

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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, please consider registering as a parishioner and signing up to receive our emails. You may register through our website, or fill out a card at the back of either church and drop it in the basket.

PASTOR

Fr. Bill Robinson

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 pm at St. Theresa

5:30 pm at Most Precious Blood

SUNDAY

8:45 am at Most Precious Blood

10:45 am at St. Theresa

DAILY MASS

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 am at St. Theresa

Wednesday/Friday 9:00 am at Most Precious Blood

SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

CONFESSION

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

CONFESSION & ADORATION

First Thursdays 9:30-10:00 am at St. Theresa

First Fridays 9:30-10:00 am at Most Precious Blood

WEEKLY ROSARY

Thursdays 8:30 am

before 9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

BAPTISM/FUNERAL/ANointing

Contact Roseann@mpb-stp.org

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish at least 6 months prior

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office, CircleofFriends@mpb-stp.org or Kathy Donohue at (508) 934-9366.

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MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

MASS INTENTIONS

| Most Precious Blood September 6 - September 14 | | Saint Theresa of Lisieux September 6 - September 14 | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Saturday 5:30pm | John Scott Hines | Saturday 4:00pm | Marie Demers (special intention) |
| Sunday 9:00am | John Meany | Sunday 10:30am | Fr. Bill Brown (special intention) |
| Wednesday 9:00am | For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory | Tuesday 9:00am | Bob Keller (special intention) |
| Friday 9:00am | Nancy Jean Wright | Thursday 9:00am | Marilyn Furbush |
| Saturday 5:30pm | For the people of the parish | Saturday 4:00pm | For the people of the parish |
| Sunday 8:45am | Majorie Sponsler | Sunday 10:45am | Mike Kickham |

Please pray for: Tom M, Marie K, Lisa B, Michael, Ellie, Sarah, Bob Keller, Lisa H, Noreen D, Brooke, Meghan and Christopher, Jane, Susan, Larry, Bill, John, Kevin, Katie, and Rosemary

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.



PRAYER GROUPS

The Women's Prayer Group

meets Wednesdays at 7 pm 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 or Liz Ham at lizbeh@gmail.com.

The Men's Prayer Group

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

Contact Gene Ham at hamgene50@gmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR GAZA RELIEF



"The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States." I ask that you take up this collection and send funds to CNEWA and to CRS as soon as possible."

Archbishop Broglio president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In accordance with Archbishop Henning's request, we will hold a special collection this weekend for Gaza relief. Funds will support Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services, providing food, shelter, medical care, and vital aid to families suffering in Gaza.



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

FROM THE PASTOR

Reflection:

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?"

This is the striking first line from today's reading from the Book of Wisdom — a text written about fifty years before the birth of Jesus. The Book of Wisdom offers a beautiful synthesis of Jewish theology up to that time, and prepares hearts and minds for the coming teachings of Christ. One of its purposes was to encourage those wrestling with doubts, affirming that God — and the Covenant made with Abraham — remains true and life-giving. Time and again, readers who engage deeply with this book find their faith strengthened. So even when life leaves us with questions, let us remember: God is always with us, and our faith in Jesus is the rock on which we stand.

Parish News:

We are delighted to announce the start of our new Family Rosary Group! Join us beginning Saturday, September 6. For more details, please see the flyer or visit our parish website.

-Fr. Bill

GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?

If you are 30-60, you may be surprised!

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts "First Friday Visits" where men discerning the priesthood are invited to join the Seminary community for prayer, fellowship, and dinner. These brief and informal evenings begin at 5:00 PM and conclude by 7:30 PM. .

To register, contact Msgr. William Fay at (781) 899-5500 ext. 134 or firstfriday@psjs.edu.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Boston Healthcare for the Homeless food pantry donation bins are in the back of both churches. **Our next delivery is September 9.** In addition to "meals in a bag", grocery store gift cards are always welcome!

Contact Carol Coakley at cacoakley@gmail.com or Dianne Polizzi at dij05@verizon.net.

Local Food Pantry (A Place to Turn and St. Bridget's) collection bins are located in the back of St. Theresa. Contact Joe Meaney at (508) 298-8655 with any questions.

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

**COME SEE US AT DOVER DAYS!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10 AM - 3 PM

Once again, we will have a booth at Dover Days with our own Dover-Sherborn Catholic Community staff, youth group, and other volunteers.

Bring the whole family to enjoy food, games, and fun and be sure to stop at our table to say hello, spend some time, pick up some DSCC swag and pose for photos with a special guest!

**WELCOME BACK COLLABORATIVE COOKOUT**

Saturday, September 20

5:00 pm at St. Theresa

COLLABORATIVE WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am at Most Precious Blood

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5

at Most Precious Blood

ST. THERESA 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION/FALL SOCIAL

Friday, October 17

Sherborn 1858 Townhouse

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION REMINDER

Parents,

Don't forget to register your child for Faith Formation!
Classes begin October 5. Schedules, tuition, and an online registration form may be found at <https://www.mpb-stp.org/faith-formation>.

For information on grades 1-5, contact Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org

For information on grades 6-10, contact Zach Morris at Zach@mpb-stp.org



FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Could God be calling you to pass on the Catholic faith to the children and youth of our parish?

