

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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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: immediately after morning Mass.

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, February 10

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Donald Mogavero, Sr.- req. Dorothy & Tony
Genovese

Sunday, February 11- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Bernard & Mary Shanahan - req. Family

Monday, February 12

8:00 AM - Eleanor Kaczmarczyk - req. Daughter

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 AM - Alphonso & Joan Butlak - req. Family

Friday, February 16

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Saturday, February 17

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM - Tricia Galfo - req. Husband Tom

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Kathie & Jim
Ketterer

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, FEBRUARY 11

LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

PSALM 32

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31--11:1

MARK 1:40-45



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

GENESIS 9:8-15

PSALM 25

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15

Parish Breakfast

A Parish Breakfast will take place in the Hall following the February 11 Sunday Mass.

Change in Holy Hour Schedule

Effective February 14 (Ash Wednesday), MPB's "Holy Hour" will be changed from "1:00 p.m." to "immediately following morning Mass." It will last for one hour.

A Message from the Pastor

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Cleansed in His Love*

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community.

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands. Considered "unclean" - unfit to worship or live with the Israelites - lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading - rent garments, shaven head, covered beard - are signs of death, penance, and mourning.

When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel. Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet: He is God visiting His people. Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin, and only God has the power to bring about what He wills.

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand as God and by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word "Be made clean." And, like God's word in creation "Let there be," Jesus' word "does" what He commands.

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved. We live His love in our world today.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

A Vocation View

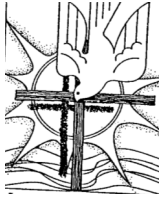
Today St. Paul tells us to "do everything for the glory of God." Most people serve God with their leisure time. Some are called to a full-time life of service to God, Church and neighbor. If you feel that calling, contact Fr. Dave Baker at buffalovocations.org or call 716-847-5535 .



Pray For the Healing of the Sick

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is ordered to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery, both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism, do penance. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but not excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper. From the beginning of Lent until the Paschal Vigil, the Alleluia is not said or sung.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season (First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday), unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 18, 2024 (First Sunday of Lent) and May 26, 2024 (Trinity Sunday).

MPB Split Club

Tickets for the next Split Club season are now on sale. Letters already have been sent to current club members. Renewals are due now.

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.



Road to Renewal Update

Today is the 32nd World Day of the Sick, an observance introduced by Pope Saint John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

As our family of faith continues to grow, our responsibility to care for each other increases. As the people around you in the pew on Sunday morning might look different, we never know what someone is struggling with or suffering from. A uniting practice is to offer a simple prayer for those to your left and right, in front and behind during Mass. We have been hearing the past few weeks about God's love, and how we are that expression of Love today. Please make a conscious effort to be the face of Christ to everyone we encounter, that through us, the Holy Spirit will work to help those suffering.

As you have seen by now, Lent and Holy Week look a little different from what may have been the previous practice in each parish. We as a Family will have a complete Triduum celebration through our members gathered:

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, will be held at Saint John Paul II. Good Friday, the Lord's Passion, will be celebrated at Saint Mary of the Lake and Most Precious Blood. Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, will be celebrated at Saint Francis and Saint Anthony. Each parish will have Masses on Easter Sunday.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. However, chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. I encourage all to join us each day of the Triduum. But don't forget our Great Season of Repentance and Reconciliation! Embrace LENT.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will take place Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Columba/Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo.

MPB CALENDAR

Saturday, February 10

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m. - Holy Name Society: Hall

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Parish Breakfast: Hall

9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. - Mass (Ash Wednesday)

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study: Annex

1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study: Annex

Saturday, February 10

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Lenten Season Food/Paper Drive

MPB's drive to collect food, paper goods and personal care items to restock shelves at Operation Good Neighbor (OGN) will begin February 14 and end March 31. Goods turned over to OGN will be distributed to Town of Evans families in need.

Acceptable items are dry and canned foods only (e.g. soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables). Baby food and diapers are also in great demand. Examples of personal care items are Kleenex, paper towels, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and bathroom tissue.

Please leave items in the red container at the Chapel entrance or call 716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703 for pick-up.

Report of Contributions

To receive a report of your year's contribution to MPB for tax preparation, fill out the form below. Place it in an envelope and drop it 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

2/4/24

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,187.00
ACH.....\$1,838.00
Parish Maintenance.....\$942.00

Thank you for your support.

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. -- Most Precious Blood & Saint Francis
- 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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
IN THE FAMILY OF PARISHES**

The celebration of the Stations of the Cross will take place in all of the parishes of the Family during Lent.

- St. Francis* - Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Lake* - Fridays at 12:00 p.m.
- St. John Paul II* - Fridays at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Most Precious Blood* - Fridays at 5:00 p.m.
- St. Anthony's* - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

A LENTEN REFLECTION

Join Fr. Timothy Koester, Pastor, as he reflects on the Family's journey. You are invited to attend all five sessions, as each is unique. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church:

February 20 - *Most Precious Blood*; February 27 - *St. Francis*; March 5 - *St. Anthony*; March 12 - *St. Mary of the Lake*; March 19 - *St. John Paul II*.

Mission 2024

All are invited to register for the 2024 Mission at St. John Paul II, a seven-day Lenten retreat that takes place March 3-9. Each session features a speaker, discussion groups, music, a liturgical service and fellowship. Register online at:

<https://www.jp2parish.org/mission-2024.html>

February 17 & 18	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, F. Dybdahl J. Sack	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	S. Vail, L. Feider, J. Barone	J. Sedor