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Boston Latin School seeks to ground its students in a contemporary classical education in preparation for successful college studies, responsible and engaged citizenship and a rewarding life.

Community Service Spotlight

Junior Serves in Her Church and its Community

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Jessica has been a member of the Polish-American church since birth, having been baptized there, and has remained an active member since.

Two years ago, the priest asked her if she would like to become more actively involved in church services and give back to the community that has been an integral part of her life.

She started volunteering as an altar server, ringing bells during the service, bringing bread and wine to the altar and lighting candles and incense in preparation for and during masses.

Jessica said that she volunteers at the church because she “enjoys being close to the church community” and that it is rewarding because the parishioners are “nice, kind and generous.”

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