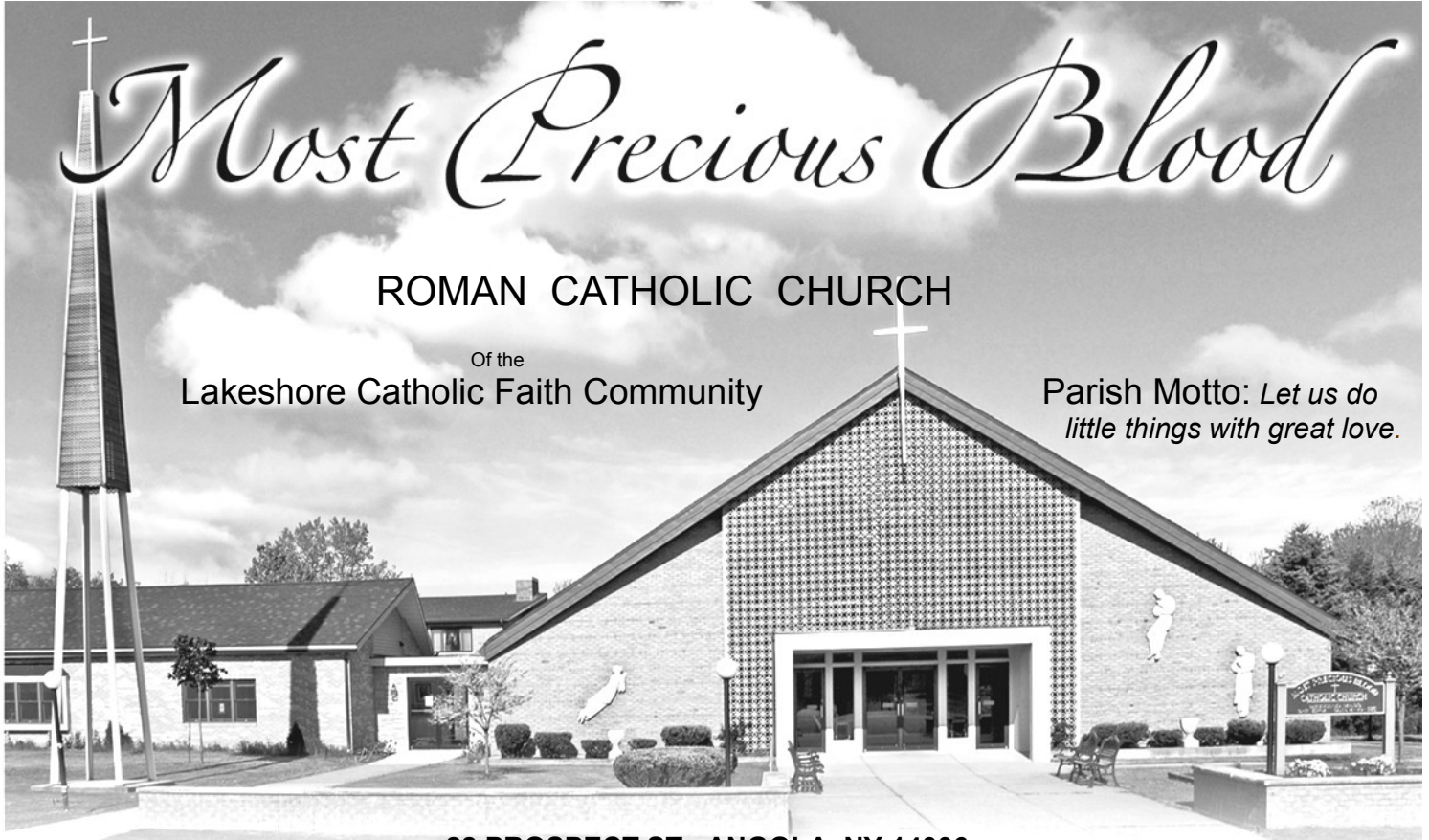


Most Precious Blood

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.

