

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the *Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community*

Website: Lakeshorecatholicfc.org

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
Rev. Johnson Machado

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
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, May 11****Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM - All Living & Deceased Mothers of MPB

Sunday, May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Mother's Day)

8:00 AM - All Living & Deceased Mothers of MPB

Monday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM - Lucille Vail - req. Antoinette Jakubczak

Wednesday, May 15 - St. Isadore

8:00 AM - Debbie Gusek - req. Frometa, Gusek & Lepsch Families

Friday, May 17

8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

Saturday, May 18 - St. John, pope & martyr**Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**

4:00 PM - Peter Scaglione - req. Wife & Family

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM - Living & Deceased members of Rosary-Altar Society, especially Anne Botticello

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, May 12**ACTS** 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**PSALM** 103**1 JOHN** 4:11-16**JOHN** 17:11b-19**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19****ACTS** 2:1-11**PSALM** 104**1 CORINTHIANS** 12:3b - 7, 12-13**JOHN** 20:19-23**A Message from the Pastor***Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Kingdom Remains*

We have commemorated Jesus Ascending into heaven and now our focus is upon the Spirit. Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame. The events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're in the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem and a new house of David. He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel. That's why it is crucial to replace Judas, so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry. No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us; that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protect us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love. The Church is our route to that Perfection; we now live in that love.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

A Vocation View

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, visit buffalovocations.org or call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

Catholic Charities

HOPE Day, Catholic Charities' one day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort, is May 15. Last year's HOPE Day was historic as donors gave a record \$507,456.

This year Catholic Charities is aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Go to www.cwny.org for more details on how to make a contribution.

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,
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,
Karl Trembath.

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 *Life in the Eucharist* retreat. Attend one session or more to learn about the Eucharist and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with it. Registration forms can be found on the family website 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.

Remaining sessions are May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Mary of the Lake; June 5 - St. Anthony.

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's twelfth drawing (week of May 5) is **Pat Maiorana** with ticket # 134.

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.

Food Drive at St. Anthony Church

St. Anthony Parish, Farnham will have a food drive to support Operation Good Neighbor Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information or to arrange for pickup, contact Judy or Matt Burke at 716-863-2440.



Road to Renewal

GK Chesterton wrote, “One of the most necessary and most neglected points about the story called history is the fact that the story is not finished.”

Looking at our World, our Country, our Diocese, our Family, we may be tempted to feel like all is done and lost. There is a temptation to hear and see things only the way that we want them to be the “golden era.” We may group all the situations together and view every crisis or bad feelings as the same. My observation is that by and large today most, especially the Media and those who have a bully pulpit, seem to project one's own dark thoughts, emotions, and motives onto others. I keep hearing that we are being “gaslighted” or that we just don't understand. This is our story, OUR story.

Don't forget the most important part of history -- our story. God became man, and left us an unshakeable and objective truth, that He won. He didn't even leave us alone when He Ascended. God has not forgotten us or lost us. God and His teachings have not changed. We are His people, each made in His likeness and image.

The story is not finished. In many ways it has just begun. We have the Scriptures, the traditions, and a wonderful charter called the Church, which has faced all this and more before. Let me bring this back to us and the reason for this column each week. We have been given a challenge to address in our Church: some from without, lawsuits and civil laws; some from within, lower number of priests and individuals' personal faith crises. But we have a God who loves and gave us an example...love one another.

All our history, all our memories, all our traditions and teachings are what help us to go right. I dare say, we have a great role to play today, now, in our World, in our Country, in our Church, in our Diocese, in our Family. Let us stay focused on conforming our hearts to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ: to love as He has asked, to focus as our Road to Renewal has asked us, to equip ourselves to serve the poor, visit the imprisoned, welcome the lost sheep and bring souls to heaven with us.

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Healing Mass in May

A Healing Mass will take place Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 1032 Central Ave., Dunkirk.

MPB Calendar

Saturday, May 11

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 12

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 7

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, May 8

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

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Memorial Day at Holy Cross Cemetery

Whenever Memorial Day approaches, many thoughts turn to renewing and beautifying grave sites with flowers and adornments for the purpose of honoring loved ones. It has become almost a ritual to take advantage of the warming trend of spring in maintaining an attractive resting place for those who reside in one's memory.

The Rev. Thomas Caraher, Most Precious Blood's pastor in the 1870s, purchased the land on the Brant Angola Rd. for the cemetery. In 1879 the first burial in Holy Cross Cemetery took place. Adjacent property (Section B) was acquired and dedicated in 1904, doubling the size of the original site (to almost two acres). Additional land (Sections C, D and E) was purchased in 1955 increasing the site to 6.3 acres.

Over the years an "army" of caretakers have protected and preserved the quality and beauty of Holy Cross Cemetery. Although drainage and other corrective projects have attempted to maintain its original attractiveness, Nature, sometimes violent, and the passage of time have had their way. Often damages overpower the ability to renew and repair, and to meet costs that are increasing and accruing.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27. Mass on that day will be celebrated at Holy Cross Cemetery at Noon. Traditionally, all veterans buried at the cemetery are remembered at this Mass. Their names are read aloud to honor them and their special service to the nation. (In March 2021, interments at the cemetery numbered 2,427 of which 362 were U.S. veterans.)

As stated in a cemetery brochure: *Holy Cross Cemetery provides dignified burial places for the faithfully departed. Services and facilities are offered in harmony with the teaching of the Church and show such care that reflects the spiritual values inherent in the tradition of Catholic burial.*

STEWARDSHIP

May 5, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$3,142.00
ACH.....	\$1,838.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,207.00

Thank you for your support.



Trip Planned to Pirates Game

The Holy Name Society of St. John Paul II Parish will sponsor a trip to Pittsburgh for a Pirates baseball game Saturday, June 22. The trip is open to members of parishes in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community.

The time of departure from the Hamburg church is 11:30 a.m. and the return trip directly follows the game. The cost of the trip and attending the game is \$100 per person. The Holy Name Society will provide snacks and refreshments for the journey. Because space is limited, reserve soon by contacting Jonathan Molik at 716-627-2910.

Men's Prayer Group to Meet

At its meeting Thursday, May 16, the Men's Prayer Group of St. John Paul II will feature Rev. Ross Syracuse as its speaker. Fr. Ross will present a talk at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room on "Deeper Meaning of Parables."

Recitation of the Rosary will take place prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the main church. A light meal will be served at 6:00. All men of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community are invited to the meeting. Please RSVP to Vince Vaccarelli at vincentvacc@verizon.net or by calling 716-536-9271.

Barbecue Dinner at SMOL

St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, will host a Chiavetta's char-broiled barbecue dinner Sunday, May 12 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. Menu choices are:

- 1/2 chicken, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$15.
- 1/2 rack of ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$18.
- Full rack of ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$29.



Living Rosary

St. Anthony Parish will host the Living Rosary Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Participants are to meet in the Church Hall by 6:30 p.m.

May 18 & 19	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