

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great

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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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Parochial Vicars

Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson
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Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
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MPB Parish Staff

Pastoral Care.....Elizabeth Emhof (716-262-4782)
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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 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

**Monday, May 20 - The Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of the Church**

8:00 AM - Tom Smaldino - req. Erickson & Connors Families

Wednesday, May 22- St. Rita of Cascia, religious

8:00 AM - Salvatore Sack - req. Wife & Family

Friday, May 24

8:00 AM - Millie Wright - req. Family

Saturday, May 25

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM - Marie Pinker - req. Donna Kane & Sons

Sunday, May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM - Linda Valentin - req. Rick & Patty Voltz

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 19

ACTS 2:1-11

PSALM 104

CORINTHIANS 12:3b - 7, 12-13

JOHN 20:19-23

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26

1 DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40

PSALM 33

ROMANS 8:14-17

MATTHEW 28:16-20

A Vocation View

The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor

Pentecost Sunday: A New Wind

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. This event marks the beginning of the Church. The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai. In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Second Reading. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism.

The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity, fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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, 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 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 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 thirteenth drawing (week of May 12) is **Rita Piskorz** with ticket # 144

Information regarding the Saturday, June 8 reception and final drawing event was mailed May 13 to all ticketholders. The RSVP date is May 24. Please inform the office of your plans to attend or not attend so that the caterer will have an accurate count. Call Pat at the Rectory Office (716-549-0420, ext. 102).

Knights of Columbus

Catholic men, 50 years and older, not affiliated with a Knights of Columbus organization, are invited to luncheon meetings of the Hamburg Council 2220. These meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon at the Hamburg Knights of Columbus, 69 Pierce Ave., Hamburg. For more information, contact Joe Pietrocarlo at 716-627-7497.



Road to Renewal

As the universal Church celebrates Pentecost, I found it fitting to recall the plea of Saint Angela Merici, “Keep to the ancient way and custom of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honor and glory.”

Many have remarked how they are meeting new friends and are growing new relationships. My concern is that I get distracted by and worry about change, and the things I’ve become comfortable with and have made my support system. Saint Angela has reminded me that this is God’s Church and I am but an instrument of His love.

Our pillars continue to help us lay the foundation for our renewed local church. A couple: The forming disciples pillar is working on our 2024-2025 faith formation year. Our Outreach pillar is working on plans to help us reach those not in the pews. Our liturgy pillar is seeking ways to ensure our liturgical celebrations are in accord with the norms and regulations of the Church as well as to grow as a family in our worship of our Lord. Please do pray.

“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.”

-- St. Augustine

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Saturday, *June 1*
*Please attend the *First Saturday Devotion at St. Francis**

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 18

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 19

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 21

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 25

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 26

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass



May 12, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,754.00
 ACH.....\$360.00
 Ascension.....\$307.00

Thank you for your support.

Mother's Day Prayer Requests

Honoring Mother's Day prayer requests, we pray for mothers who are living:

Leah Adams, Sue Caffrey, Rachael Conboy, Nancy Dellaire, Lynne Feeley, Meg Geitner, Kelly Caffrey Hatton, Kathy LaRusso, Lisa McGuire.

We honor and pray for the following mothers who are deceased:

Helen K. Bress, Jeanne Brinkus, Esther Caffrey, Florence M. Conboy, Marinell Connors, Christina Cosentino, Rose Cosentino, Florence Croscutt, Daphna Emhoff, Florence Emhof, Pauline Emhof, Helen Emhof, Bernice Geitner, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Nancy Kaczmarczyk, Janet Kaczmarczyk, Martha Kujawski, Helen Kwilos, Rita Lawniczak, Theresa LaRusso, Clara Linnan, Dorene Lochren, Jennie Militello, Ann Monks, Rose Nesterowicz, Josephine North, Agnes Nuchereno, Anna O'Shei, Anna Pietrzak, Diana Quirk, Loretta Radder, Rose Rolando, Hilda Spanogle, Vera Spanogle, Betty Snyder, Mary Ann Stephenson, Elsie Sullivan, Alice Sutton, Wanda Wargula, Rita Ziotek.



**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.

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 preserved the quality and beauty of Holy Cross Cemetery. Although drainage and other corrective projects have attempted to maintain its original attractiveness, Nature and the passage of time have had their way, creating costs that are increasing and accruing.

Next weekend, May 25 & 26, is the annual collection for the maintenance of Holy Cross Cemetery. Please consider the current needs at the cemetery and how you can help the parish meet the increasing costs. Your generous contribution will be deeply appreciated.

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.) In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the church.

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.

May 25 & 26	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, N. Preischel	K. Young
8:00 a.m.	K. Young, L. Feider, S. Vail	D. Gelencser