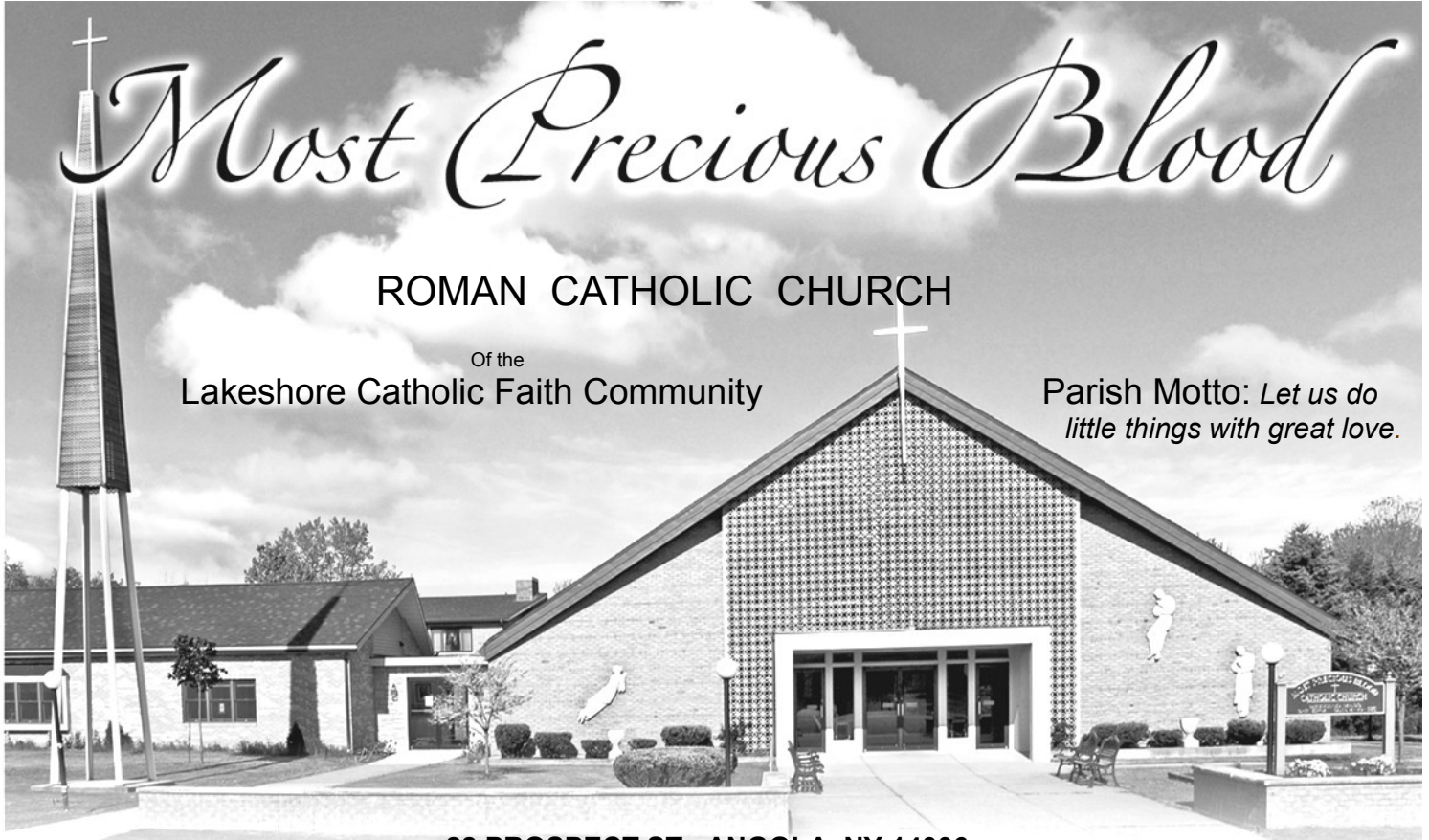


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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



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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Pastor.....Rev. Timothy Koester
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. John Kwiecien

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Ross Syracuse -- Rev. Michael Johnson
Rev. Johnson Machado

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
Deacon Neal Linnan -- Deacon Steven Schumer

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MPB Parish Staff

Pastoral Care.....Elizabeth Emhof (716-262-4782)
Trustees.....Elizabeth Duzen & Conrad F. Piskorz
Business Manager.....Mary Lou McEvoy
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Faith Formation.....(716-549-1818)
Liturgy Ministries Coordinator.....Corinne Best
Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana
Sacristan.....Diann Hosler
Parish Council Chair.....John Latimore

MPB Rectory Office Hours

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 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

Monday, September 23

8:00 AM - John Maiorana - req. Donna Kane

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 PM - John Patrick Kane - req. Marilyn Tonnies

Friday, September 27

8:00 AM - Toni Pinter - req. SJP2 Senior Group

Saturday, September 28**Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mary Scovazzo - req. Sister

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil

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 22**WISDOM 2:12****PSALM 54****JAMES 3:16--4:3****MARK 9:30-37****READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29****NUMBERS 11:25-29****PSALM 19****JAMES 5:1--6****MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48****A Vocation View**

"You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly," explains St. James in the second reading. There is a right way and a wrong way to pray. We need the voice of a church minister to guide us in the spiritual life. Could Jesus be calling you to lay ministry, religious life, or priesthood? Visit buffalovocations.org or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

A Message from the Pastor*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**Servant of All*

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware of a new situation emerging.

