

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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PARISH STAFF

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday and 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 5:00-6:00 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* : Tuesdays: 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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30 - St. Andrew, apostle

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

**Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Monday, January 1 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM - David Sennessey - req. Sister Vern

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 AM - Kathleen Connors - req. Family

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neuman, bishop

8:00 AM - Terri Stoessel - req. Latimore Family

Saturday, January 6

4:00 PM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Marsha
Kistowski

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM - Army Veteran Tomasz Olejniczak - req.
Parents & Sisters

*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, DECEMBER 31

GENESIS 15:1-6; 21:1-3

PSALM 128

HEBREWS 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

LUKE 2:22-40



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALM 72

EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

New Hours for Parish Office

The Rectory Office now has the following hours:

Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A Message from the Pastor

Feast of the Holy Family: Our True Home



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church. In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved."

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose. The Temple is God's house, His dwelling. But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church.

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son."

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.

Catholic Charities

Haven't seen the documentary "A Century of HOPE: Catholic Charities of Buffalo 1923-2023" yet?

Several screenings are planned for the new year of the video that highlights Catholic Charities history, story and unique contributions to the community.

Catch the full documentary on Friday, January 12 at 8 p.m. on WBBZ-TV; Saturday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. on WUTV-TV; and Monday, January 15 at 12:30 p.m. on WGRZ-TV. It is also available at: <https://www.youtube.com/ccbuffalo>.

Operation Storm Heaven



The recitation of the Rosary will take place Monday, January 1 in the main church of St. John Paul II immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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

Diocese to Celebrate Anniversaries

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Church will honor couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass Sunday, February 11 at St. Joseph Cathedral. During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2024 and would like to be in attendance at this Mass, please register with the Parish Office by Friday, January 12.

January 6 & 7	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl N. Preischel, Volunteer	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	K. Wells, L. Feider, J. Dillon, K. Young	J. Sedor

Road to Renewal Update



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In his 2009 Angelus address on this very feast, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The first witnesses of Christ's birth, the shepherds, found themselves not only before the Infant Jesus but also a small family: mother, father and newborn son. God had chosen to reveal himself by being born into a human family and the human family thus became an icon of God! God is the Trinity, he is a communion of love. So is the family despite the differences that exist between the Mystery of God and his human creature, an expression that reflects the unfathomable Mystery of God as Love.

In marriage the man and the woman, created in God's image, become "one flesh," that is a communion of love that generates new life. The human family, in another sense, is an icon of the Trinity because of its interpersonal love and the fruitfulness of this love. We have seen an attack in recent years on the family nucleus. Families have been torn apart by war, sin, and a misconstrued portrayal in the modern culture of what the family is all about. Let us pray that the love manifested in the manger in Bethlehem is carried in the hearts of all Christian families.

Beginning January 8, our family will begin to follow our new devotional schedule. Some of the changes made were to address the changes made in the Mass schedule and office hours. Other changes were made to foster a deeper spiritual environment for all of us to enjoy and grow in holiness. Please take some time to visit your parish website for a deeper understanding and complete list of devotionals offered in our family.

Two weeks ago, our family Pastoral Council met to discuss our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter schedules. Although we have not finalized these decisions, they will be released as soon as possible. Next week, the staff from our Faith Formation programs will gather to discuss our going forward in the family. We look forward to discussing the path to help us catechize our youth and young adults.

May God continue to watch over our families and our family of parishes and lead us to the eternal home he has prepared for us. Looking forward to our growth in the Lord. Happy New Year!

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

MPB CALENDAR

Saturday, December 30

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
No Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 2

1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel
5:00 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

Friday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 7

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



12/24/23

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,330.00
ACH.....\$335.00

12/25/23 - Christmas

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$4,040.50
ACH..... \$170.00

Thank you for your support.

Family Event at OLV Basilica

“Kids Night Under the Dome” will take place at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica (767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna) Saturday, January 6 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to take their children to experience the beauty of the dome and the Basilica.

It is suggested that you bring a blanket or sleeping bag and wear comfortable clothes or pajamas to lie on the floor as you view the dome.

You will also see the story of the Magi come to life and experience the amazing St. John’s Bible up close.

This free family event will also feature activities for the children, pizza, snacks and hot chocolate.

St. John’s Bible at OLV National Shrine

The Heritage Edition of the St. John’s Bible, a one-of-a-kind exhibit, is on display at OLV National Shrine and Basilica through January 7. All are welcome to visit the Basilica to view and be inspired by this artistic masterpiece. For more information and special programming, visit www.olvbasilica.org/bible.

Consider ACH Direct Payment

ACH is a process for automatic donations to be made from your checking or savings account to Most Precious Blood Church on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. If interested in the ACH payment, please fill out the form below and mail it to MPB Rectory Office, 22 Prospect , NY 14006.

- ACH Direct Payment ensures that contributions are received, even if you are ill, on vacation or traveling.
- ACH Direct Payment saves the time you spend writing checks, and will save the postage expense of mailing payments.

Please mail ACH information to:

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

ACH Form is also available on MPB’s website: <http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm>

Place this completed form in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail to: Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006.

A Vocation View

The Holy Family - Jesus, Joseph and Mary - always supported each other in doing God’s will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God’s children, we must help each other follow God’s will. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or to visit buffalovocations.org.

First Friday Devotions

First Friday Devotions and Benediction at MPB will take place January 5 in the Chapel from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00. a.m.

