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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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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.

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Saturday, June 29

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM - Larry Croscutt - req. Esther

Sunday, June 30 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - Jenny Zulke - req. Donald Latimore

Monday, July 1

8:00 AM - Dorothy Galfo - req. Karen & Spence

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 AM - Nancy Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat

Friday, July 5

8:00 AM - Alfred Mack - req. Dave & Linda Sauter

Saturday, July 6

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM - People of the Parish

Sunday, July 7 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - Dennis Way - req. Latimore Family

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 30



WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24
PSALM 30
2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13-15
MARK 5:21-43

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 7

EZEKIEL 2:2-5 **PSALM** 123 **2 CORINTHIANS** 12:7-10 **MARK** 6:1-6

A Vocation View

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." Jesus' words in today's Gospel remind us that He is on our side. He has a plan for our lives which will lead to peace and fulfillment. If that plan involves the priesthood, there's nothing to fear! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Arise!



Today's Gospel is one of four miracles that follow last week's calming of the sea. Our story tells us about a

father's great love for his dying daughter. The request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet different circumstances represented by our lives will guide each suffering person. God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear that in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die. But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death. On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ. Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!" -- using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection. And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live.

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today -- praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep. Already in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others. Each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son. We are living this Gospel now in our journey. Please remember as we make our individual judgment and acts that we are in this together; it is Jesus in His Church.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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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.

Fall Split Club

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.

Weidner's Chicken at St. Francis Parish

St. Francis Parish will sponsor a Weidner's Chicken Barbeque Sunday, July 21 beginning at Noon. Dinners are \$15 each. There will also be basket raffles and other raffle opportunities.

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

Krispy Kreme Donuts will go on sale at St. Anthony's Church Hall Sunday, July 21 before and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the glazed donuts is \$15 per dozen. Because of the limited number of donuts for sale, please pre-order by emailing jag9246@yahoo.com.

VBS Meeting Scheduled

For those interested in helping at this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Anthony's, Farnham, a meeting will take place Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Community Garden at St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II garden ministry meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. to tend the garden. All are welcome to participate.

Patriotic Rosary July 4

Camp A Patriotic Rosary will take place at St. Anthony Church Thursday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m.

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Road to Renewal

This past week I attended the parish council meetings of Saint Anthony and Saint Mary of the Lake. The discussion was regarding the recommendation from the Diocese of Buffalo to close these two of our parishes and their justification for doing so. Remember, this is an ongoing conversation and I would like to give everyone as much information as possible through the bulletin, inserts and on our web page, equal opportunity for all.

Now, amid our Renewal and the challenges, I am reminded of a quote by Saint Josemaria Escriva. We celebrated his feast day this past Wednesday. He said, "An hour of study, for the modern apostle, is an hour of prayer." We, the modern apostles, have spent countless hours reading news stories, social media threads, renewal office publications. and even much more. We hope the more we study the process, the more it will make sense or the more information we gather, the more we can feel comfortable and control our heightened emotions.

I think this is a good time to hear Saint Josemaria's challenge; as modern apostles we cannot leave out prayer. We must not lose our faith and our relationship with God the Father. Our time of prayer will offer more clarity and peace than any material reading we can do because it is always His will that needs to be done. God remains in control even when we are looking from the other side and can't see Him.

Happy Independence Day! I encourage you to increase your prayer this week, even invite others to join, consider a visit to our family website and find our list of devotionals. There you will see a complete list of opportunities for Adoration. I challenge you to spend one hour with Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament this week. Pour out your heart and open your ears. I believe you will learn more than you ever could imagine.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tím

Catholic Charities

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are in need. Catholic Charities helps put this call into action by providing services like food for the hungry, counseling and care for those struggling, and direction and guidance for those who feel like they have nowhere to turn. We are now in the final two days of Appeal 2024. When you support the Appeal, you are part of this lifechanging work. To make a donation today, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

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MPB Calendar

Saturday, June 29

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 30

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, July 2

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, July 3

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

Friday, July 5

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. - First Friday Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, July 6

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 7

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.

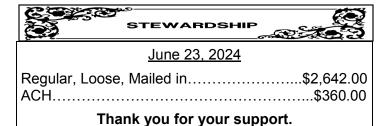
St. Anthony RC Church, 421 Commercial St., Farnham, will present its Vacation Bible School, *Come to the Table*, August 19-23 from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Registration forms may be downloaded at lakeshorecatholicfc.org by those interested in having their children participate in these summer Bible Schools.

'Respect Life' Drive at MPB

The Respect Life Committee will have a donation drive for St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 The collection site will be across from Most Precious Blood Church, in the parking area in front of the Hall's gym entrance. The drive will take place Saturday from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

Needed are receiving blankets, towels, washcloths, bibs, diapers, onesies, clothing, socks, bonnets and bottles. Gently used clothing items (no stains) are acceptable. Cribs and beds are not acceptable. Monetary donations may be made by check to St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center.



Honoring St. Gianna Molla in Buffalo

The Buffalo Diocese will host a visit by Gianna Emmanuela Molla, youngest daughter of St. Gianna Molla. Gianna Emmanuela will be present at several events open to the public in honor of her mother.

Thursday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. the dedication ceremony will take place for the new St. Gianna Molla Family Garden at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore.

Adventures in Sainthood, Friday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Father Baker Museum (OLV National Shrine & Basilica, Lackawanna) will enable children to learn about saints and the canonization process. Fun activities will include a scavenger hunt, designing greeting cards and coloring activities.

Another event taking place Friday at 5:00 p.m. at the Basilica highlights Benediction, Rosary and Speaker. Robert G. White is the president and presentation director for the Society of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. He is the former President of the Legion of Mary and has been very active in pro-life work. Everyone is welcome.

A Special Mass Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., is in honor of Gianna Emmanuela's visit and is open to all. First class relic will be available for Veneration following Mass.

At 11:45 a.m. Cheryl Calire, Director of Life Ministries, will host a special luncheon at the Admiral Room, 237 Main St. Tickets (reserved in advance) are \$75 per person. For a reservation or more information, call the Respect Life Office (716-847-2205).



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.

July 6 & 7	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, P. Pinto, Volunteer	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	K. Wells, J. Barone, S. Vail	D. Gelencser