

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

Pastor.....Rev. Timothy Koester
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. John Kwiecien

Parochial Vicars

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 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, 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

Monday, June 10

8:00 AM - Ron Simchick - req. Wife

Wednesday, June 12

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Friday, June 14

8:00 AM - Jenny Zuhlke - req. Lammerhirt Family

Saturday, June 15

Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Wife

Sunday, June 16 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Father's Day Remembrance

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, JUNE 9

GENESIS 3:9-15

PSALM 130

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 -- 5:1

MARK 3:20-35



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

PSALM 92

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

MARK 4:26-34

A Vocation View

A house divided against itself cannot stand. But the Church has the Eucharist as our point of unity. Who will provide this sacrament to unify tomorrow's Church? Perhaps God is calling you to this mission? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocation.org.

A Message from the Pastor

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Promised One

In the section of the Gospel shortly before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God. Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood. Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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, 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.

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the sixteenth and final drawing of the 2024 Spring Split Club (week of June 2) is **Linda Feider** with ticket # 245.

JP2 Men's Prayer Group to Meet

The men's prayer group at St. John Paul II will welcome Michael Specht, religion teacher at St. Francis High School, Saturday, June 15. The morning begins at 8:30 with a rosary followed by the presentation. All men are invited to attend.

Volunteers Needed at Catholic Health

Catholic Health is looking for compassionate, active volunteers 18 and over at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities. Needed are friendly visitors, greeters and much more. Catholic Health LIFE center is also seeking senior companions.

For more information, call Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or visit <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Healing Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

A Mass for the healing of body, mind and spirit will take place Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 450 Abbott Rd., Buffalo. June 13 is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

A first-class relic of the saint and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be available. All are invited to come and experience the healing presence of the Lord. For more information, call 716-822-1250.

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.

Road to Renewal



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, soon to be Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, has been an inspiration to young Catholics for the last century. An avid lover of nature and prolific poet, Pier continues to be a model for all of us, no matter our age. Blessed Frassati once said, "A Catholic cannot help but be happy; sadness should be banished from their souls. Suffering is not sadness, which is the worst disease. This disease is almost always caused by atheism, but the end for which we are created guides us along life's pathway, which may be strewn with thorns, but is not sad. It is happy even through suffering."

In light of the most recent events in our Church, some of us may feel sad, upset, frustrated, even angry. We associate sadness in hard times with suffering; we become self-absorbed in our own mental and emotional roller coasters that we forget what is truly beautiful and always right in front of us -- Our Eucharistic Community. Last weekend we celebrated Corpus Christi, a call to honor and show gratitude for Jesus' never ending and real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Always remember that Jesus remains right in front of us the whole time. Only we can choose not to see Him and adore Him!

As we anticipate the next steps in our reshaping and resizing of the Diocese, my prayer is that we answer Blessed Frassati's call, to eliminate sadness from our soul. For sadness is merely a product of us taking our eyes off the Lord and why we come to Church in the first place. Buildings may be closed and parishes may be restructured, but our end goal remains the same, to rejoice with the Angels and Saints in the glorious kingdom of Heaven with God our almighty Father. The roadmap remains Jesus. Our Blessing and bond is the Holy Spirit. That I promise you will never cease.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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.ccnny.org/donation or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

MPB Calendar

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

Tuesday, June 11
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Respect Life Meeting - Chapel

Wednesday, June 12
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, June 15
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 16
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

**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.



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-



June 2, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,911.00
ACH.....\$360.00
Parish Maintenance.....\$804.00

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 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. Reserve by contacting Jonathan Molik at 716-627-2910.

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June 15 & 16	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	M. Wargala, J. Sack, R.Wargala	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	S. Vail, L. Feider, J. Barone	J. Sedor