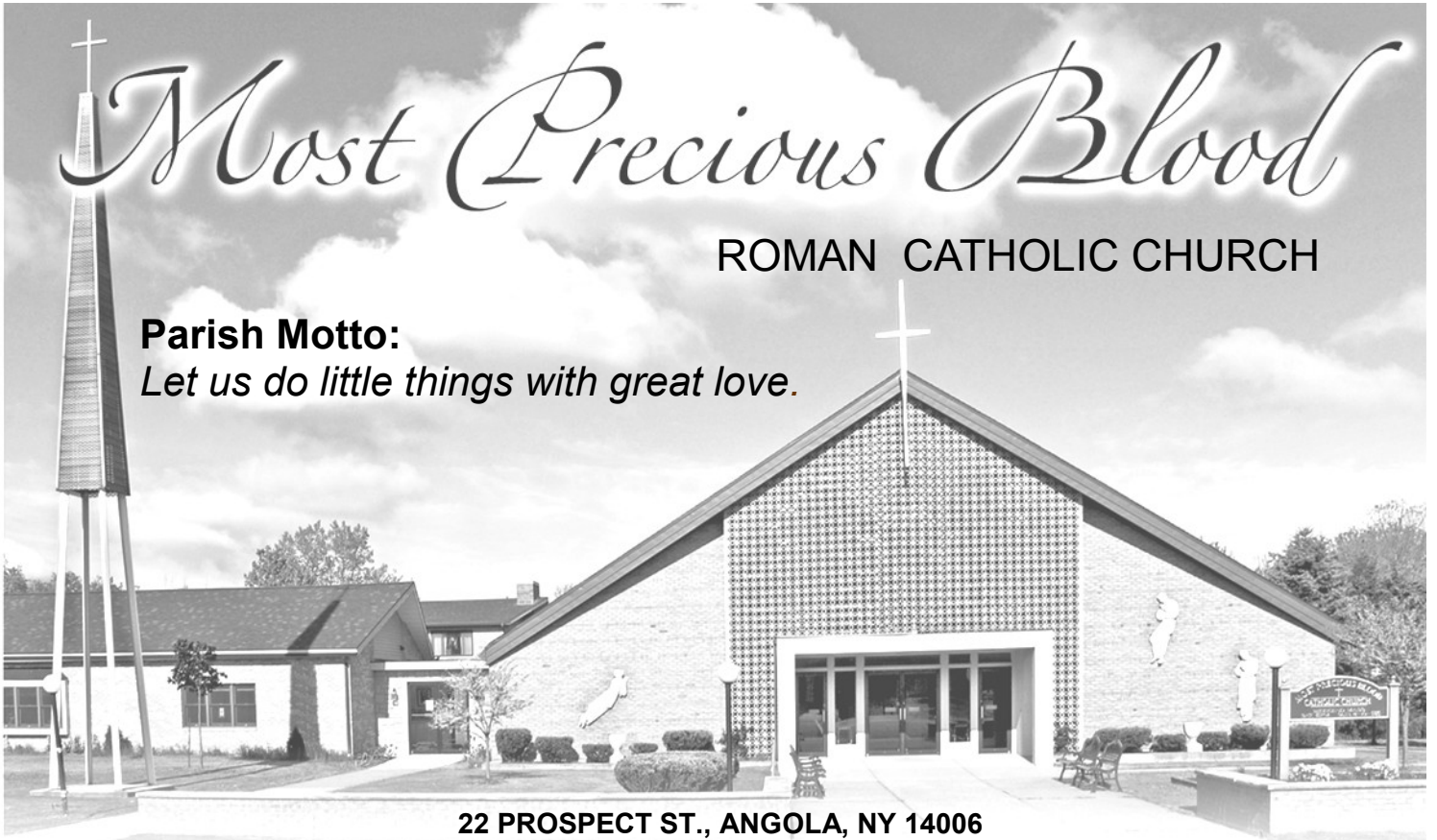


# Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Parish Motto:**

*Let us do little things with great love.*



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Rev. Johnson Machado

**Permanent Deacons**

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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 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

**Monday, April 15**

8:00 AM - Jeanette Sennessey - req. Daughter Vern

**Wednesday, April 17**

8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

**Friday, April 19**

8:00 AM - Salvatore Sack - req. Wife Joanne

**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

*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 14

**ACTS** 3:13-15, 17-19

**PSALM** 4

**1 JOHN** 2:1-5a

**LUKE** 24:35-48



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**ACTS** 4:8-12

**PSALM** 118

**1 JOHN** 3:1-2

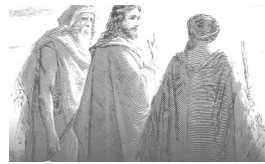
**JOHN** 10:11-18

### **Parish Breakfast at MPB**

A Parish Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria of the Parish Hall following the 8:00 Mass Sunday, April 14. All are invited.

## **A Message from the Pastor**

*Third Sunday of Easter:  
Understanding the Scriptures*



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift -- forgiveness. And more, Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church, to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First and Second Readings, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is filled with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified.

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins, he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God, and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world.

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission -- to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God. This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org), email [catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com) or call 716-725-9551

### **Split Club Drawing**

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's eighth drawing (week of April 7) is **Mark Hageman** with ticket # 033.

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.

### **A Vocation View**

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit. Find out by contacting the Vocations Office at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



### **Road to Renewal**

When Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elected to the papacy and became Pope Benedict XVI, it was both a surprise and not a surprise. Throughout his predecessors' tenure as the successor to Saint Peter, Ratzinger was the Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, an office that held so much esteem and importance, it used to simply be called the "Holy Office." Gaining a reputation as a conservative theologian, many feared his black and white approach would be completely the opposite of Pope Saint John Paul II. Thus, his opening address from the balcony in Saint Peter's Square was quite astounding and laid the foundation for his papacy. He said, "Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble laborer in the vineyard of the Lord."

In this Easter of our Renewal let us not forget that everyone brings a unique gift and talent to our community of faith. When we lose sight of this and desire to paint everyone with the same brush, we lose precious gifts and graces the Lord is trying to bring to us. We are all but humble and simple beings, created in the image and likeness of God. Let us continue to work in the vineyard of the Lord, each according to the talents and gifts the Lord has given us so, thus coming together as one body of believers, we may be whole. Together.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

### **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

**MPB Calendar**

**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

**Tuesday, April 16**  
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

**Wednesday, April 17**  
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

**Saturday, April 20**  
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**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

**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.

- ACH Direct Payment ensures that contributions are received, even if you are ill, on vacation or traveling.
- ACH Direct Payment saves the time you spend writing checks, and will save postage expense of mailing payments.

**Please mail ACH information to:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**ACH Form is also available on MPB's website:**  
<http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm>

*Place this completed form in the collection basket at weekend Mass or mail to : Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006.*



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Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,153.00  
ACH.....\$360.00  
Maintenance.....\$867.00

**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.

**'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 20 & 21	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, J. Sack, F. Dybdahl	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	S. Vail, L. Feider, J. Barone,	J. Sedor