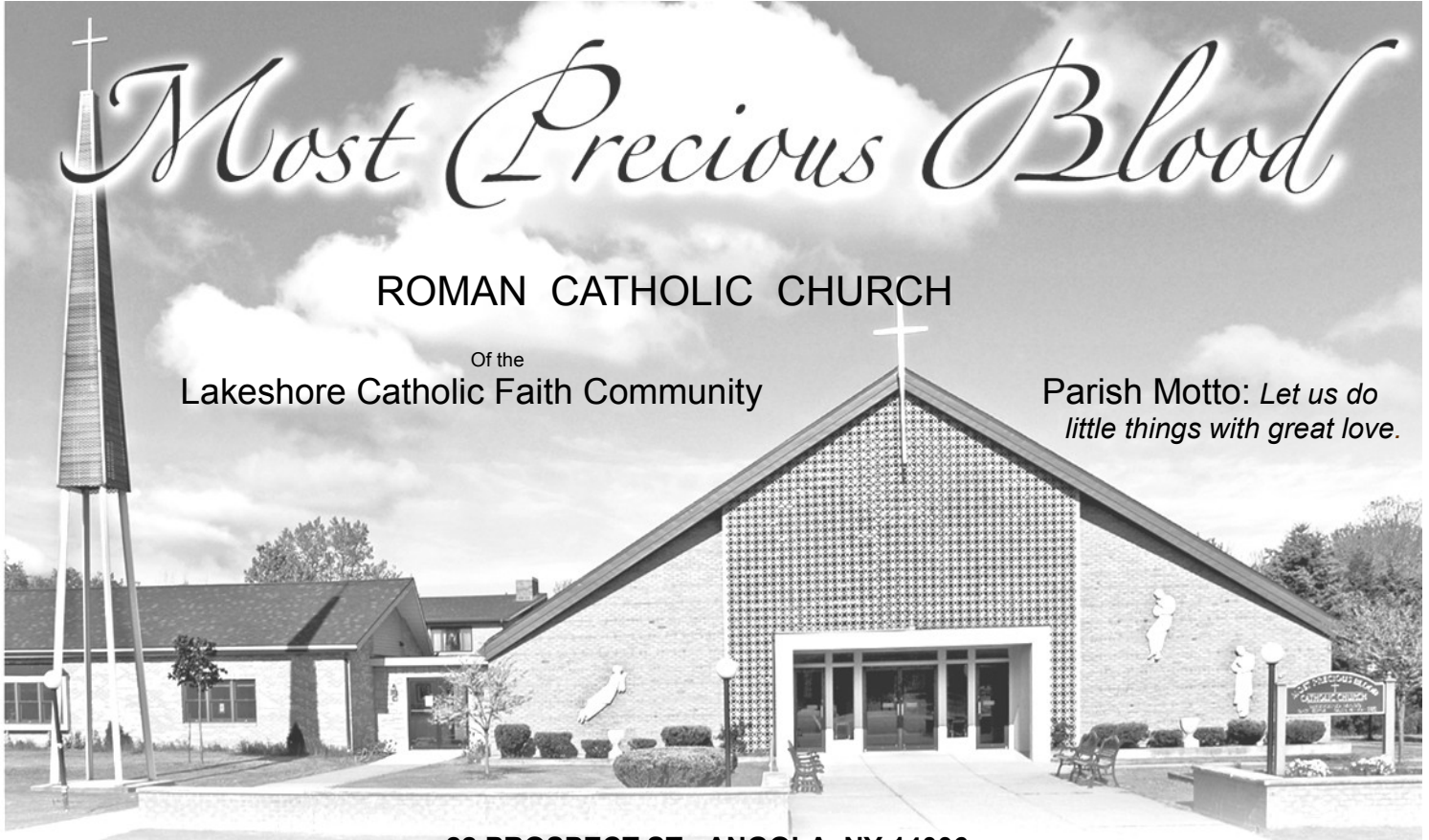


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Parish Motto: *Let us do
little things with great love.*



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Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
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MPB Parish Staff

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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, August 3****Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Peter Scaglione - req. Wife & Family

Sunday, August 4 -18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Donald Mogavero - req. Smaldino Family

Monday, August 5

8:00 AM - John Williams - req. Williams Family

Wednesday, August 7

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

Friday, August 9

8:00 AM -Michael Reinard -req. Erickson & Connors Families

Saturday August 10**Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Michael Sutton - req. Family

Sunday, August 11-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Thaddeus Misiak - req. Linda & Tim Feider

*In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish, and especially for **James B. Erickson**.*

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, AUGUST 4**EXODUS** 16:2-4, 12-15**PSALM** 78**EPHESIANS** 4:17, 20-24**JOHN** 6:24-35**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 11****1 KINGS** 19:4-8**PSALM** 34**EPHESIANS** 4:30--5:2**JOHN** 6:41-51**A Vocation View**

Manna in the desert -- a miracle, but only a sign of the more amazing Bread from Heaven that Jesus would give us in His Body & Blood. This supreme gift continues through the ministry of priests. Be a part of this otherworldly ministry! Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

**A Message from the Pastor**

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Endurance Test*

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Today we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist. The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith. As Paul reminds us in this week's Second Reading, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food. Food is the most obvious of signs because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him.

