

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson
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Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
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MPB Parish Staff

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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, March 23

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00 PM - Anna Perez - req. Family

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM- Tony & Pauline Emhof - Emhof Family

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

3:00 PM - The Passion of the Lord (No Mass)

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

No Mass at MPB

8:30 PM - Easter Vigil at St. Francis & St. Anthony

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

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, MARCH 24

MARK 11:1-10

ISAIAH 50:4-7

PSALM 22

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

MARK 14:1 -- 15:47



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43

PSALM 118

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

JOHN 20:1-9

A Vocation View

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can change in an instant. We instead follow the consistent direction of Almighty God. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



A Message from the Pastor

Passion Sunday: Darkness at Noon

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum; three days that are the highlight of the Church year. During the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry.

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel, mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves: He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us. He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today's Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips.

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today's Gospel. As Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord's tormentors? Don't we often deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we're reminded in today's Second Reading. Despite our repeated failures, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn't of this world. He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. We take up the cross He gives us and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God. We prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed to us as God's Son.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



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, Angela Jones, David Skoczylas, Doreen Miller, Mary Ann Barrett.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy with Adoration, a sung Chaplet and solemn Benediction April 7 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone from the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community is invited to participate and benefit from God’s Grace.

First Reconciliation at SMOL

The following members of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation March 13 at St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Camden Andros, Alana Augustyn, Brooklyn Bemis, Harper Bonczar, Everett Brostko, Mason Burke, Dominic Chieffo, Mason Connelly, Zoe Dietz, Avery Duszkiwicz, Reese Erickson, Jayden Fick, William Fierle, Rebekah Gerace, Steven Hiltz, Grayson Hoinski, Madeline Lawless, Autumn Mahoney,

Emma Manassa, Jaxson Marranta, Augustina McCormick, Charlie Michaud, Aubrey Opala, Patrick Osuch, Claire Owens, Sophia Pellicano, Sienna Perno, Penelope Poorbaugh, Eleanor Prunoske, Vincent Siconolfi, Tanner Smith, Francis Sterlace, Benjamin Timm, Riley Trayhan, Brooklyn Trifilo, Gabriella Turolfo, Samuel Wagner and Khloe Wasiewicz.

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club’s fifth drawing (week of March 17) is **Kathleen Garrigan** with ticket # 186.

2024 Split Club tickets are still available for purchase at the Rectory Office. The price of each ticket is \$60. Split Club members are eligible for 16 weekly drawings of \$75 each.

Week’s Closing of Offices

All Parish Offices of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community will be closed for the week following Easter, from Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5.

In case of an emergency, leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Road to Renewal Update

Palms have a rich history. It was a customary practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king by placing palm branches on the ground for him to walk or ride on. Today we commemorate the entrance of the King of Kings into Jerusalem with palm branches. Palms have also been recognized as a symbol of peace, victory, and eternal life.

Remember what they stand for: we now share in the peace, victory, and eternal life through Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. May this promise and hope be at the forefront of our heart as we journey through the renewal together, especially through Holy Week. This year we have been given a chance to experience the Passion of Jesus more intimately and to do it as an expanding community. Jesus’ promise remains.

We have been caught up in trying to maintain our functioning as parishes and forming our working as a unified family. In fact, the “Family Pastoral Council” met this past week and sent our next steps to the clergy team for review and collaboration. This process is trying to balance our desires, the Universal Church directives, the local Church guidelines and the expectations and restrictions coming from the Chapter 11 and Litigation Process.

I have been very careful not to get too far ahead, because rumor and sometimes deceptive reports have abounded. There is a place for a final inclusion, but we need to be carefully prepared to help with expectations and reality.

Please remember there are many voices and strong personal beliefs and feelings, but our goal is to open our hearts and minds to the voice of the Holy Spirit, an extension of that promise from our Lord. In today’s feast we laid down palms for Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, but in essence it was for His Passion and Resurrection. Place your palms before the Lord. Let’s keep working together and please do pray for one another and the process.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Catholic Charities

HOPE when you are troubled. Dominic was ready to give up. “I had lost my job, had no relationships with anyone and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn’t see a future for me,” he said. When he came to Catholic Charities, however, he discovered hope. “For the first time, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn’t been for them, I don’t know where I’d be today.”

Your gift to **Appeal 2024** helps ensure that people like Dominic get help when they need it the most. Give today at www.cwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

MPB Calendar

Saturday, March 23
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 24
8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday)
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

Tuesday, March 26
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, March 27
Following 8:00 Mass - Holy Hour - Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study - Annex
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Annex

Thursday, March 28
8:00 p.m. - Altar of Repose - until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29
3:00 p.m. - Passion of the Lord - Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31
8:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection
No Faith Formation



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Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,721.00
ACH.....\$360.00
Easter Flowers.....\$444.00

Thank you for your support.



Lenten Rice Bowl

During Lent, MPB is taking part in the Rice Bowl Project. Bowls have been placed at all entrances of the church.

Please consider putting into the bowl whatever loose change you may have. At the end of Lent, whatever has been donated will be turned over to support the works of Operation Good Neighbor, St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies of Charity.



'Hockey Night' at SJP2



The Holy Name Society of St. John Paul II Parish will host "Hockey Night" Thursday April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church's Community Room. Guest speakers are Fr. Paul Sabo and Executive Director Bill Schuster.

All men (21+) are welcome and requested to invite a friend. Also included in the evening's highlight are fellowship, pizza, snacks and beverages.

Summer Camps at St. Francis HS

A program for boys entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2024 is being offered at St. Francis High School. Included are such inter-active activities as a movie-making workshop, robotics, E-sports and more.

Multiple sports camps for various grade levels also will be available for young athletes to learn the basics.

For more information, call 716-627-1200 ext. 455 or email admission@stfrancishigh.org.

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) continues until March 31. 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. Leave items in the red container at the Chapel entrance or call 716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703 for pick-up.

-- Holy Week --

Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Holy Thursday - (March 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
St. John Paul II

Altar of Repose - until 10:00 p.m.
St. Mary of the Lake, St. John Paul II,
Most Precious Blood

Good Friday - (March 29)

Stations of the Cross - 8:30 a.m. - St John Paul II

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. - St. Francis

Good Friday Services - 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake and Most Precious Blood

Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m. - St. Francis

Holy Saturday - (March 30)

Basket Blessing

10:00 a.m. - St. John Paul II (SCS Gym)

12:00 p.m. - St. Francis (Social Center)

1:00 p.m. - St. Anthony (Parish Hall)

Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. - St. Francis and St. Anthony

Easter Sunday - (March 31)

8:00 a.m. - Most Precious Blood

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - St. Francis

9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. St. John Paul II

10:30 a.m. - St. Anthony

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Lake