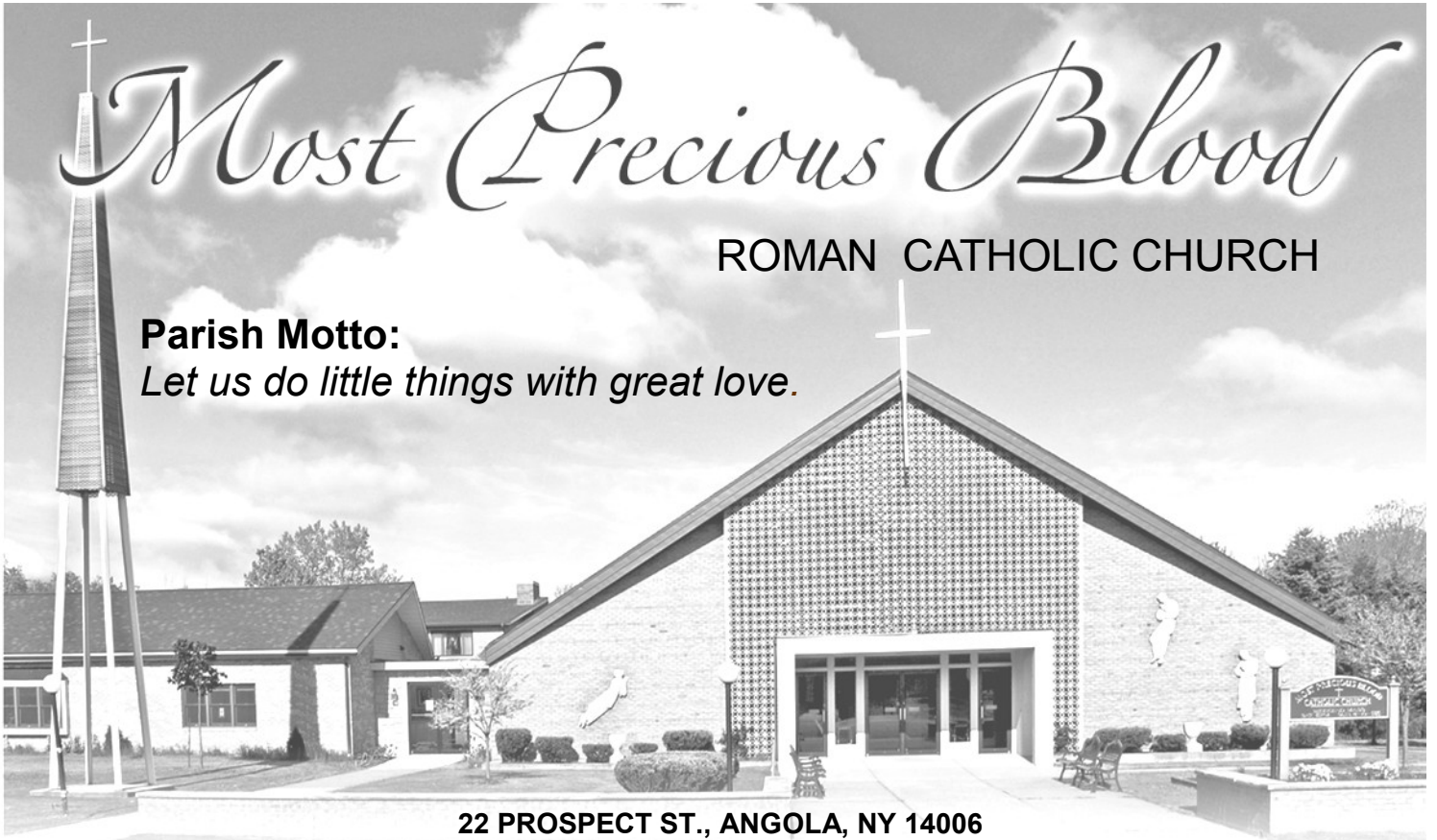


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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Deacon Neal Linnan -- Deacon Steven 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, April 6****Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM - Edward Martin - req. Family

Sunday, April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter**(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**8:00 AM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Steve & Sue
Makawski**Monday, April 8**

8:00 AM - Wally Stetz - req. Family

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM - Faithful Departed

Friday, April 12

8:00 AM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil

Saturday, April 13 - St. Martin, pope & martyr**Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter**4:00 PM - Edward Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat &
Daughters**Sunday, April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - David Hosler - req. Wife & 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, APRIL 7**ACTS** 4:32-35**PSALM** 118**1 JOHN** 5:1-6**JOHN** 20:19-31**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14****ACTS** 3:13-15, 17-19**PSALM** 4**1 JOHN** 2:1-5a**LUKE** 24:35-48**A Vocation View**

