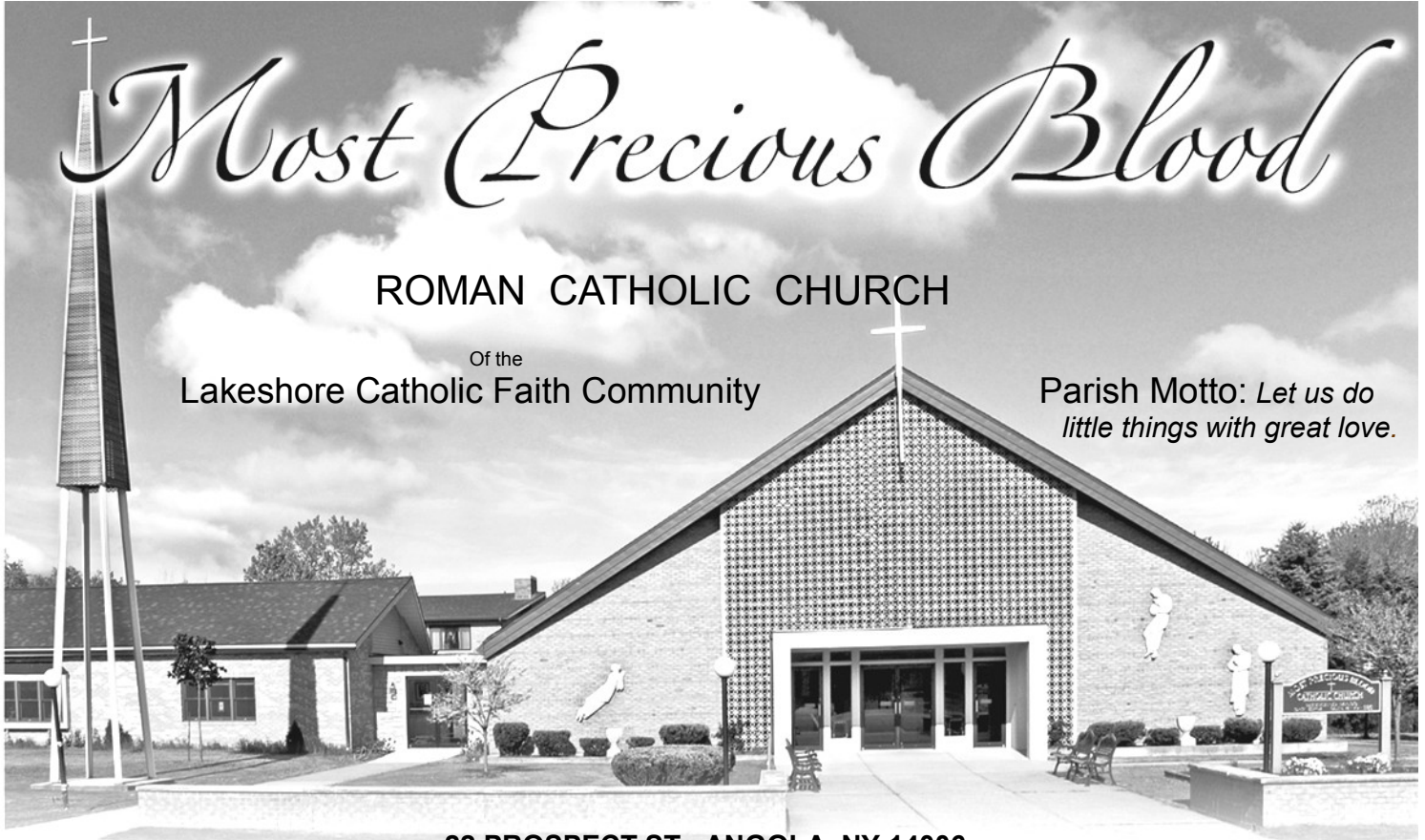


Most Precious Blood

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 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

Monday, August 26

8:00 AM - George Banzer - req. Wife Vern

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 PM - Diane Stacy - req. Dad

Friday, August 30

8:00 AM - Stacy Tomaka - req. Family

Saturday, August 31

Vigil: Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Joseph V. Newland - req. Wife

Sunday, September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM-Constance Prohaska-req. Smaldino 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, AUGUST 25

JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
PSALM 34
EPHESIANS 5:21-32
JOHN 6:60-69

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

DEUTERONOMY
PSALM 15
JAMES 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A Vocation View

Today St. Paul defines marriage as an indissoluble bond between a man and a woman: "a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Marriage is a vocation -- it requires the total surrender of self. Sincere and humble thanks to all who are living this vocation faithfully, under so much opposition from our culture.

**A Message from the Pastor**

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:
A Choice to Make*

Our Gospel today is the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. To now, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish.

Again, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead it is the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

In short, these readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist; the Twelve Apostles are asked to make a choice -- either believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem -- where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land. And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist -- a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Second Reading, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants. That this faith then commits us to a path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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 18 is **Patti Maiorana**, ticket number 004. She 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

Dr. Jordan Peterson, a bestselling author, world famous psychologist, and a former professor at Harvard, once said, "Perhaps you are overvaluing what you don't have and undervaluing what you do."

For sure, we can all find some truth in this quote in the current situations we find our world, our church, ourselves! I continue to listen to people throughout the area and especially from all of our parishes in the family. Memories, preconceptions and even lamenting of traditions, customs, and maybe a more familiar relationship with our "Pastor," weigh heavily on our minds. We long for the "normal," or better, what we have become accustomed to as self, Church, Parish, Family. Things may well continue to change and evolve more and even get worse.

We have just come through a four week focus on the "bread of life" discourse. Are we undervaluing what we do have? We have the Lord of the universe present in our tabernacles. We have the opportunity every day of the week to approach His altar and enter into communion with Him through the Blessed Sacrament. We are a part of the "Body of Christ. We have a wonderful network of outreach to those who are poor and needy as well as the homebound and the hospitalized. We share with and for God's Plan for Salvation.

Don't miss these things which make up the mysteries of our faith. Don't under appreciate how good and merciful our God is, and has been to us and will always be to us.

"You must determine where you are going in your life, because you cannot get there unless you move in that direction. Random wandering will not move you forward. It will instead disappoint and frustrate you and make you anxious and unhappy and hard to get along with (and then resentful, and then vengeful, and then worse)." (Dr. Peterson, 12 Rules for Life).

My beloved family, we are on a pilgrimage to a place of peace, happiness, and serenity – Heaven, our Eternal Home. Please, continue to renew your commitment to the Lord and constantly remind each other where our true home is with each other sharing that faith.

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2) **Choicest Blessings.**

Fr. Tim

MPB Calendar

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4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 15
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, August 27
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, August 28
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, August 31
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 1
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

STEWARDSHIP

August 18, 2024

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,739.79
ACH.....\$360.00
Feast of the Assumption.....\$413.00

Thank you for your support.

'Car Plays' at Angola Park

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

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?

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.

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.

Aug.31 & Sept. 1	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, P. Pinto, N. Preischel	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	K. Well, S. Vail, L. Feider	D. Gelencser

SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

BACK TO SCHOOL CHICKEN BBQ

September, 3rd | 3:30 pm until sold out
Southtowns Catholic Gym
2052 Lakeview Rd. Lake View NY 14085

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken with delicious homemade sides (salt potatoes, coleslaw, & cornbread)

PRE-ORDERS must be paid at time of order
Pre-order sales run from 8/16-8/26
Credit cards must be paid on school website.
Cash or check to be paid at the school office

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Checks made payable to Southtowns Catholic School

Pre-Order & Day-Of Purchases

\$14 Cash/Check
\$15 Credit