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

**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

Monday, September 16

8:00 AM - Mr. & Mrs. John Kush - req. Daughters
Maryann & Fran

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 PM - William Barrett - req. Wife

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

Vigil: Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Earl & Anna Wockasen - Req. Anna &
Family

Sunday, September 22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Laurie Stottlar - req. Nadina Szewczyk

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 15

ISAIAH 50:5-9a

PSALM 116

JAMES 2:14-18

MARK 8:27-35

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

PSALM 54

JAMES 3:16--4:3

MARK 9:30-37

A Vocation View

Jesus challenges us to take up our cross and follow Him. Is he leading you to the sacrificial life of a religious sister or brother, or the priesthood?

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Following the Messiah*

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity.

Even more, today we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is. Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David.

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions. But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world. And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words -- as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death. As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial, losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Second Reading, must express itself in works of love.

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord. We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel. Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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 8 is **Ed Conboy**, ticket number 044. 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 takes 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 are 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

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Romans, wrote, "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12). Saint Paul describes three core pillars of the Christian life. God, who justifies believers through their free-will offering of themselves, sends the Holy Spirit with gifts to assist in the preservation of the Christian life. Saint Paul in his letter to the Church in Rome is speaking primarily to a Jewish audience -- a Jewish audience bound in the mindset of the Mosaic Law. Saint Paul reminds them to stay steadfast in their new duties as a Christian.

Hope is God's greatest gift in troubling times. We often find ourselves lost, knocked down, defeated, anxious for the future. However, God is merciful and knows our human limitations. He calls us to His great love and His great promise to us through the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we hold onto hope, we hold onto an eternal promise of salvation and love. Sometimes hope is easier to carry when we see the obvious evils of our times or individuals who think differently than we do. However, when the evil seems to be coming from within or from close or trusted sources, we struggle just to keep hopeful.

We have been notified of the final merging and closure plans of parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo. Emotions are running high in many different ways for everyone, but now is the time for this weekend's Gospel, to embrace the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. It is important now more than ever to seek hope; to come together with hope; to hope for the future of our Church; to hope for holy vocations. We must hope in our divine physician to heal sorrowful hearts; hope in our unity as Christ's body on earth, a unified bride awaiting her bridegroom to return and bring us to our eternal home. It may not be easy, but we must "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, and persevere in prayer." Choicest Blessings.

Fr. Tim

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is the initiation process for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who were baptized in a Catholic or non-Catholic church and now wish to consider fully joining the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is a step-by-step process, with no pressure to commit to the Catholic faith, in which interested persons explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church over a period of several months or years, as needed.

Sessions take place at St. Mary of the Lake every Sunday morning, 9:00-11:00, with Deborah Keenan and at Most Precious Blood, 9:00-10:30, with Marie O'Connor. For more information, contact the Family Office at 716-549-0420.

MPB Calendar

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, September 17

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

WINGS Sessions

It is not too late to sign up for the six-week sessions of faith sharing and study of *Living in the Father's Love*. It is offered Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 in the Church Hall at St. Anthony's, Farnham. The first session is September 21.

For more information, contact Kathy Brachmann at 716-553-6525; Terri Hatton at 716-472-1293; or Audrey Walkowiak at 716-725-4086.

Fall Bible Study at MPB

The Bible and the Church Fathers, the fall Bible Study at Most Precious Blood Parish will meet Wednesdays in two sessions (10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.) from September 25 to December 18 in the Annex. The fee is \$20, which covers the cost of the book and the sessions.

Christians should want to know about their family tree, who has gone before them in the Faith, where they came from and what they believed. This study offers lessons on who the early Church Father were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture.

To register, fill out the form below, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail to: *Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola NY 14006*.

MPB Fall Bible Study
The Bible and the Church Fathers

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mark X to indicate your preference of time.

Wed., 10:00 a.m. Wed., 7:00 p.m.

\$20 enclosed: Check # _____ Cash _____



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Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,683.00
ACH.....\$1,788.00
Fuel.....\$631.00

Thank you for your support.

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.

LAKESHORE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

Holy Movie Nights

All movies are shown in the Community Room Of St. John Paul II Parish.

Thursday, September 26

The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa

Thursday, November 21

The Mission

Thursday, January 23

The Two Popes

Thursday, March 27

Passion of the Christ

Thursday, May 22

All That Remains: Based on the True Story Of Takashi Nagai

September 21 & 22	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