

Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Pastor......Rev. Timothy Koester Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. John Kwiecien

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson Rev. Johnson Machado

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

MPB Parish Staff

Pastoral Care.....Elizabeth Emhof (716-262-4782)
Trustees.....Elizabeth Duzen & Conrad F. Piskorz
Business Manager.......Mary Lou McEvoy
RCIA......Marie O'Connor (716-549-1818)
Faith Formation.....(716-549-1818)
Liturgy Ministries Coordinator......Corinne Best
Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana
Sacristan.....Diann Hosler
Parish Council Chair.....John Latimore

MPB Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Friday......9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m

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PARISH WEBSITE



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.

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Saturday, July 20

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM - Lelia M. Newland - req. Mom

Sunday, July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - Kathleen Connors - req. Family

Monday, July 22

8:00 AM - Jennifer Schneider - req. Bob & Sandy

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM - Toni Pinter - reg. Club 52

Friday, July 26

8:00 AM - Ed & Theresa Latimore - req. Family

Saturday, July 27

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM -Thomas Smaldino, Sr.- req. Wife & Family

Sunday, July 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - Patty Latimore - req. Williams 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, JULY 21



JEREMIAH 23:1-6
PSALM 23
EPHESIANS 2:13-18
MARK 6:30-3

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28

2 KINGS 4:42-44 PSALM 145 EPHESIANS 4:1-6 JOHN 6:1-15

A Vocation View

Jesus' heart was moved to pity because the crowd was lost "like sheep without a shepherd." Would you be the shepherd Jesus sends to lead the flock? Start the conversation with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: One Flock

In today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by

Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds.

The crowd gathering on the green grass in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd, the king they've been waiting for. Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him. And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd. In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold.

Paul, too, in today's Second Reading, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel. As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. We hear Jesus affirm times of renewal. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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Pray For the Healing of the Sick

Diane Cooke, Eugene Frometa, Jane Granville, Pauline Landes, Karen Schiavone, Vigo Meyer, Linda Muscato, Anthony Genovese, Dorothy Genovese, Lucille Zoda Galfo, Joseph Schiavone, Marlene Petrie, Kim Borkowski, Anna Geidel, John Yerney, Mary Ann Hartzell, Evelyn Paradiso, Carol Penski, Joyce Prisco, Angela Jones, David Skoczylas, Doreen Miller, Mary Ann Barrett, Karl Trembath, Kenny Drag.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Letters have been mailed to the members of the Spring Split Club giving them the opportunity to renew their tickets. New members may purchase tickets from the Parish Office. Please call 716-549-0420 for additional information or visit the Parish Office during regular business hours: Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The cost of a ticket is \$60. Only 260 tickets will be sold. Prizes total \$5,400. There will be 16 drawings for \$75 beginning the week of July 28. The Reception and Final Drawings Event will take place November 9. Grand Prize is \$2,000; 2nd prize is \$1,000; 3rd prize is \$500; and 4th through 10th prizes are \$100 each. Proceeds of the Fall Split Club will benefit the parish.

Fun Weekend at OLV

OLV Fun Weekend will take place Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 at 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. The Jazz Mass is Saturday at 4:30 p.m., preceded by a special concert at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your pennies to the annual Pennies to Heaven collection Sunday in front of the Basilica from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A special Mass at 12:00 p.m. will commemorate the anniversary of Father Baker's death.

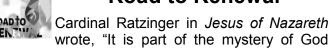
Festivities resume Monday, July 29 at the family-friendly carnival and Chicken Barbecue from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Also included are live music, basket raffles, activities and games for kids and more.

Summer Lawn Fete in Hamburg

SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 66 E. Main St., Hamburg, will have its Summer Lawn Fete Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27 from 5:00 until 11:00 p.m.

Featured are rides, BBQ Chicken, games of chance, Artisan Market, food trucks, beer tent and music by Hit-n-Run and XOXO Pop Band. Proceeds will benefit the school.