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence -- that we should trust that He will provide. These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. Too often, we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. We think these things are what we really need.

Trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well. Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winners of the drawings for the week of July 28 are **Arlene Heineman**, ticket number 080, and **Brian Guest**, ticket number 071. Each receives \$75.

Tickets for this fundraiser are available at the Parish Office Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ticket cost is \$60. Only 260 tickets will be sold. If you are unable to visit the Parish Office to purchase a ticket, please call 716-549-0420 to arrange for purchase by mail.

Prizes total \$5,400. There will be 16 drawings for \$75 beginning the week of July 28. The Reception and Final Drawings Event will take place November 9. Grand Prize is \$2,000; 2nd prize is \$1,000; 3rd prize is \$500; and 4th through 10th prizes are \$100 each. Proceeds of the Fall Split Club will benefit the parish.

Rosary Events at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony Parish, Farnham, hosts its summer gatherings to pray the Rosary, *Rosary in the Park*, every Thursday, August 1 - 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Evangola State Park. All are invited

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St. Anthony's also invites you to attend its *Patriotic Rosary* that will take place in the church September 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Consider ACH Direct Payment

ACH is a process for automatic donations to be made from your checking or savings account to Most Precious Blood Church on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. If interested in the ACH payment, please fill out the form below and mail it to MPB Rectory Office, 22 Prospect, NY 14006 or place it in a weekend collection basket.

Please mail more ACH information to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

ACH Form is also available on MPB's website:
<http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm>



Road to Renewal

I trust we have all seen or heard about the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics. Many have seen it as an attack on Christianity and have come to its defense. In fact, Bishop Robert Barron called it a "gross mockery." Bishop Barron said, "Christians were offended because it was offensive, and it was intended to be offensive, so please don't patronize us with this condescending remark about 'well, if you had any bad feelings, we're awfully sorry about that.' A real apology would be something like, 'this was a mistake, it never should have been done, and we're sorry for it.' I do not think Christians should be mollified. I think we should keep raising our voices."

This presumptive attack on Christian Ideals has stirred up emotions from all sides. But, I am noticing an explosion of prayer, Mass attendance, and people asking Scriptural Questions of late. I dare say FAITH is essential. People are rejuvenating their Christian faith in the midst of anger and despair.

As we continue to reshape and right size our family of parishes, I pray we keep FAITH first and can meet all hurdles with the same zeal and enthusiasm we are seeing right now. Last week we posted on our family website the job descriptions and applications for positions open in the family going forward. These positions have been carefully orchestrated to cover the needs that encompass our ministry. This hiring of our family staff will help us as we move forward in our Renewal. Please consider our expanding family and pray for each and every one of us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



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.



July 28, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....2,532.00
 ACH.....\$360.00
 Peter's Pence.....\$216.00

Thank you for your support.

WWII Polish Remembrance Mass 2024

Each year the Polish American community remembers and honors the people of Poland who suffered and perished during World War II with a special commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe at the Auschwitz concentration camp. This year's event will especially honor the members of religious communities -- nuns and priests -- who were victims to the horrors of war.

The Mass will take place Sunday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus B & M Church, Fillmore & Peckham Ave., Buffalo. Immediately following the Mass, a light refreshment will be served in the Social Center where an art exhibit, developed by Dr. Eileen Lyon, will be available for viewing.

The event is sponsored by Polish American Congress, Polish Chair at Canisius College, Polish Legacy Project - WWII; and Am-Pol Eagle Newspaper. The entire Western New York Community is invited.



Celebrating the Assumption

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4135 Union Rd., Cheektowaga.

An outdoor Mass, celebrated by Fr. Sean DiMaria, with the Blessing of Herbs and Flowers takes place at 10:00 a.m. Other events include a Latin Mass at 12:00 p.m.; Rosary for Peace at 3:00 p.m.; Living Rosary at 6:00 p.m.; Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Other activities from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. include food trucks, bake sale, and a basket raffle. For more information, call 716-276-9288 or visit <https://www.cheektowagacatholicfamily.org/>

MPB Calendar

Saturday, August 3
 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 4
 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, August 6
 5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, August 7
 8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, August 10
 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 11
 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Vacation Bible School

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 the summer Bible School. There is no charge.

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 Pietrocario at 716-627-7497.

Services of Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Behavioral Health offers outpatient mental health services to community members as young as three years and up. If you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms such as excessive worry or fear, irritability or agitation, feeling depressed or hopeless, trouble concentrating, restlessness or inability to relax, it may be time to speak with a professional. Give Catholic Charities Behavioral Health a call at 1-877-448-4466.

Hot Dog Roast at St. Anthony Parish

Bring a friend to Mass Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Parish and stay for fellowship and a hot dog cookout following Mass.

August 10 & 11	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