The Faith Formation program is in need of catechists for all grades. Substitute catechists are also needed.

If you have a gift to share, please contact Graceanne Bowe, Graceanne@mpb-stp.org for grades 1-6 or Zach Morris, Zach@mpb-stp.org for grades 7-10.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS NEXT WEEKEND

Students: We would like to help mark the milestone of this new school year with a special Blessing of Backpacks at all Masses the weekend of September 13-14.

Don't forget to bring your backpacks to Mass next weekend!



FAITH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



BIBLE AND BAGELS

Our Friday morning Bible study group continues to meet on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays following the 9 am Mass at Most Precious Blood Church. Refreshments and Bibles are provided. Our next meeting is Friday, September 12.

Come & bring a friend!

Contact Fr. Bill at wrobinson19@bostonclergy.org.

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR WALLS



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL FALL CONFERENCE: "IN UNITY AND HOPE FOR THE MISSION"

SEPTEMBER 13

All are invited to the Charismatic Renewal Fall Conference with Archbishop Henning at BC High School on Sept. 13th. Two language tracks, healing service, and Vigil Mass. \$30 includes lunch.

For more information visit bit.ly/CRSFallConference2025.



Friday, September 26

6pm Reception, 7pm Dinner

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Keynote Speaker: Kayleigh McEnany,
Former White House Press Secretary
MAProLife.org/Banquet

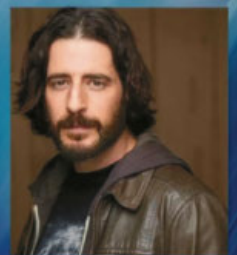
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COLLABORATIVE CALENDAR

Saturday, September 6 - 2nd Collection for Gaza Relief

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group at St. Theresa
10:00 am Family Rosary Group at MPB
3:15-3:45 pm Confessions at St. Theresa
4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa
5:30 pm Mass at Most Precious Blood



Sunday, September 7- 2nd Collection for Gaza Relief

8:45 am Mass at Most Precious Blood followed by
Coffee & Donuts
10:45 am Mass at St. Theresa followed by
Coffee & Donuts
6:00 pm HS Youth Ministry Kickoff Cookout at STP



Tuesday, September 9

9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group at STP
7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood
9:45 am Bible & Bagels at MPB

Saturday, September 13

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group at St. Theresa
10:00 - 3:00 pm Join us at Dover Days!
3:15-3:45 pm Confessions at St. Theresa
4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa with



Blessing of the Backpacks

5:30 pm Mass at Most Precious Blood with
Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 14

8:45 am Mass at Most Precious Blood with
Blessing of the Backpacks followed by
Coffee & Donuts
10:45 am Mass at St. Theresa with
Blessing of the Backpacks followed by
Coffee & Donuts



SUNDAY COFFEES NEED YOUR HELP

Our Sunday coffees are a great time to connect with fellow parishioners. Help us keep them going by volunteering to pick up the coffee and donuts on your way to Mass.

The coffee and donuts are PREORDERED AND PREPAID, so all you need to do is pick them up and bring them to the Parish Hall.

Sign up boards are located in the back of both churches or you can contact:

MPB: Jim Hennessey at jhennes@bidmc.harvard.edu

STP: Martha Chouinard at ticamar58@aol.com



ROSE HOLMES

LITURGICAL COORDINATOR

Most Precious Blood parishioner and volunteer, Rose Holmes, recently wrote about her volunteering experience.

"Last summer I saw Roseann Furbush (our Pastoral Associate) rush between parishes setting up for Mass. I asked how I could help. Roseann tasked me with opening the Church, setting up for Mass and closing the church. She gave me an easy to follow list of steps to accomplish the tasks.

Roseann gave me a gift. Getting involved meant meeting the priests - seeing them off the altar as neighbors, and chatting with other parishioners who are all wearing multiple hats covering Masses. I feel a greater connection with my faith and our collaborative as a result.

Entering the Church when it's quiet and talking with God as I set up is a powerful experience. We hear terms like "walking alongside each other" and "worshipping in community." These things matter. We strengthen each other in faith. We learn from each other. We support each other."

We encourage you to consider volunteering in our parishes. It is truly a rewarding experience! Many of our volunteer opportunities are listed in our newsletter. If you would like to volunteer as a Liturgical Coordinator, please contact Roseann Furbush at Roseann@mpb-stp.org or call her at either parish office.



THE CHOIRS AT BOTH PARISHES ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members of high school age and older. No experience is necessary, and singers of all abilities are encouraged to share their voices in worship.

At Most Precious Blood, the choir rehearses on Sundays from 8:00 - 8:45 am before Sunday Mass.

At St. Theresa Parish, the choir rehearses on Sundays from 10:00-10:45 am before Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please email our Director of Music, Anne Miller, at Annemiller@mpb-stp.org or come by the organ after Mass.



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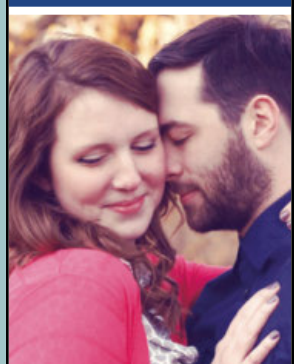


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