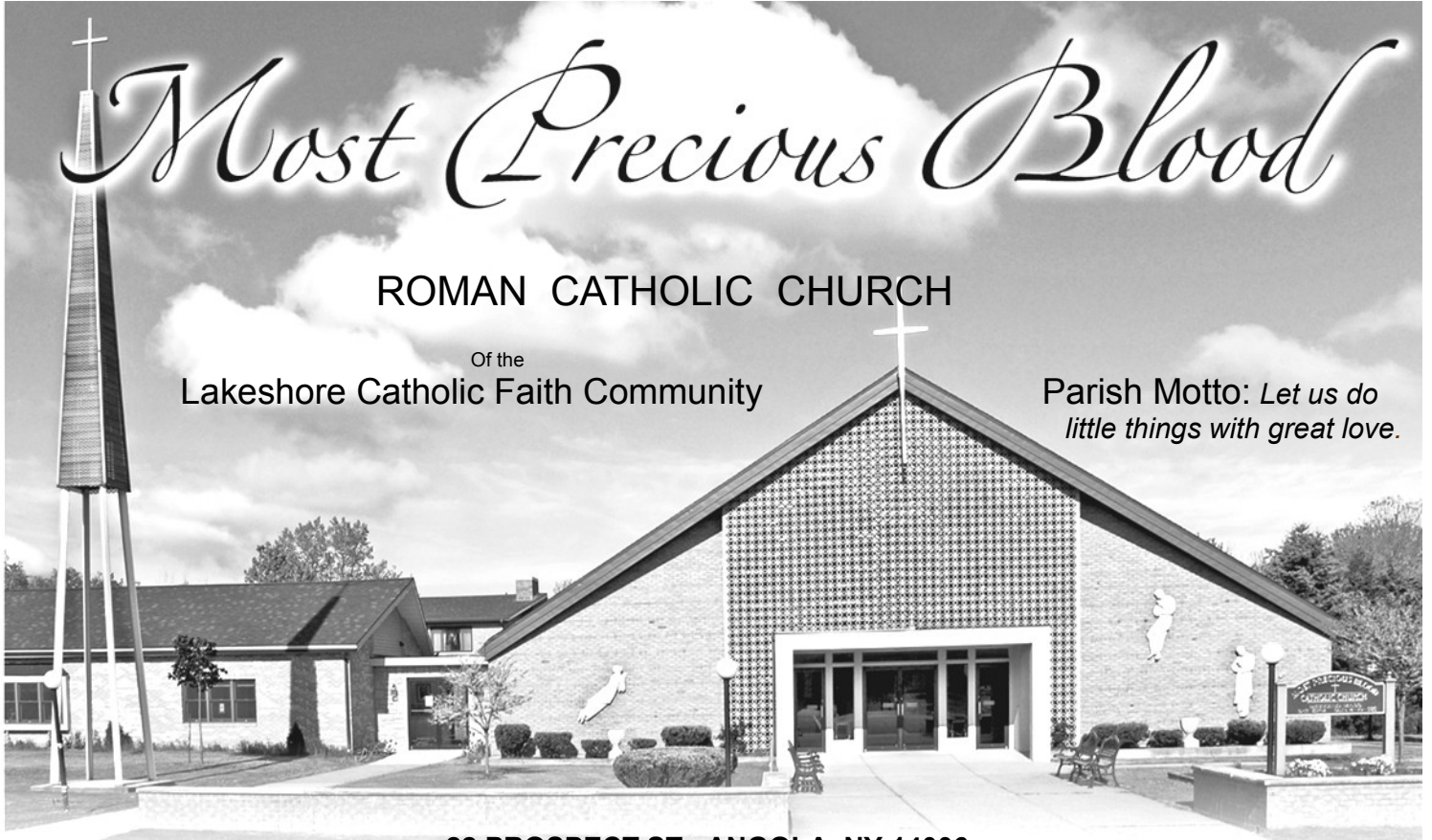


Most Precious Blood

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
Deacon Neal Linnan -- Deacon Steven Schumer

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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.

