

# 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  
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Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson  
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### 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.



**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

**Monday, June 17**

8:00 AM - Edward Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat &  
Daughters

**Wednesday, June 19**

8:00 AM - Patty Latimore - req. Karen Erickson

**Friday, June 21**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

**Saturday, June 22**

**Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Thomas Schoemann - req. MPB Staff

**Sunday, June 23 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Philip Whelan - req. MPB Staff

*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 16



**EZEKIEL** 17:22-24

**PSALM** 92

**2 CORINTHIANS** 5:6-10

**MARK** 4:26-34

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**JOB** 38:1, 8-11

**PSALM** 107

**2 CORINTHIANS** 5:14-17

**MARK** 4:35-41

### **A Vocation View**

On this Father's Day, we honor the vocation of marriage and earthly fatherhood. For unmarried men, might God be asking you to be a *spiritual* father? To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



## **A Message from the Pastor**

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Tree of Righteousness*

After Lent, the Easter season, three Sundays of feast days - Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - the Church returned to Ordinary Time last Sunday. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark continues the Sermon on the Mount, which carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God. Let's look at our Readings this week: In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind" -- thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises. Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God. Let us renew our commitment today.

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.

### Father's Day Novena

Envelopes for the Father's Day Novena are at all church entrances. If you would like to request special prayers for a living or deceased father, fill out the envelope and, with your donation, drop it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory office. Names of loved ones will be reported in the bulletin.

### Spring Split Club Final Drawings

The 2024 Spring Split Club had its luncheon and final drawings last Saturday at MPB's Parish Hall. Eighty-Five members and guests attended the event that was catered by Three Star Restaurant of North Collins.

Winners of the final drawings were: Grand Prize (\$2,000) - **Barbara Binkhus**; 2nd Prize (\$1,000) - **Pat Maiorana**; 3rd Prize (\$500) - **Natalie Preischel**; 4th through 10th Prizes (\$100 each) - **Christine Raczyk, Mary Lou McEvoy, Donna Kane, John McEvoy III, Peter Blake, Cristina Voto, Marie Vatrak**.

Tickets for the 2024 Fall Split Club will be available in July. After letters are sent to Spring Split Club members with the opportunity to renew their ticket numbers, tickets will be on sale in the Rectory Office. Dates for purchasing tickets will be published in the bulletin.

### Chicken BBQ at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Parish will host a Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue by Chiavetta's Sunday July 7 from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The dinner includes 1/2 chicken, boiled red potatoes, chef's salad, and roll. The price of the dinner is \$15.



### Road to Renewal

"Knowledge can last, principles can last, habits can last; but feelings come and go." That is the nature of human life. C.S. Lewis believed that we live between various vicissitudes, which he dubbed "The Law of Undulation." He put this into The Screwtape Letters, where the senior devil, Screwtape, is counseling his junior apprentice against making too much of dry periods in human beings for the purpose of temptation. Humans are half spirit and half animal:

"As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time. This means that while their spirit can be directed to an eternal object, their bodies, passions, and imaginations are in continual change, for as to be in time means to change. Their nearest approach to constancy, therefore, is undulation -- the repeated return to a level from which they repeatedly fall back, a series of troughs and peaks. If you had watched your patient, carefully you would have seen this undulation in every department of his life -- his interest in his work, his affection for his friends, his physical appetites, all go up and down. As long as he lives on earth, periods of emotional and bodily richness and liveliness will alternate with periods of numbness and poverty. The dryness and dullness through which your patient is now going are not, as you fondly suppose, your workmanship; they are merely a natural phenomenon which will do us no good unless you make a good use of it."

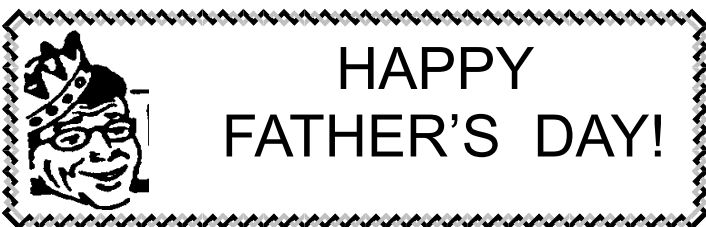
A long quote to try and help us understand our present situation. What we are feeling is real. Our emotional attachment to our parishes, the investments we have made into their survival and our feelings about the current crisis in our Diocese are real, yet merely human. Evil thrives on our downfall into these natural phenomena if we allow it to. But if we remember our relationship with God and the faith we profess, we are armed to combat the undulations and the evil. Recall that each of us carries the love of God and the relationships we have made. Our soul is what needs to be at the center of our actions. Our learning to discern and interact with the law of undulation will directly dictate our response and ability to grow out of the ashes that we encounter. You and I were made for much more. We are the work of God's hands in our time.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

### 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.



**MPB Calendar**

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

**Sunday, June 16**  
7:30 a.m. Rosary prior to Mass  
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
8:30 a.m. - Rosary & Altar Society Coffee Hour - Hall

**Tuesday, June 18**  
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

**Wednesday, June 19**  
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

**Saturday, June 22**  
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, June 23**  
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 Pietrocchio at 716-627-7497.



June 9, 2024

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**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 22 & 23	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	R. Wargala, M.Wargala, F. Dybdahl	K. Young
8:00 a.m.	N. Preischel, L. Feider, S. Vail	D. Gelencser