

# Most Precious Blood

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the *Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community*

Website: [Lakeshorecatholicfc.org](http://Lakeshorecatholicfc.org)

*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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 20

#### Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Alphonso Butlak, Jr. - req. Family

### Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Living/Deceased of Rosary-Altar Society,  
especially Frances Pinto

### Monday, April 22

8:00 AM - William Barrett - req. Wife

### Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

### Friday, April 26

8:00 AM - Joann Litzinger - req. Carl Militello

### Saturday, April 27

#### Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Frank & Josephine Newland - req. Rita

### Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Deceased Members of Vollmar & Fraser  
Families - Estate

*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, APRIL 21

ACTS 4:8-12

PSALM 118

1 JOHN 3:1-2

JOHN 10:11-18



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28

ACTS 9:26-31

PSALM 22

1 JOHN 3:18-24

JOHN 15:1-8

### A Vocation View

#### *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst.

If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### A Message from the Pastor

*Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Shepherd's Voice*



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. Today we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we have a role.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood. His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church. Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church.

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. In today's Second Reading, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them. Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures.

In this Easter Season, we are His Shepherding, we should vow again to be more faithful followers. We reach out to share His Love and Compassion for all. So let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar, and the Eucharist we are called to be. Choicest Blessings.

*Fr. Tim*

*Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once said, "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease" (Dominicae Cenae #3).*



### 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.

### Life in the Eucharist

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and work of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (CCC 1324)

As Catholics, we draw our strength and nourishment from the Eucharist Jesus made present to us every time we attend Holy Mass or Eucharistic Adoration.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to a five-session retreat, *Life in the Eucharist*. Attend one session for five consecutive weeks to learn more about the Eucharist and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with it. Registration forms can be found on the family website [lakeshorecatholicfc.org](http://lakeshorecatholicfc.org) or in the church vestibule. Please return the form to the parish office via mail or collection basket. Each session begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Please note the schedule and place of each session: May 1 - St. Francis; May 8 - St. Mary of the Lake; May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Anthony.

### Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's ninth drawing (week of April 14) is **Sandy Pietrzak** with ticket # 182.

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 weekly drawings of \$75 each.

### Spring Cleanup at Cemetery

The spring cleanup at Holy Cross Cemetery will take place from April 28 until May 15. Please remove items of value from the grave sites. As part of the cleanup, all remaining winter decorations will be discarded.

### Road to Renewal

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (CCC 1324)

As we prepare to celebrate Life in the Eucharist as the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community this May, I encourage you to reflect upon the Holy Eucharist. Is the Eucharist my source and summit? Have I done everything I can to show my love for the Eucharist to family, friends, and others?

I have been told that I have not been clear: Pillar Groups are the model we are using for the Road to Renewal to help include as many parishioners' ideas and suggestions, and to invite some new parishioners who may not have been involved in past programs an opportunity to contribute. The Parish Pillars were asked to meet as representatives of the Parish they belong to, compile a listing of what our Parish is doing and what we would like to do. This information would be shared with the Parish Council and the Family Pillar Groups of the same category.

The Family Pillar Groups are restricted to two representatives from a Parish and are to be able to represent all Parishes because their purpose is to compile the lists of what we have going on in the Family and to help us recognize duplication and conflicts and suggest ways to go forward as a Family. We submitted an initial Action Plan and now should be updating with new information or thoughts that we missed or come forward and caught up with from our Parish Pillars. This then ultimately leads to a five year plan.

The Family Pillars information goes to the Family Council who reviews and considers the topside instructions and expectations, i.e. Church Law, Diocesan Policy, Renew “suggestions,” Diocesan Office Directives, State and Federal Law and Court directives. The clergy meets to review and makes the recommendations that I have signed off on.

Let us entrust our work and decision making to the Eucharistic heart of our Blessed Lord, who never abandons us, who never closes the door to His heart. Let's not close the door of our heart to Him.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

### Catholic Women's Conference

*Be Still*, a Catholic Women's Conference, takes place Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, 845 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. The day includes breakfast, Vigil Mass, national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, vendors.

Go to [www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org](http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org), email [catholic-womenbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:catholic-womenbuffalo@gmail.com) or call 716-725-9551 for more.

**MPB Calendar**

**Saturday, April 20**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass  
 5:00 p.m. - Pork Chop Dinner - Hall

**Sunday, April 21**

7:30 a.m. - Rosary - prior to Mass  
 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
 8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Altar Coffee Hour - Hall  
 9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall  
 7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

**Tuesday, April 23**

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

**Saturday, April 27**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 28**

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

**Catholic Charities' MST Program**

Do you know of a young person (12-17 years) who is displaying chronic negative behavior such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Perhaps the parents would appreciate information about Catholic Charities Multisystems Therapy Program (MST) in Erie County.

MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program facilitated in the youth's natural environment, including the home. For more information, call 716-207-7472.

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2024** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Basketball Camps at Hilbert College**

Dates for Hilbert College's Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camps have been announced.

- The Boys Traditional Resident (Session 1) is June 30 - July 4. A 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - commuter option is available. Weeklong Day Camp (Session 2) - July 15-19 - (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.).
- Girls Resident (Session 1) - July 7 - 11 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Girls Day Camp (Session 2) - July 22-26 (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.). Also (Session 3) 1-day Girls Elite Camp - Sunday, August 4.

Visit <https://discover.hilbert.edu/summer-camps/> to register or to view a brochure and select Basketball Camps under the Athletic Camps section.



**4/14/24**

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,526.00  
 ACH.....\$360.00

**Thank you for your support.**

**Meat Raffle May 4**

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will host its Annual Spring Meat Raffle Saturday, May 4 in the Social Center, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. Meat is provided by Latina Foods and will include Mineo & Sapio Italian sausage, breaded chicken, racks of ribs, Sahlen's hot dogs, hams, top rounds, pork loins/chops, Rosina meatballs and steak/shrimp specials.

Admission is \$10 (pre-sale available). Tables of eight may be reserved for \$70. The admission price includes beverages (no outside alcohol permitted). Bring your own snacks and single bills for wheel spins. The final raffle prize is a Weber grill, grill cover and wicker picnic basket. If anyone would like to donate a theme basket, it may be dropped off at any parish office in the Family and would be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds will benefit St. Mary of the Lake Church. For more information, call 716-627-7700.

**'31 Days of May' Cash Giveaway To Benefit Southtowns Catholic**

A daily drawing of \$50 (\$100 Fridays) will take place to determine winners in the "31 Days of May" cash giveaway. Tickets are \$20 and are available for purchase (cash or check) at all Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community parish offices (Most Precious Blood, St. Anthony, St. Mary of the Lake, St. Francis and St. John Paul II). A prize of \$1000 will be given away May 31.

Checks should be made payable to Southtowns Catholic School. Proceeds will benefit the students of the school.

**Spring Concert at St. Francis HS**

Choral and instrumental groups at St. Francis High School will present their spring concert at the school Thursday, April 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

April 27 & 28	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, Volunteer	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	K. Young, Linda Feider, S. Vail,	D. Gelencser