

# Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Parish Motto:**

*Let us do little things with great love.*



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Rev. Johnson Machado

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

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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 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

**Monday, February 19**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

**Wednesday, February 21- St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM - Baldo & Veronica Eutize - req. Rita

**Friday, February 23**

8:00 AM -Xzavlar Scott Clark - req. Jeff Clark & Family

**Saturday, February 24**

**Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM - Joyce "Tootsie" Tomaka - req. Christine Burgin

**Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM - John Sack - req. Family

*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 18

**GENESIS** 9:8-15

**PSALM** 25

**1 PETER** 3:18-22

**MARK** 1:12-15

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**GENESIS** 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

**PSALM** 116

**ROMANS** 8:31b-34

**MARK** 9:2-10

### **A Vocation View**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, visit [buffalovocation.org](http://buffalovocation.org) or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 - 847 -5535.

## **A Message from the Pastor**

*First Sunday of Lent: The New Creation*

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This year we read Mark's account of this event. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit.

Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Second Reading. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam, the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness, a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness. We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior, the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows to repent and believe the gospel, to Renew our relationship with God.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

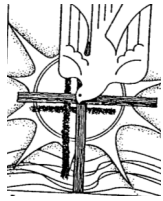
### **-- A Lenten Reflection --**

Tuesday, February 20 -- Most Precious Blood  
6:00 p.m. -- in the Church



**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**

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).

**St. Patrick Day Party at MPB**

MPB's St Patrick Day Party will take place Sunday, March 3 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



A corned beef dinner or a Reuben sandwich will be served with desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks. A cash bar will also be available.

Live entertainment will consist of music by the Panfil Brothers and a performance by the Rince na Tiarna Irish Dancers. Ticket donations are \$25 and tables of eight or more may be reserved. For tickets or more information, call the Parish Office at 716-549-0420.



**Road to Renewal Update**

As we begin our journey through Lent, it offers us a great opportunity for a time of reflection, a time to look at ourselves to see how we can better serve God and live out His commandments.

I have tried to express how I struggle with the new structure we find ourselves developing. Most difficult for me is not interacting directly with the flock every week. I personally have been looking at myself and trying to see more clearly what God is calling me to now. I've discovered a major part of my development is a story that only a few might comprehend or even want to hear. So for five nights in Lent I would like to share what I have often called "war stories," some of the things I have actually experienced, and reflect on how I see them active in my life and thus in those around me today.

I will be hosting one session at each of our five parishes beginning February 20 and ending with my buddy, St. Joseph's Day, March 19. The sessions will be on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the respective churches. If it's for you, I hope you will be able to join me for all five sessions.

If it hasn't been clear, we are in the midst of a Eucharistic Renewal. Some had the opportunity last year to go to the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville, NY for the state gathering. This summer the National Gathering will be in Indianapolis, IN. Over the last year and a half we were invited to send people to training sessions in the Diocese to help form a time of local reflection on the Eucharist. By the end of this week, all five of our parishes will have formed their Life in the Eucharist committees.

This five-session retreat will run for five Wednesdays in May. Each parish in our family will host one of the sessions. This will offer the opportunity for each parish to showcase itself and make the evening unique to the gifts and talents of that community. I encourage you to put these five dates on your calendar and join us for what will be a great encounter with Jesus, present to us in the most Blessed Sacrament.

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 17**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, February 18**

7:30 a.m. - Rosary prior to Mass

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

No Faith Formation

8:30 a.m. - Rosary & Altar Society Coffee Hour

**Tuesday, February 20**

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - A Lenten Reflection - Fr. Tim - Church

**Wednesday, February 21**

Following 8:00 Mass - Holy Hour - Chapel

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

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

**Friday, February 23**

5:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 24**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, February 25**

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

No Faith Formation

**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.

**St. Francis HS to Present 'Mamma Mia'**

This year's musical production at St. Francis High School is *Mamma Mia*. It will be presented March 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. and March 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 each and are available online at [www.stfranchishigh.org](http://www.stfranchishigh.org) or through the main office of the school (716-627-1200). All seats are reserved. Visit or call early for the best selection.



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The Church in Central & Eastern Europe.....\$136.00

**Thank you for your support.**



**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>

**Honors at St. Francis HS**

St Francis High School reports that sophomore **Patrick Pinto**, from MPB Parish, has received First Honors during the second quarter of the 2023-2024 academic year. First Honors represents a grade point average of between 95 and 100+ and all grades passing.

February 24 & 25	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, N. Preischel	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	K. Young, L. Feider, S. Vail,	D. Gelencser