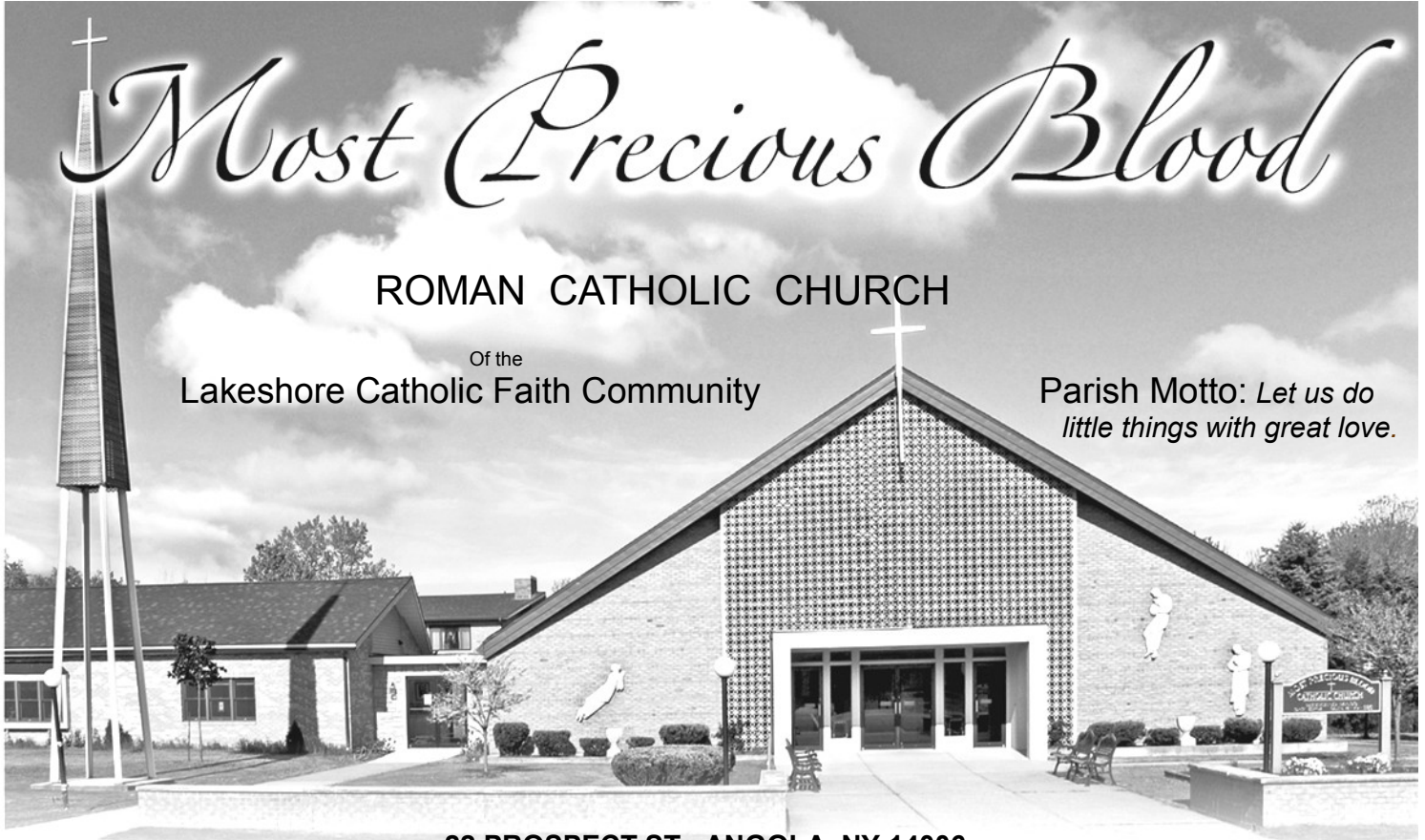


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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



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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 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

Monday, September 2

8:00 AM - Ron Simchick - req. Pat & Daughters

Wednesday, September 4

8:00 PM - John Patrick Kane - req. Brachmann Family

Friday, September 6

8:00 AM - Rev. Deacon Joseph P. Kane - req. Donna & Family

Saturday, September 7

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Thomas Schoeman - req. Hosler Family

Sunday, September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Rita Kohlmeier - req. Maiorana 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, SEPTEMBER 1

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

PSALM 15

JAMES 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ISAIAH 35:4-7a

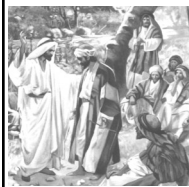
PSALM 146

JAMES 2:1-5

MARK 7:31-37

A Vocation View

Moses showed his people God's way of abundant life. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus has shown us the best possible way to live in our world. Who will share God's plan for fulfillment with the lost? If you feel called to take up the mission, visit buffalovocations.org or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.



A Message from the Pastor

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Pure Religion*

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic. In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose. The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us -- the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Second Reading, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Second Reading, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

Jesus' words challenge us! In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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, John Yerney, Mary Ann Hartzell, Evelyn Paradiso, Carol Penski, Joyce Prisco, Angela Jones, David Skoczylas, Doreen Miller, Mary Ann Barrett, Karl Trembath, Kenny Drag.



Thank you to everyone who made “Come to the Table,” this year’s Vacation Bible School, a huge success. More than 45 students attended each day.

During the week they heard stories, took part in crafts, games and music about Jesus, participated in Eucharistic Adoration and attended a closing Mass (followed by a picnic).

Kathy Brachmann

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of August 25 is **James Voto**, ticket number 171. 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.

Alpha Sessions Planned

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, September 16 through November 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the Little Church of St. John Paul II Parish (2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View). Attend when you can.

Alpha is a series of sessions in a welcoming environment where people can grapple with questions of life without judgment or expectation. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at (716) 381-7386.

Keep Evans Fed Project

Operation Good Neighbor (OGN) has notified the parish that, because their supply is very low, they are asking for donations of unopened containers of breakfast cereal in order to assist those in need. Please call 716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703 for pick-up. If there is no answer, leave a message.

Road to Renewal



September marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for our family of parishes as well as our Southtowns Catholic students returning to the classroom. I want to thank Barbara Manley and her team for working diligently this summer to prepare our school. I encourage all of you to stop by Southtowns Catholic School Tuesday, September 3 for its annual back to school chicken barbeque. Dinners will begin being served at 3:30 p.m. This is a drive-thru event. I understand not everyone has a child in the family to send to our school but there are many ways you can support the mission of Southtowns Catholic.

First, pray for our staff, faculty, and students that they remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the year. Second, you can visit Route 5 Can & Bottle; Bottle Return aka “The Green Zone” in Angola. There you can return your cans and bottles and have the returns automatically donated to Southtowns Catholic School. Third, United Way Campaign: You can direct any portion of your United Way gift to Southtowns Catholic School. It is as easy as designating Southtowns Catholic School #4393 as a specific recipient on your United Way contribution form. The code for SEFA is 57-00506.

In the Catholic liturgical calendar, September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as the Sorrowful Mother. The month is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, which are the sorrows she experienced because of her Son. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated September 15, following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14. The feast commemorates seven significant moments in Mary’s life that caused her profound sorrow, including: The prophecy of Simeon, The flight into Egypt, The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, The crucifixion and death of Jesus, The taking down of His body, and Jesus’ burial. As we all feel sorrow in our lives, let us entrust ourselves to our Blessed Mother, who brings all souls to her Son. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for our Diocese, our clergy, and for us all. Choicest Blessings.

Fr. Tim

Trust in the Immaculate

(The following announcement is from Rev. Ross Syracuse of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.)



Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., one of our Friars and our Delegate for the Franciscan Friars Province’s Marian Apostolate, will join our family at St. Francis September 14-15. He will preach on the lives of three contemporary Polish saints and their devotion to Mary Immaculate: St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, OLM, and Pope St. John Paul II.

The holy lives of these great saints of the Twentieth Century continue to bless the Catholic Church and the world. Fr. Jobe will look at each saint’s unique “entrustment” to the Immaculate Mother of God that led to a deeper relationship with Christ and a fuller understanding of God’s Will in their lives.