New Parishioners: We welcome you warmly. Please register at the rectory office as soon as you arrive



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

Monday, September 9

8:00 AM - John Patrick Kane - req. Brian & Barb
Guest

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 PM - Debbie Gilman - req. Erickson Family

Friday, September 13

8:00 AM - Gloria Johns - req. Charles & Jovita
Wilson

Saturday, September 14

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - April Perna - req. Mom Arlene

Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Living/Deceased of Rosary Altar Society

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 8

ISAIAH 35:4-7a

PSALM 146

JAMES 2:1-5

MARK 7:31-37

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ISAIAH 50:5-9a

PSALM 116

JAMES 2:14-18

MARK 8:27-35

A Vocation View

Isaiah's message today is powerful: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...He comes to save you." By Jesus we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life. What an incredible deal -- worth devoting your life to it! If you have the desire to do this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



A Message from the Pastor

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
All Things Well*

Today we continue to hear back in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good.

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible -- in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater -- that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." Sometimes we can't understand the whole meaning, but God does and will always be there.

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.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 1 is **Todd DeMario**, ticket number 022. 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.

Meetings on Grief

A two-week DVD session on Grief will take place Thursdays, September 12 and 26 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Gathering Room, 2950 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park.

The two 45-minute sessions will be followed by discussion and fellowship. To register, call the parish office at 716-674-9133.

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



My deadline came before any word of the proposal project for our family. If you did not hear me say this before, let me say it again: Hard and good work was done by all in the process. As we wait the process, let us increase our prayer that the Holy Spirit be upon us all and that what is best for God's Plan for us will come true in this process. May the Holy Spirit truly be present amongst us and those involved making the best decisions for the future of our Diocese and our family of parishes.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God." As we enter into this new season of autumn, and we experience the beautiful changes of God's creation, it offers us a time of reflection. Can I do more as a Christian to manifest the love of God in our world? Do people look at me and see the face of Jesus? I encourage you to make these simple questions part of your nightly examination of conscience. As God prepares to renew his creation, are we doing what we can to renew our Church?

Pray, Believe, Pray! The Love of God will shine through us.

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.

<u>MPB Calendar</u>	
Saturday, September 7	4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday, September 8	8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
Tuesday, September 10	5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel
Wednesday, September 11	8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel
Saturday, September 14	4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday, September 15	8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Rejoicing in Recovery

The Faith Community Coalition invites you to its "Rejoicing in Recovery," a local celebration of recovery from addiction.

The celebration takes place Saturday, September 21 at Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center, 107 Main St., Hamburg, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this day filled with food, family fun, music, inspiration, community resources and education.

"We pray for those who guide, love and accompany our sisters and brothers along their path to recovery. We ask that you shower them with gifts of patience and wisdom so that they might continue to be a light for those who are lost."

Catholic Charities

Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate? If so, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind.

The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags. In addition, donations of household items are also welcome: small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes, utensils and bed linens.

Donations supply goods to the Ladies' Lot of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Outreach Thrift Store in Wellsville, and the Fresh Start Program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons.

To schedule a donation in Buffalo, call 716-895-4001.


STEWARDSHIP	
<u>September 1, 2024</u>	
Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$3,714.00
ACH.....	\$360.00
Parish Maintenance.....	\$1,136.00
Thank you for your support.	

WINGS Group Plans Sessions

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. It begins September 21.

These meetings intend to show how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and those we love.

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.

Rosary in the Park	
	St. Anthony Parish will have the summer's last gathering to pray the Rosary, <i>Rosary In the Park</i> , at Evangola State Park Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

September 14 & 15	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, P. Pinto, Volunteer	K. Young
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, S. Vail, J. Dillon,	D. Gelencser

Consider ACH Direct Payment

In banking, ACH stands for *Automated Clearing House*. It is a process by which automatic donations can be made from your checking or savings accounts to Most Precious Blood Church. With your approval this allows the parish to withdraw contributions from your checking or savings 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	