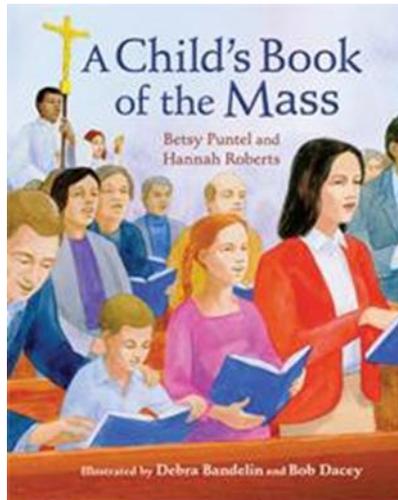


We rejoice with our friend, Betsy Puntel on the publication of her first book for children entitled, *A Child's Book of the Mass*.

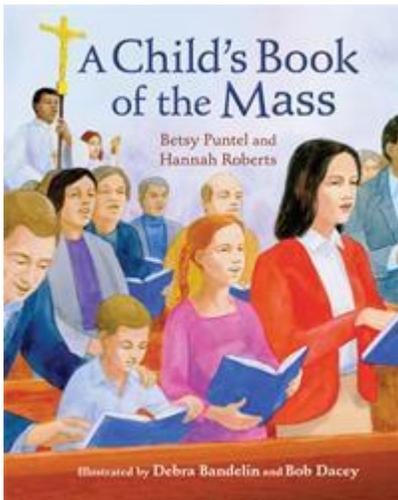


Betsy Puntel led the Level I and Level II Good Shepherd Certification courses which took place at Assumption.

Liturgical Training Publications provided the following description of Betsy and her book:

“Betsy Puntel received her BA in Religion and Religious Education from Catholic University of America. A wife, mother and grandmother, she is a certified Level I, II and III (3-12 year olds) catechist of the Good Shepherd and a formation leader in the Philadelphia area. She has worked with the Missionaries of Charity in the US, as well as Russia and the Caribbean.”

“Bringing a very young child to Mass each week initiates him or her into the rhythm and spirit of the liturgy. By introducing young children to the words, gestures, and prayers of the Mass, you can help cultivate a lifelong love of the Catholic faith. With A Child’s Book of the Mass, parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers and catechists can guide young children through each moment of the liturgy, helping them identify the various elements of our liturgical celebration. Accompanied by vibrant, life-like illustrations, this beautiful book will teach children about the celebration at the heart of our faith, encouraging them to watch, listen, and sing along as active members of their faith community.”



A Child's Book of the Mass

Betsy Puntel and Hannah Roberts

One of the best liturgical-catechetical Mass books for young children. The writers have done an exceptional job of presenting the rituals of the Mass in a way that will engage children and enable them to reflect at their own level on the meaning of the parts of the Mass. Also throughout the text, children are presented with questions that will draw them into participation in the Mass and help them develop a Eucharistic spirituality.

Hardcover, 6 3/4 x 8 1/2, 64 pages

"This little book is a treasure for young children and their parents. The celebration of Mass unfolds in a simple and engaging way, to deepen faith and shape understanding, to provide for greater participation and to behold God's love for us in Jesus. Betsy Puntel and Hannah Roberts, with A Child's Book of the Mass, place in the hands of parents an excellent guide to give their children a lasting love for the Sunday Eucharist."

-Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Director, Office for Divine Worship
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

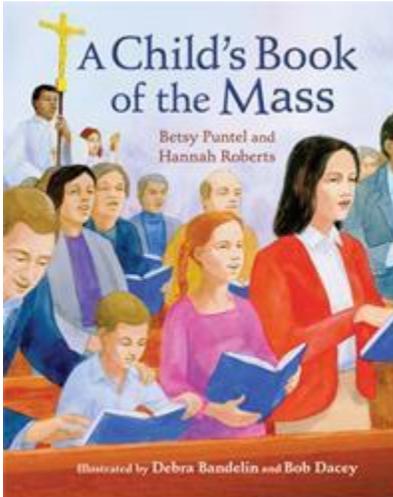
"A Child's Book of the Mass is the sort of at home catechesis that helps parents assume the responsibility they accepted at their children's Baptism. It is clearly written and well illustrated. The questions given for the children are well designed to invite and encourage their participation and also give them a sense of accomplished learning. The language is not childish and communicates a sense of the seriousness of the topic. It's the sort of book that one could imagine becoming part of a child's Saturday night bedtime."

-Andrew D. Ciferni, O.Praem.
Center for Norbertine Studies
St. Norbert College
978-1-61671-179-5

Text Language: English **Price:** \$14.95 *

Copies of this book may be ordered directly from LTP.

Members of the Good Shepherd Community at Assumption review
A Child's Book of the Mass



“This is already what I do at Mass. This is a good book.”

Mariel, Age 8, Level II Year 2 Good Shepherd

“It was good but they said the ‘A’ word.”

Sean, Age 9, Level II Year 3 Good Shepherd.

(He means the “A” word we joyfully proclaim in church before the Gospel but have put away for Lent.)

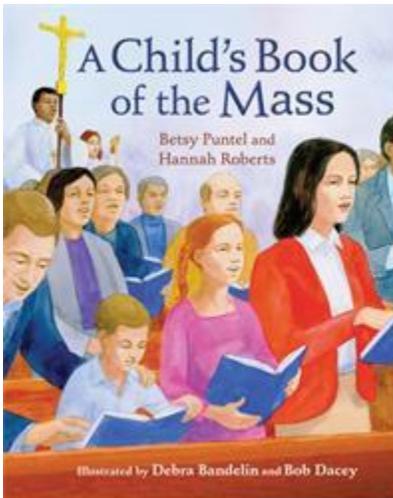
“The book was great and I knew what it was talking about and what to do.”

Casey, Age 9, Level II Year 3 Good Shepherd

In the Thursday, Level II session, Jane and Alex were so moved by the page on “The Mystery of Faith” that they said, *“Ms. Tara, we need to stop so we can write down these words.”*

“This book is beautifully written and may be read for, with, or by children of many ages and abilities. I love it! It would make a wonderful addition to every Good Shepherd Family’s library.”

Tara, Age ?, Level I, II, III Good Shepherd



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continue to review *A Child's Book of the Mass*
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*"I love this book because it asks you questions that little kids can
answer. It also helps everyone learn about the church.*

Note: I think the pictures are really nice pictures."

Michael, Age 9, Level II Year 3 Good Shepherd

*"A wonderfully illustrated book for early readers. Every young
child should have a copy, to deepen the understanding of Mass and
our faith."*

Nicole Barone, Age ?, Level I Good Shepherd