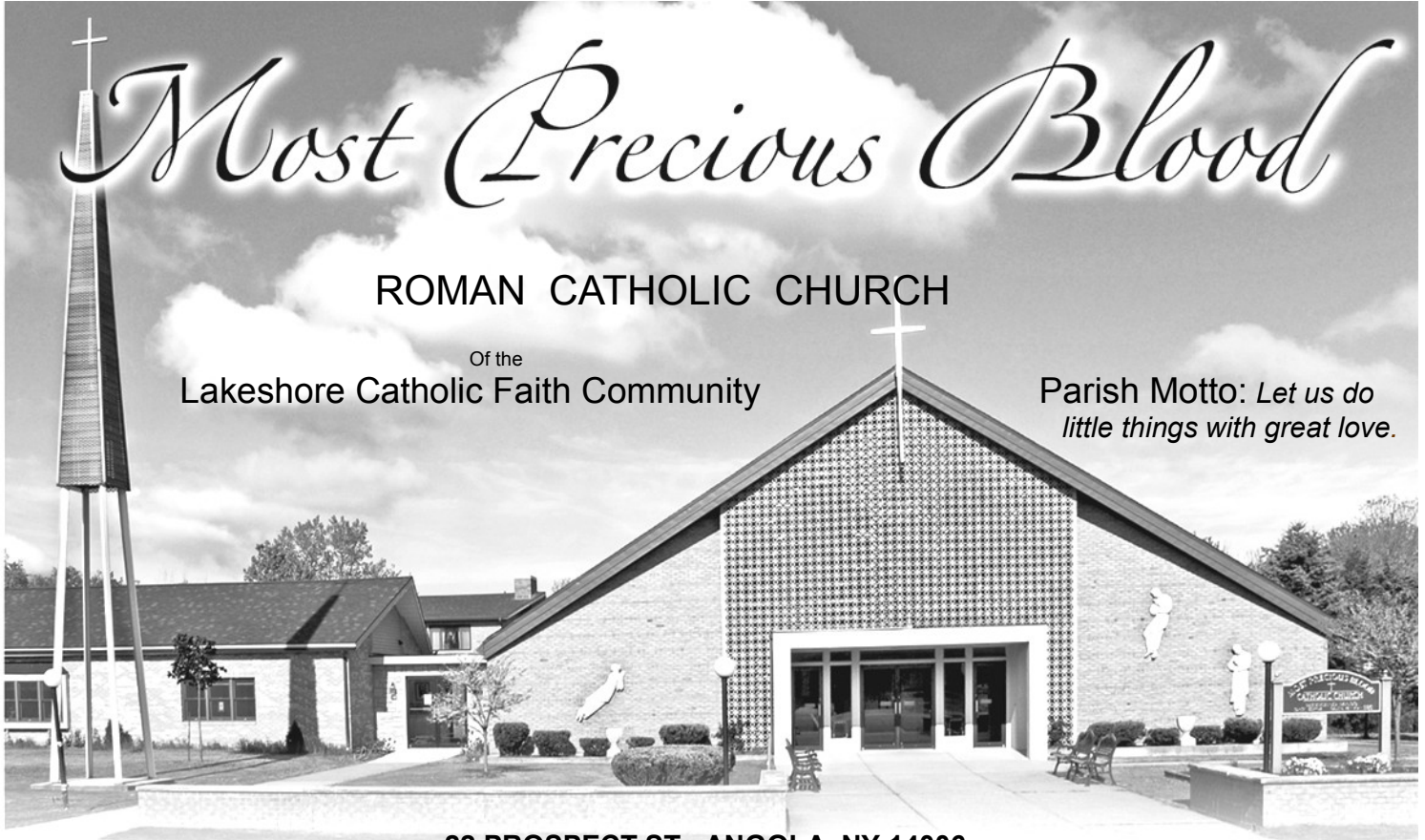


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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



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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 17****Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Howard & Shirley Kaiser - req. Don & Kathie Mogavero

Sunday, August 18-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Living & Deceased of Rosary & Altar Society, especially Rita Kohlmeier

Monday, August 19

8:00 AM - Linda Valentin - req. Rick & Patty Valentin

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 PM - Jenny Zutkhel - req. Latimores

Friday, August 23

8:00 AM - John Kane - req. Hosler Family

Saturday, August 24**Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Jack Geidel - req. Wife & Family

Sunday, August 25 -21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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, AUGUST 18**PROVERBS 9:1-6****PSALM 34****EPHESIANS 5:15-20****JOHN 6:51-58****READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25****JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b****PSALM 34****EPHESIANS 5:21-32****JOHN 6:60-69****A Vocation View**

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” We do this literally in Holy Communion. Without priests we do not have this profound encounter with our God. Answer the call to feed the flock with the Holy Eucharist! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor

Today, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began last week. Today's stresses the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfillment of the symbol of the manna of the Old Testament, is the Food that gives us life forever. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declared that the Bread he gives is his Flesh.

This Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated today: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

From the Book of Proverbs, Lady Wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now Incarnate in Jesus. Our Responsorial Psalm thanks God for His providential care and His close association with His people, and invites all to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Paul advises the Gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways. Instead, they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

The heart of our eucharistic theology: Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his Body and drinking his Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life.

Our participation in the Eucharist energizes our relationship with Christ and one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.

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

Winner of the drawing for the week of August 4 is **Andrew McEvoy**, ticket number 023. He 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 in the Park

St. Anthony Parish hosts its summer gatherings to pray the Rosary, *Rosary in the Park*, at Evangola State Park every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. (September 12 at 6:30 p.m.). All are invited.

St. Anthony's also invites you to its *Patriotic Rosary* that will take place in the church September 2 at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 417 Commercial St., Farnham (directly off of Rte. 5).

WINGS to Meet

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) will offer a six session, faith sharing of *Living in the Father's Love* Saturday mornings 9:00-10:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall, Farnham.

The purpose of these meetings is to discover how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and those we love. The first session is September 21.

To register for these sessions, contact Kathy Brachmann at 716-553-6525; Terri Hatton at 716-472-1293; or Audrey Walkowiak at 716-725-4086.



Road to Renewal

I recently heard about the movie "Karol" starring Piotr Adamczyk. This six-hour film depicts the life of Pope Saint John Paul II. I understand this movie does not so much focus on his ecclesiastic accomplishments but rather upon the interior struggle of watching Poland and the world around him crumble, covering World War 2 through the Cold War and the never-ending abuse by Communist and Fascist parties.

Throughout his life, the Church was consistently changing and under attack. He witnessed an underground Church, killings of prelates, the Second Vatican Council, and much more. Regardless, his deep desire to "open wide the doors to Christ" never diminished. He traveled everywhere he could to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was sustained through faith and love. His example of Prayer dependence increased over his life.

We might see a similarity in our own present. We are watching challenges and unknowns that focus on our interior struggle. We are anticipating a final verdict on which parishes in our Diocese will be closing, decisions from the Courts of the State of New York, what we and our neighbors do with the feelings and struggling that comes from the results.

There is no doubt we are living through a moment in history that will make a difference for generations to come. We do have control over history, by what we do in our lives, through our deep desire to "open wide the doors to Christ," through our faith and love.

Are future generations going to look back at these years as the final nail in the coffin for the Church in Western New York? Or are they going to see this time as ground zero for the greatest revival for Jesus Christ in Western New York?

We are not Saint John Paul II but we have the same gifts and abilities that he did and we can use them the same. We must. We need always focus on faith and love with a desire to "open wide the doors of Christ." May our dependence on Prayer increase, and may we be the catalyst in the world that the Lord desires of us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



August 11, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$2,643.00
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Thank you for your support.

MPB Calendar

Saturday, August 17
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 18
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, August 20
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, August 21
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, August 24
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 25
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, an Adoption Program will begin August 27. This is an opportunity to spiritually adopt a child conceived this month.

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is for these babies spiritual adoption is being requested.

You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up on the weekend of August 24/25. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will pray, thereby providing the baby the humanity he/she deserves.

You are asked to pray for your unborn child daily for a 9-month period, for great is the power of prayer. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin in addition to the availability of pamphlets describing the baby’s development.

There are millions of unborn babies at risk for abortion who desperately need your prayers. Won’t you please spiritually adopt and share the love of life that God has given you?

Life in the Eucharist Mission

A few months ago, the Lakeshore Family of Parishes came together for the Life in the Eucharist Mission. Every week participants met at one of the family churches to learn about the Eucharist of God’s Love...as Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and as Mission... all in Jesus Christ.

Each person had the opportunity to fill out a commitment card to personally and privately write down plans going forward, each living one’s life in the Eucharist. The cards were placed in a jar on the altar at St. Anthony’s Church with the intention of traveling to all the family churches over the next year.

All commission statements will be prayed for at each location with the promise that all will meet again in a year to celebrate a Mass together.

Collection of Personal Care Items

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John Paul II Parish will collect personal care items for its “Personal Care Closet” at its downtown location.

The collections will take place the weekends of August 31, September 1 and 8.

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.

August 24 & 25	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, N. Preischel, Volunteer	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, S. Vail, L. Feider,	J. Sedor

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 716-627-7497.

‘Car Plays’ at Angola Park

The Evangola Community Theater will present “Car Plays” Monday, August 19 and August 26 at the Angola Centennial Park, corner of Center and High Sts. in the Village of Angola. The performances begin at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission.