. To date, 25 new volunteers have joined various ministries and several former volunteers (Pre- Covid) are ready to resume serving the Church. If you missed the Ministry Fair, there are information sheets at the back of both churches. We welcome and encourage everyone to be part of our thriving faith community. More volunteers are still needed. For more information, contact Roseann Furbush, Pastoral Associate, at Roseann@mpb-stp.org.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Lenten Confession & Adoration

(In addition to the usual schedule)

9:30-10am Thursdays at *St. Theresa of Lisieux Church*

9:30-10am Fridays at *Most Precious Blood Church*

Stations Of The Cross

7pm Fridays at *Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church*

Lenten Talks

Join us for Evening Prayer and a Spiritual Reflection by Father Sean Morris, OMV.

Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm at *Most Precious Blood*
"Praying with Scripture, Meditation and Contemplation:
An Ignatian Perspective"

Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm at *Saint Theresa's*
"The Battle of Prayer: Dealing with Distractions, Dryness, and Discouragement"

Lenten Prayer Intentions

Throughout Lent we are inviting parishioners to offer their Lenten Prayer Intentions. At the back of Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa of Lisieux parishes there will be a basket with purple ribbons and black markers. Write your prayer intention on a ribbon and place it in the designated basket. The prayer ribbons will be placed on the white cross in front of both churches. This is an opportunity to ask the community to pray with us and for our intentions.

ST. PATRICK'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH



All are invited to the St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast - at which a full breakfast will be served - on Sunday, March 19th at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Irish step dancers from the Greene O'Leary School of Irish Dancing will participate in the Mass

and will perform at the breakfast to follow.

Céad Míle Fáilte!

Father Blaney and Father Brogan



This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of our Archdiocese, falls on a Friday during Lent. Given the importance of this feast in the life of the Archdiocese and in the lives of many Catholics, Cardinal Seán is granting a dispensation from the Friday Lenten abstinence on March 17, 2023, to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. This is a one day only dispensation.



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

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

Parish Support – February 2023

MPB: \$13,203 Cash/checks + \$4,450 WeShare (online) = **\$17,653** Total Received.

STP: \$12,186 Cash/checks + \$6,654 WeShare (online) = **\$18,840** Total Received.

POSITIVE NEWS for our Collaborative

As we all continue to recover from the individual and collective trauma that is the Covid pandemic, and as more and more people feel comfortable going out again, we are happy and grateful to report that church attendance in our collaborative is increasing.

For example, based on a comparison of church attendance for Masses at St. Theresa's in the fall of 2021 (October, November and December) versus Masses at St. Theresa's in the fall of 2022 (October, November and December), **Mass attendance is up almost 15%**. This is truly good news!! (And these calculations don't even include the extraordinarily high Mass counts at both parishes at all of our six Masses during this past Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, totaling 1,356 people.)

Each week more and more people are returning, as well as many new parishioners who are coming for the first time. It is a grace that an increasing number of us are coming together for worship at the altar of Christ!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK AT MPB-STP

Gr 1, 3-5 (STP)	Mon 3/13	3:30-4:30pm
Gr 1, 3-5 (MPB)	Tues 3/14	3:30-4:30pm
Gr 6-8 (MPB)	Sun 3/19	6:30-7:45pm
Gr 9-10 (MPB)	Sun 3/19	4:00-5:30pm

Please pray for our second graders who will be making a retreat here next weekend in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 1ST COMMUNION RETREAT

On Saturday, March 18, our 2nd grade First Holy Communion candidates will gather at St. Theresa's for a retreat from 9:00 am-12 noon. Volunteers are greatly needed to help with all activities, including banner making, bread baking, stories and prayers, and practice receiving the host. If you are able to help, please email Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org. *You do not need to be a parent of a student in the program to volunteer—singles, seniors, and teens are most welcome!*