

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

APRIL 6, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend Mass at Most Precious Blood or St. Theresa's regularly, we'd love it if you registered as a parishioner! You may register online or stop by either parish office to fill out a registration card.



PASTOR

Fr. Bill Robinson

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00pm at St. Theresa
5:30pm at Most Precious Blood

SUNDAY

9:00am at Most Precious Blood
10:30am at St. Theresa
5:30pm Youth Mass (as announced)

DAILY MASS

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am at St. Theresa
Wednesday/Friday 9:00am at Most Precious Blood

SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm at St. Theresa

CONFESSION & ADORATION

First Thursdays 9:30-10am at St. Theresa
First Fridays 9:30-10:00am at Most Precious Blood

ROSARY

Thursdays 8:30am
before 9:00am Mass at St. Theresa

Baptism/Funeral/Anointing: Contact the Parish
Marriage: Contact the Parish at least 6 months prior

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MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Blood April 5 — April 13		Saint Theresa of Lisieux April 5 — April 13	
Saturday 5:30pm	Nicholas Thisse	Saturday 4:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 9:00am	Nancy Wright	Sunday 10:30am	Maureen Rainey
Wednesday 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Tuesday 9:00 am	
Friday 9:00am	Tom Hamilton	Thursday 9:00 am	Donna Manion
Saturday 5:30pm	A special intention	Saturday 4:00pm	
Sunday 9:00am	Daniel Griffin	Sunday 10:30am	Heather Zir



During the week of April 6, the sanctuary candle at St. Theresa of Lisieux will burn in memory of Heather Zir.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

MASS INTENTIONS

To reserve a Mass for a deceased loved one or a Special Intention for a living family member or friend, please contact the parish office.



YOUTH MASSES: SELECT SUNDAYS AT 5:30PM

Although the music and homily are geared toward our younger parishioners, all ages are welcome!

*The following are the upcoming Masses at
Most Precious Blood
April 6, April 13, May 4 and May 18.*



We pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Hamilton,
who passed away on March 28.



Bob Keller, Lisa C, Lisa. H, Neil, Cathy, Noreen D, Miranda A,
Brooke, Pamela C, The Perlmutter Family, Harry S, Joannie D,
Margaret Chambers, Meghan and Christopher, Jim, Jane, Susan,
Grace Noell & Dean

If you would like to add someone to the prayer request list or if you would like to be a part of the prayer line, contact Roseann Furbush at Roseann@mpb-stp.org or call either parish office.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/GIVING

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Collections

Our next monthly food collection for the families served by **Boston Health Care for the Homeless** will be **this Tuesday, April 8**.

Collection baskets are located at the back of both parishes.

For more information, contact Carol Coakley at cacoakley@gmail.com or Dianne Polizzi at dij05@verizon.net.

Local Food Pantry Collections

Our food collections for **A Place to Turn** and **St. Bridget's** are ongoing. Collection baskets are located at the back of St. Theresa's. Our volunteers bring the collected items to the pantries regularly. Your donations of toiletries, non-perishable food, and paper goods are greatly appreciated.

Contact Joe Meaney at (508) 298-8655 with any questions.

If you would like to donate sanitary products for women served by A Place to Turn, you can leave products in the collection area at the back of St. Theresa's.

PRAYER GROUPS

The Women's Prayer Group meets once a week to share our faith and spirituality with each other. We study the upcoming Sunday Gospel using the Lectio Divina method of prayer. We end each meeting praying for special intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers. At this time we are meeting by Zoom. New members are always welcome.

Contact Kathy Donohue at (508) 934-9366.

The Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings at 8:00am in the parish hall at St. Theresa's to read and discuss scripture, ending with prayer around 9:00 am. We also retain a Zoom link for those who wish to participate.

Contact Gene Ham at hamgene50@gmail.com.



FROM THE PASTOR

Reflection:

Now that we are two weeks away from Easter, our attention turns to the greatest hope of all, the Resurrection. There are several words that sum up our Faith, and this is one of them. The gift of the Resurrection is offered to us not just at the End of all Things, but in this life too. And, as God offers it to us, we are to offer it to others. So let us take this time to reflect on moments of Resurrection in our lives, and then give such moments to all we meet.

Parish News/Catholic Appeal Update:

Your participation in the Catholic Appeal carries Christ's love into our communities and spreads hope. We are so grateful to all of you who have helped launch a successful 2025 Catholic Appeal campaign here at Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa Parishes! So far, we have raised **\$22,920** at Most Precious Blood, which is **40%** of our goal and **\$16,235** at St. Theresa, which is **69%** of our goal. If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope in the pews or at the back of either church or making an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Participation from every household in the parish is important and every gift makes a meaningful difference to support the parishes, schools, and communities within our Archdiocese. Thank you!