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him. The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will... deliver Him..."

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession, over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings. And again Jesus teaches the Twelve -- the chosen leaders of His Church -- that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us. We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Second Reading, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy. We are in this very place in our growth as Church today, we offer ourselves in sacrifice and trust God will sustain us.

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, Joseph Nichols, Betty Emhof.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 15 is **Tim Maciejewski**, ticket number 099. 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. Proceeds will benefit the parish.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation classes (Grades K-11) will begin October 20. Information concerning this year's classes is being mailed this week. If the mailing is not received, call the rectory office (716-549-0420) and leave a message.

Because of Mrs. Kathy Halter's retirement, MPB is in need of a catechist for grade K-1. The parish is grateful to Mrs. Halter for her many years of service and for the memories she has left with the children of the parish. If you are interested in the catechist position, please call the parish office.

Fall Clean-up at Cemetery

During the fall clean-up at Holy Cross Cemetery, which takes place October 15-31, all decorations will be removed. Winter decorations may be placed at grave sites after October 31.

For a copy of the cemetery's regulations, call the rectory office (716-549-0420).

Alpha Sessions

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, 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.

Road to Renewal



My heart is heavy as I work through this time in our journey, mostly as I embrace the strong emotions so many are facing. I will be meeting with St. Francis and St. Anthony Parish Councils and Parishioners as soon as it can be arranged.

For all of us, though, we have much to achieve and will be using our Family Pillar groups to help us. This past Tuesday, the leadership of the family attended a meeting with the Diocese to gather more information for the next steps of our process. We will continue to include all in this process. Please continue to pray for our family of parishes and Catholics across the Diocese of Buffalo as we navigate the seas of our growth.

This past Monday, we also launched our fall series of Alpha. Alpha is a program designed to help us reach out to those who may no longer be practicing their faith or those who have questions about faith. It continues to run every Monday evening at St. John Paul II Parish in the basement of the Little Church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Thank you to Beth Lopez and her team for organizing this program for our family.

Let me also draw attention to our family website. As we continue to work towards our central office and one bulletin, this remains the best place to see all the events happening in our family. Visit us online at lakeshorecatholicfc.org or for those who have a smart phone, download our family app. Just search "Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community."

"Our lives are of great worth if we accept with good grace the situation Providence places us in, and go on living lovingly." –Takashi Nagai

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 21 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass	
Sunday, September 22 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass	
Tuesday, September 24 5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel	
Wednesday, September 25 8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel	
Saturday, September 28 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass	
Sunday, September 29 8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass	

STEWARDSHIP	
September 15, 2024	
Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$2,407.00
ACH.....	\$360.00
Thank you for your support.	

September 28 & 29	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, N. Preischel, Volunteer	R.Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, S. Vail, L. Feider	D.Gelencser

Healing Mass at St. Francis

Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will take place Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, 4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg. Father David Bellittiere and the Friends of St. Peregrine cordially invite all parishioners who are afflicted with cancer or in need of physical or spiritual healing to come together in faith to seek God's healing. For further information, call Karen at (716) 283-0011.

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 _____



Holy Movie Night

St. John Paul II Parish will host the first of the Holy Movies Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The movie is ***The Letters: The untold Story of Mother Teresa.*** All parishioners of churches in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community are invited to attend.

Coalition to Protect Kids -- NY

The Coalition to Protect Kids is a ballot issue committee created to defeat the so-called Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State's Constitution.

In the amendment to the NY Constitution, the STATE could have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for children. Minors could have the right to irreversible transgender procedures without their parents' notice or consent. There is more to this vague, broad ballot initiative.

Attend a Hamburg Public Awareness Meeting September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Oakwood Manor, 2985 Lakeview Rd., Hamburg. For details and to RSVP, call 716-270-7331. Also go to Event Website: <https://www.protectkidsny.com/>.

Open House at St. Francis HS

Have you ever considered sending your son to St. Francis High School? Are you looking for a school with a rigorous academic curriculum, strong athletics, clubs, leadership opportunities where a young man can become the best version of himself?

You can find out more at the school's Fall Open House Sunday, September 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or Monday, September 30 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tours last approximately one hour. You can sign up for any time slot during the two-hour window.

The Open House event provides the opportunity to meet the admission team, administration, coaches, faculty, and staff along with students to have questions answered. For more information, email admissions@stfrancishigh.org or call 716-627-1200, ext. 582. St. Francis High School is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075.