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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, 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

Monday, July 8

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 AM - James Erickson - req. Family

Friday, July 12

8:00 AM - Kevin & Mary Connors - req. Family

Saturday, July 13

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM - Tom Schoemann - req. Dentice Family

Sunday, July 14 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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, JULY 7



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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, July 14

AMOS 7:12-15
PSALM 85
EPHESIANS 1:3-14
MARK 6:7-13

A Vocation View

Some people feel like they aren't perfect enough to be a priest or religious. But even St. Paul had a "thorn in the flesh" which God would not take away. Instead Jesus told him, "Power is made perfect in weakness." If He calls you, He will supply the strength. To learn more call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.





This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage.

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth.

Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there." Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them -- a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham. That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master. As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be -- before we chose to walk with Jesus? As Paul confides in today's Second Reading, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him. Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants -- knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens. We are called in faith to walk in His way, putting Him first,

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Fr. Tím

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.

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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.

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 igag9246@yahoo.com The cost of the glazed donuts is \$15 per dozen. Because the sale is limited to 200 dozens, please pre-order by emailing igag924@yahoo.com, text or call 716-348-0703.



A 'Family' Invitation

St. John Paul II Parish Invites you to its Lawn Fete activities *July 12,13 and 14.*

Schedule of Events for Lawn Fete 2024

<u>Friday, July 12</u> -- *Cruise Night* -Open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Gates open at 4:30 p.m.).

"Double Shot" performing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

<u>Saturday, July 13</u> -- "Laughing Bandit" performing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

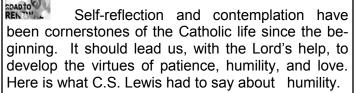
Sunday, July 14 -- Open from Noon to 6:00 p.m. "Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra" performing at 1:00 p.m

Mike Skowronski performing 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Chicken BBQ from Noon until sold out.

Also Included at each of the sessions above are: Food, Beverages, Kid Games, Chinese Basket Raffle and Grand Raffle.

Road to Renewal



"Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him, it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all."

Our modern secular society has negatively infiltrated our Christian ideals and "preaching of humility in action." Social Media and other online platforms allow individuals to make everything about themselves, to put down those who disagree with them. It can become a place to spew hatred even though they do not know the full story or truth. Don't we all find ourselves disliking persons who carry themselves with a smile? We often label them as "ignorant" or "in a bubble." Because we have so often become self-consumed with the bad and the negative, we can't see the good and the positive in our world.

As we journey along in our road to renewal, and especially as we recall our Independence, let us work at being cheerful, knowledgeable, and take an investing interest in those around us. The world might look upon us poorly, but our God will rejoice when He welcomes home His good and faithful servant; His Son's action in our world. Let us be His faithful Church and grow together.

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Catholic Charities

THANK YOU for your generous support of Catholic Charities Appeal 2024! We hope you know how grateful we are for your parish chairs' and other Appeal volunteers' dedication and commitment to this year's campaign, and of course for you, our faithful donors. If it weren't for your compassionate support, we couldn't be a beacon of HOPE for those in need.

Your efforts are truly life-changing for those who come through our doors -- from food assistance to mental health services to education and job skills. We are humbled and grateful for your support of our work at Catholic Charities. Thank you.

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MPB Calendar

Saturday, July 6

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 7

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, July 9

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 13

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 14

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.

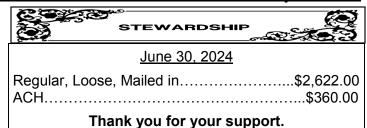
Registration forms may be downloaded at lakeshorecatholicfc.org have children participate in these summer Bible Schools.

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.

'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).

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.

July 13 & 14	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, N. Preischel	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	J. Dillon, S. Vail, L. Feider	J. Sedor