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Saturday, June 1 - St. Justin, martyr Vigil: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 4:00 PM - Frances Pinto - req. Christine Burgin

Sunday, June 2 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 AM - Patty Latimore - req. Family

Monday, June 3 8:00 AM - Joyce Tomaka - req. Family

Wednesday, June 5 -St. Boniface, bishop, martyr 8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

Friday, June 7 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:00 AM - Dominic & Josephine Grasso -req. Family

Saturday, June 8 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Marie Pinker - req. Christine Burgin

Sunday, June 9 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - Spencer Vail - req. Spencer & Karen

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish, and especially for **Josephine Alberta**, **John Kane**, and **Antoinette Pinter**.

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, JUNE 2**



EXODUS 24:3-8 PSALM 116 HEBREWS 9:11-15 MARK 14:12-16, 22-26

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

GENESIS 3:9-15 PSALM 130 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 -- 5:1 MARK 3:20-35

### **A Vocation View**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink, to nourish us on our journey toward the Kingdom. Without priests, we cannot receive this incredible gift. The need is great, so if God is summoning you to a Church vocation, call today 716-847-5535 and talk with Fr. Dave Baker or visit buffalovocations.org



# A Message from the Pastor

Corpus Christi: Blood of the Covenant Today, the second Sunday after Pen-

tecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus. In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses symbolized God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations. Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room. The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Second Reading, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship. God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants. There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tím

# **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.

## Life in the Eucharist

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 to learn about the Eucharist and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with it. The session begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes The one remaining session is June 5 at St. Anthony.

## Sacred Heart Novena

Join the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community in praying the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from May 30 through June7. Copies will be available in the church vestibule.

You are invited to Most Precious Blood from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m and to St. Mary of the Lake from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for First Friday Devotions and Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In 1675 Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that He wanted the Feast of the Sacred Heart to be celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave. In 1856 it became a universal feast. St. John Paul II. a great devotee to the Sacred Heart said, "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times."

### Split Club Drawing

The winner of the fifteenth drawing of the 2024 Spring Split Club (week of May is Denise Mecca with ticket # 217.

Information regarding the Saturday, June 8 reception and final drawing event was mailed May 13 to all ticketholders.

### Parish Council to Meet

Members of MPB's Parish Council will meet Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.



# Road to Renewal

During graduation season I am reminded RENTING graduation season rain relining of transitions in our lives that we rarely become comfortable with, but usually we do excel. For each graduation in our lives we have spent time (years, even) - learning, adapting, forming, maturing that brings us to point where we recognize who we are and move into a new phase in our life. If you are struggling with our Renewal, I invite you to look at how we got here.

We have learned, adapted, been formed and matured, all of which is who we are, designed through our theology and our relationship with our God. Now we take that into our new world to continue to become the best we can - Evangelizing in His Name.

Please don't forget our school, Southtowns Catholic. It is very much a part of us and facing the same issues. We have a good and intimate program that is essential in these times. We do have room for increased enrollment, so your encouragement or support for a family member or friend I'm sure would be greatly appreciated.

Most important of all at this time: Pray. Pray for ourselves; Pray for our School; Pray for our Renewal; Pray for our Church; Pray for our Country; Pray for our World. As we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ may we recognize our role - Pray and act!

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## **Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is in its final month. If you haven't yet donated, now is the time. No gift to Appeal 2024 is too small because every dollar makes a difference. In fact, each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$5 - \$6 of government support and contracts. Truly every dollar counts because more funding means more services for those in need in our communities.

Give HOPE today at www.ccwny.org/donation or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.



# **Operation Storm Heaven**

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

### MPB Calendar

Saturday, June 1 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 2 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Monday, June 3 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council - Annex

**Tuesday, June4** 5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, June 5 8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Friday, June 7 8:30 a.m. - First Friday Devotions - Chapel

> Saturday, June 8 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass 8:45 a.m. - Parish Family Breakfast - Hall

### Vacation Bible School Planned In LS Catholic Faith Community

Two parishes will offer Vacation Bible School this summer for children within the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community.

St. John Paul II Parish, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View will have VBS Scuba, diving into friendship with God, July 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Daily lessons are designed for children ages 3 to 10. The cost is \$30 for all five days.

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 these summer Bible Schools.

### **Bottle/Can Return Update**

Many thanks to all who have been turning in empty bottles and cans to the Route 5 Can and Bottle Return in the name of Most Precious Blood Church. The Parish, having received a check for \$217.70, truly appreciates your efforts. Please continue the "good work."

### Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will take place Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, 325 Walden Ave., Buffalo. <u>June 2, 2024</u>

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May 26, 2024

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Holy Cross Cemetery	\$1,139.00

Thank you for your support.

### 'Music in the Garden' in Lake View

Everyone is invited to "Music in the Garden" Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish prayer garden of St. John Paul II. The evening will feature Tom Stahl and the Dangerfields.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a lawn chair and their own refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken during the evening.

The church is located at 2053 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. For more information, call 716-627-2910.

### **Singles Get-Together Planned**

If you are single within the ages of 21 to 35, you are invited to a "Single's Mingle" Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Sad Boy's Brewing, 567 Exchange St, Buffalo.

Contact Rosalie Constable for more information and to RSVP by June 20 (rosaliecon15@gmail.com).

### Trip 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 mem-



bers 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.

June 8 & 9	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, R. Wargula	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer, N. Preischel, L. Feider	D. Gelencser