Road to Renewal



that he acts so gently, that he only gradually builds up his history within the great history of mankind; that he becomes man and so can be overlooked by his contemporaries and by the decisive forces within history... Yet - is not this the truly divine way? Not to overwhelm with external power, but to give freedom, to offer and elicit love. And if we really think about it, is it not what seems so small that is truly great?"

This past week I notified the Diocese of Buffalo that two of our parishes, Saint Mary of the Lake and Saint Anthony would be submitting official counterproposals to the recommendations made by the Renewal Team to merge and close the aforementioned parishes. They will have the opportunity to discuss and build these counter-proposals with their parish leadership and present it before the Renewal Team.

As we continue to navigate the uncertainty of our world, nation, and church, let us reflect more deeply on the words of the late Pope Benedict XVI. Our God became man, He became one of us! He was not hidden from fear, anxiety, anger, and all the same emotions we are all currently experiencing. Yet, in the divine way, God chose to focus on what we can control and how we can strive to live the simplicity of God. Do not be overwhelmed by external powers, give others their freedom without restriction and do everything in love. For the more we emulate God, the more we will heal and grow in accord with the divine way.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tím

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 or place it in a weekend collection basket.

Please mail more ACH information to:				
NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
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ACH Form is also available on MPB's website: http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm				

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MPB Calendar

Saturday, July 20

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, July 23

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 27

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 28

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Vacation Bible School

St. Anthony RC Church, 421 Commercial St., Farnham, will present its Vacation Bible School, *Come to the Table*, August 19-23 from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Registration forms may be downloaded at lakeshorecatholicfc.org by those interested in having their children participate in the summer Bible School. There is no charge.

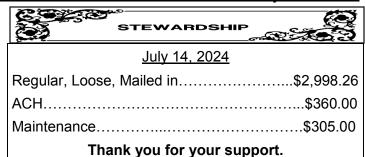
Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

Krispy Kreme Donuts will go on sale at St. Anthony's Church Hall Sunday, July 21 before and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the glazed donuts is \$15 per dozen. Because of the limited number of donuts for sale, please pre-order by emailing jag9246@yahoo.com text or call 716-348-0703.

'Respect Life' Drive at MPB

The Respect Life Committee will have a donation drive for St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 The collection site will be across from Most Precious Blood Church, in the parking area in front of the Hall's gym entrance. The drive will take place Saturday from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

Needed are receiving blankets, towels, washcloths, bibs, diapers, onesies, clothing, socks, bonnets and bottles. Gently used clothing items (no stains) are acceptable. Cribs and beds are not acceptable. Monetary donations may be made by check to St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center.



WWII Polish Remembrance Mass 2024

Each year the Polish American community remembers and honors the people of Poland who suffered and perished during World War II with a special commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe at the Auschwitz concentration camp. This year's event will especially honor the members of religious communities -- nuns and priests -- who were victims to the horrors of war.

The Mass will take place Sunday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus B & M Church, Fillmore & Peckham Ave., Buffalo. Immediately following the Mass, a light refreshment will be served in the Social Center where an art exhibit, developed by Dr. Eileen Lyon, will be available for viewing.

The event is sponsored by Polish American Congress, Polish Chair at Canisius College, Polish Legacy Project - WWII; and Am-Pol Eagle Newspaper. The entire Western New York Community is invited.



Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Thursday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Little Church at St. John Paul II. All are welcome.

Weidner's Chicken at St. Francis Parish

St. Francis Parish will sponsor a Weidner's Chicken Barbeque Sunday, July 21 beginning at Noon. Dinners are \$15 each. There will also be basket raffles and other raffle opportunities.

Hot Dog Roast at St. Anthony Parish

Bring a friend to Mass Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Parish and stay for fellowship and a hot dog cookout following Mass.

2	July 27 & 28	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4	:00 p.m.	R. Wargula, M. Wargula, J. Sack	P. Pinto
8	:00 a.m.	N. Preischel, L. Feider, J. Barone	J. Sedor