-Fr. Bill

This Week's Schedule of Events**Sunday, April 6**

9:00am **Family Mass** at Most Precious Blood followed by Sunday Coffee
 9:15-10:30am Grades 2-5 Faith Formation at STP
 10:00-11:00am Grades 2 Faith Formation at MPB
 10:30am Mass at St. Theresa followed by Sunday Coffee
 4:00-5:15pm Grades 7-8 Confirmation at MPB
 5:30pm Youth Mass at Most Precious Blood
 6:30pm-8:00pm High School Youth Group at MPB

Monday, April 7

6:00-7:00pm Grade 6 at Most Precious Blood

Tuesday, April 8

9:00am Mass at St. Theresa
 3:30-4:30pm Grades 1-5 at Most Precious Blood

Wednesday, April 9

9:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood
 7:00pm Women's Prayer Group via Zoom

Thursday, April 10

8:30am Weekly Rosary
 9:00am Mass at St. Theresa followed by

Friday, April 11

9:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood
 9:45am Bible & Bagels at Most Precious Blood
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Theresa

Saturday, April 12

8:00am Men's Prayer Group at St. Theresa
 3:15-3:45pm Confessions at St. Theresa
 4:00pm Mass at St. Theresa
 5:30pm Mass at Most Precious Blood

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers to beautify our churches for Easter are greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate in memory of your loved ones, please go to our website, mpb-stp.org, or use the envelopes provided at the entrances of the churches. All intentions will be prayed for during the Easter season. Those received by Wednesday, April 16 will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SCENES FROM OUR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT



Last month, our second graders went “on retreat” to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Together with their parents, the students prayed, sang, baked bread and learned how we are nourished by the Body of Christ, crafted banners to adorn their pews on 1st Communion Day, and practiced receiving (unconsecrated) hosts.



PALM SUNDAY, NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Children of all ages are invited to take part in the Palm Sunday Mass procession on Sunday, April 13 at St. Theresa's. Arrival time is 9:45am to prepare for the 10:30am Mass. For more information, please contact Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org.



GOOD FRIDAY

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, APRIL 18

Stations of the Cross led by children and young people of the DSSC collaborative will take place on Good Friday, April 18, 3:00pm at Church of the Most Precious Blood.

We are seeking students who would like to read a short prayer at each station. If your child is interested, please contact Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

GRADE 7 & 8 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

April 6 4:00-5:15 at Most Precious Blood

GRADE 9 & 10 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Retreat: Sunday, April 13 (2:00-6:15 at Most Precious Blood)



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday Nights
6:30-8:00 @ MPB**

**March 9, March 23
April 6, April 13, April 27
May 4, May 18
Summer Dates: TBD**



BIBLE AND BAGELS

Our Friday morning Bible study group continues to meet on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays following the 9am Mass at Most Precious Blood Church.

Refreshments and Bibles are provided.

Come & bring a friend!

Contact Fr. Bill at wrobinson19@bostonclergy.org to be added to the email list.



GOLF TOURNAMENT—SIGN UP TODAY!

The 33rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 12th, at The Weston Golf Club.

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable.

The \$300 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary.

To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500, email her at kfolan@psjs.edu, or visit <https://psjs.edu/golf-tournaments>.

LIVING LENT



Pretzels & Lent

"Pretzels come in many flavors, shapes, and sizes — not unlike us. ... Have you stopped to consider they actually have a historical place in Lent?"

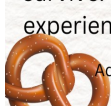


If you take a moment to look at the typical twist pretzel, you can see that it is a model of the common prayer position from the early 600s of folding your arms over each other on your chest and putting your hands on your shoulders.

Pretzels were developed as an option to satisfy abstinence and fasting laws of the time. Eggs, fat, and milk were forbidden during Lent. So, the remaining ingredients that one could use included water, flour, and salt. A young monk baked the first pretzel — making a Lenten bread of water, flour, and salt, forming the dough into the prayer position of the day and baking it as soft bread. These first pretzels would have been much like the soft pretzels we have today.

The three holes in a pretzel are also said to represent the Holy Trinity...After their invention, pretzels became a symbol of good luck, long life, and prosperity. They were commonly given to the poor and hungry.

Food has long played a role in our faith, especially during Lent. We abstain from certain foods, such as meat, and spend time fasting. This practice can provide us with a deeper religious experience by joining us with people throughout the world who struggle to survive. Fasting is an opportunity to be in solidarity with those who experience physical and spiritual hunger."



Adapted from "The Pretzel: Brought to You by Lent," by Elizabeth A. Elliott
February 28, 2018, bustedhalo.com



WISH LIST

Want to help improve the lighting at St. Theresa's and help the parish save on electricity costs at the same time? The parish recently completed an assessment through the Eversource Mass Save program to replace the lighting throughout the church with energy efficient LED lighting. 70% of the cost for the upgrades is subsidized through the program, with the parish responsible for the remaining 30%, which is approximately \$3,500. These upgrades are estimated to save St. Theresa's \$800 every year in electricity at current rates.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can send or drop a check with "Lighting Upgrade" in the memo field to the parish office. Contact Roseann@mpb-stp.org with any questions.



LENT IN OUR PARISHES



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm every Friday evening during Lent at St. Theresa



LENTEN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Throughout Lent, we invite parishioners to offer their Lenten Prayer Intentions. There are baskets at the back of both churches 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 crosses in the front of both churches.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Procession of palms at Sunday Masses

Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday

7:30pm at St. Theresa of Lisieux followed by all night eucharistic adoration in the parish hall

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

3:00pm Children's Stations of the Cross at Most Precious Blood
7:30pm Passion of the Lord at Most Precious Blood

Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil

7:30pm at St. Theresa of Lisieux

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Day

8:30am at St. Theresa of Lisieux
9:00am at Most Precious Blood
10:30am at St. Theresa of Lisieux
11:00am at Most Precious Blood



For more Lenten inspiration, visit our website, mpb-stp.org

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

The Circle of Friends invites all parishioners to contact us with private requests or knowledge of a family or individual in need of outreach of any kind, be it a cheerful note, a visit, a meal, etc.

Help us be the eyes and ears of our Collaborative so that we may care for each other.

Please email us at CircleOfFriends@mpb-stp.org.