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." God's mercy is shown most clearly through the Sacrament of Confession, which Jesus gave to the Apostles in today's Gospel. Who will administer this Sacrament in our day to those in need of God's mercy? Could it be you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

**A Message from the Pastor***Divine Mercy Sunday: The Day the Lord Made*

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever." Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side, we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us. We encounter Him as the apostles did in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's Day. There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers. He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord." Isn't this what happens in the Mass, where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Thomas represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks evidence that the Jesus who appeared after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made; the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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.

Catholic Women's Conference

Be Still, a Catholic Women's Conference, will take 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: continental breakfast, Vigil Mass, national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, vendors.

More information and tickets are available by visiting www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org, email catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com or call 716-725-9551

Pork Chop Dinner at MPB

Most Precious Blood Parish will have its spring Pork Chop Dinner in the Hall (17 Prospect St.) Saturday, April 20 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Dinner includes: breaded boneless pork chops, roasted potatoes, sweet & sour cabbage, green beans, applesauce, chef salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Please call the rectory office (716-549-0420) for tickets. The dinner donation is \$15.

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's seventh drawing (week of March 31) is **Beth Weslow** with ticket # 069.

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.



Road to Renewal

Divine Mercy Sunday

Between 1931 and 1938, our blessed Lord appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun with the message of Divine Mercy. Sister recalls these visions in her diary. One of the directions of our blessed Lord is recalled by her, "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy." Today, the universal Church celebrates this feast of Divine Mercy.

God's desire to give us His mercy is met by our desire to receive His mercy. This union of desire elevates our souls to deeper communion with our Lord and love of our neighbor. It is thus prudent to ask ourselves, how do we exhibit mercy in our own lives? Are we patient with others? Do we forgive those who seek forgiveness from us? Are we allowing the Lord to use us as an instrument for His mercy to spread across the globe?

We embark on another month of road to renewal meetings, listening, and planning. Please, with me reflect upon our Lord's desire for mercy. As we endeavor to grow faithfully and obediently within the process, we may struggle with perceived "change," frustration or disappointment. Remember God's Mercy and that it is our Desire to Receive it that we have a say in it. Then be merciful to others in all of what we are, especially in this process. And, be merciful to yourself; do not allow anything to draw you away from our Lord.

God is always merciful and present to us. Open the door of your heart and allow the grace of mercy to overcome you. And live it.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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@stfranchishigh.org.

MPB Calendar

Saturday, April 6
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 7
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
No Faith Formation

Tuesday, April 9
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Respect Life Meeting - Chapel

Wednesday, April 10
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, April 13
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 14
8:00 a.m. - Holy Name - Hall
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
8:45 a.m. - Parish Breakfast - Hall
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall



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Thank you for your support.

Meat Raffle Planned for 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.

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



'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 high-light are fellowship, pizza, snacks and beverages.

Southtowns Catholic to Host Gala



Southtowns Catholic School of the parish of St. John Paul II will host its annual charity event, which this year has as its theme *A Night at Gatsby's*. It takes place Friday, April 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Michael's Catering and Banquets, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg. All are invited and encouraged to dress in the style of the '20s.

Tickets are \$125 and may be reserved at the school office or at www.southtownscatholic.org.

The evening will feature entertainment, games, food, beverages, auctions and Best Dressed award. The grand prize is a trip to a European place of your choice with \$1500: Paris, Madrid, Prague, Vienna or Rome. Second prize is your choice of Key West, Cancun, Jackson Hole or Lake Tahoe with \$500.

'She Did It All' Presentation

She Did it All, a live, one-man theatrical work about the life of Venerable Nelson Baker, will be presented Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii auditorium, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. It strives to educate, inspire and entertain and is meant for all ages.

See how Father Baker recovers from a deadly infection and discovers a lasting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Witness how his trust in Mary's intercession transformed a bankrupt orphanage into one of the greatest institutions of its kind in America.

Learn more as Father Baker guides thousand of orphaned and wayward boys, educating their minds and hearts by providing them with the tools necessary to become respectable citizens, husbands and fathers. Listen to how he built a basilica to give thanks and honor to the Mother of God for her constant patronage.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. While there is no admission charge, a free will offering will be accepted.

April 13 & 14	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00p.m.	J. Sack, N. Preischel, Volunteer	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, K. Young, L. Feider	D.Gelencser