

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Pastor.....Rev. Timothy Koester

Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. John Kwiecien

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson
Rev. Johnson Machado

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
Deacon Neal Linnan -- Deacon Stephen Schumer

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MPB Parish Staff

Pastoral Care.....Elizabeth Emhof (716-262-4782)

Trustees.....Elizabeth Duzen & Conrad F. Piskorz

Business Manager.....Mary Lou McEvoy

RCIA.....Marie O'Connor (716-549-1818)

Faith Formation.....(716-549-1818)

Liturgy Ministries Coordinator.....Corinne Best

Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana

Sacristan.....Diann Hosler

Parish Council Chair.....John Latimore

MPB Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Friday.....9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:4:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday:.....8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: During weekend Masses. Parents must be practicing Catholics and attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. Call the rectory office to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Call the rectory office.

Reconciliation (Confessions): Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. or by appointment, in the Chapel.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage must make an appointment to meet personally with the Pastor before a definite wedding date may be scheduled. Church arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding. No wedding date will be scheduled over the phone.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill is invited to contact the rectory to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Parish Devotions

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Wednesdays: 1:00–2:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions and Benediction: 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Letters of Recommendation: Registered parishioners in good standing for a minimum of 3 months and active, who are confirmed, and if married, did so in accordance with the Church's regulations, will be issued letters on request. One week prior notice is required.

New Parishioners: We welcome you warmly. Please register at the rectory office as soon as you arrive



Saturday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Patty Latimore - req. Family

Sunday, January 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mark A. Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat

Monday, January 29

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

8:00 AM- Earl Spinner - req. Granddaughter Michelle
Marie Balon

Friday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM - Kenny Croscutt - req. Mom

Saturday, February 3 - St. Blaise

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mel Galfo - req. Karen & Spencer

Sunday, February 4 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Frank & Josephine Ciccarella -req. Arlene &
Karen

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish.

When a weekend Mass is celebrated in the intention of a loved one, please inform one of the ushers that you would like to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

PSALM 95

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

MARK 1:21-28



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

PSALM 147

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

MARK 1:29-39

Parish Council

Members of Most Precious Blood's Parish Council will meet Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

A Message from the Pastor

The King's Authority



Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples who chose to follow Him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion -- asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan.

Notice that today's events take place on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was to be an everlasting sign, both of God's covenant love for His creation, and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery. On this Sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation: that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

"With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons. The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment. And as God by His Word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world, and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus, Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons.

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading. Though He has authority over heaven and earth, He becomes one of our own kinsmen. He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos, not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Second Reading.

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of His authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through His words, which are manifested with power in his deeds.

Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which He healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



Pray For the Healing of the Sick

Patricia Jasinski, Diane Cooke, Eugene Frometa, Jane Granville, Pauline Landes, Karen Schiavone, Vigo Meyer, Linda Muscato, Anthony Genovese, Fran Downey, Dorothy Genovese, Lucille Zoda Galfo, Joseph Schiavone, Marlene Petrie, Antoinette Pinter, Kim Borkowski, Anna Geidel, John Yerney, Mary Ann Hartzell, Evelyn Paradiso, Carol Penski, Joyce Prisco, Karen Young.

MPB Split Club

Tickets for the next Split Club season are now on sale. Letters were sent last week to current club members. Please renew your membership before February 12.

A limited number of tickets will be available for new members. They may be purchased at MPB's rectory office or by calling 716-549-0420.

Weekly drawings of \$75 begin February 18 and the final drawings for \$4,200 take place June 8. Only 260 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$60.

MPB Bible Study -- 'The Turning Point'

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. It takes place Wednesdays from January 24 through March 27. Participants have the choice of one of two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$15.

The study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John not found anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. It includes stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, those in the study will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform one's everyday life.

**MPB Bible Study: The Turning Point
Registration**

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mark to indicate your preference of time.

Wed., 10:00 a.m. Wed., 7:00 p.m.

\$15 enclosed: Check # _____ Cash _____

Place this form in an envelope and drop it in the collection at a weekend Mass or mail to:

**Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St.,
Angola NY 14006**



Road to Renewal Update

As February approaches, we are readying for the beginning of Lent. Our family of parishes have released our schedule for Lent. This includes Masses for Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Week. Flyers will be hung in your church vestibule and made available on our websites. In the coming week, we are looking to launch our family of parishes' website. This will be a central location for information for the entire family. Each parish will have its own webpage on our family website with specific parish information such as bulletins and faith formation programs.

To accompany our family website, we are looking at a family app, which would be available for free download on either Android or iOS devices. This mobile friendly version of our website will allow a communication outlet for us to send pressing information. This will enhance the text and Email information we already send out.

Since this is my first opportunity to address all of you since the winter storm, thank you for your understanding and prudence. We tried to keep everyone in mind. I would like to remind you that at the moment we are following the same notification process as in the past, so look for your parish's name on channels 2,4,7 and Spectrum.

You can also check our websites for weather related closings, and we will continue to push out information to those who have signed up for it. This is the best way to get information when we experience bad weather. Please continue to look out for one another.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Updating Contact Information

To enable MPB's office staff to reach you with emergency messaging, please use the form below to update your contact information.

MPB Contact Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please mail this completed form to MPB or drop it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass.

MPB CALENDAR

Saturday, January 27

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 28

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)
 7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Tuesday, January 30

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

Wednesday, January 31

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study: Annex
 1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel
 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study: Annex

Friday, February 2

8:30 a.m. - First Friday Devotions: Chapel

Saturday, February 3

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

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Monday, February 5

7:00 p.m. - Parish Council: Annex

Ash Wednesday Masses

The following is a schedule of Masses on Ash Wednesday (February 14) in the parishes of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community:

- 8:00 a.m. -- Saint Francis & Most Precious Blood
- 8:30 a.m. -- Saint John Paul II
- 12:00 p.m. -- Saint Mary of the Lake
- 7:00 p.m. -- Saint John Paul II & Saint Anthony

Report of Contributions

To receive a report of your year's contribution to MPB for tax preparation, fill out the form below. You may place it in an envelope and deposit in the weekend collection basket or mail it to Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006

Please send a Statement of Contributions For the Year 2023 to:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

STEWARDSHIP

1/14/24

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$1,978.00
 ACH.....\$360.00

1/21/24

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,594.00
 ACH.....\$360.00

Thank you for your support.



Operation Storm Heaven

The recitation of the Rosary will take place Monday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Church of St. John Paul II.

The next Rosary date is Monday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Church of St. John Paul II.

St. Pauly Textile, Inc. Sends Thanks

(The following letter was sent to MPB Parish)

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year

- 61,045 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2023.
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 11,245 people all over the world.
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$2,442.

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,
 The Team at
 St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

Route Five Can & Bottle Return Summary

MPB Parish is in receipt of \$223.50 from Route Five Can & Bottle Return, based on the bulk of cans and bottles returned by parishioners during the year.

Those making the returns named the parish, enabling it to be eligible for the funds.

February 3 & 4	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, N. Preischel Volunteer	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	K. Wells, L. Feider, K. Young	J. Sedor