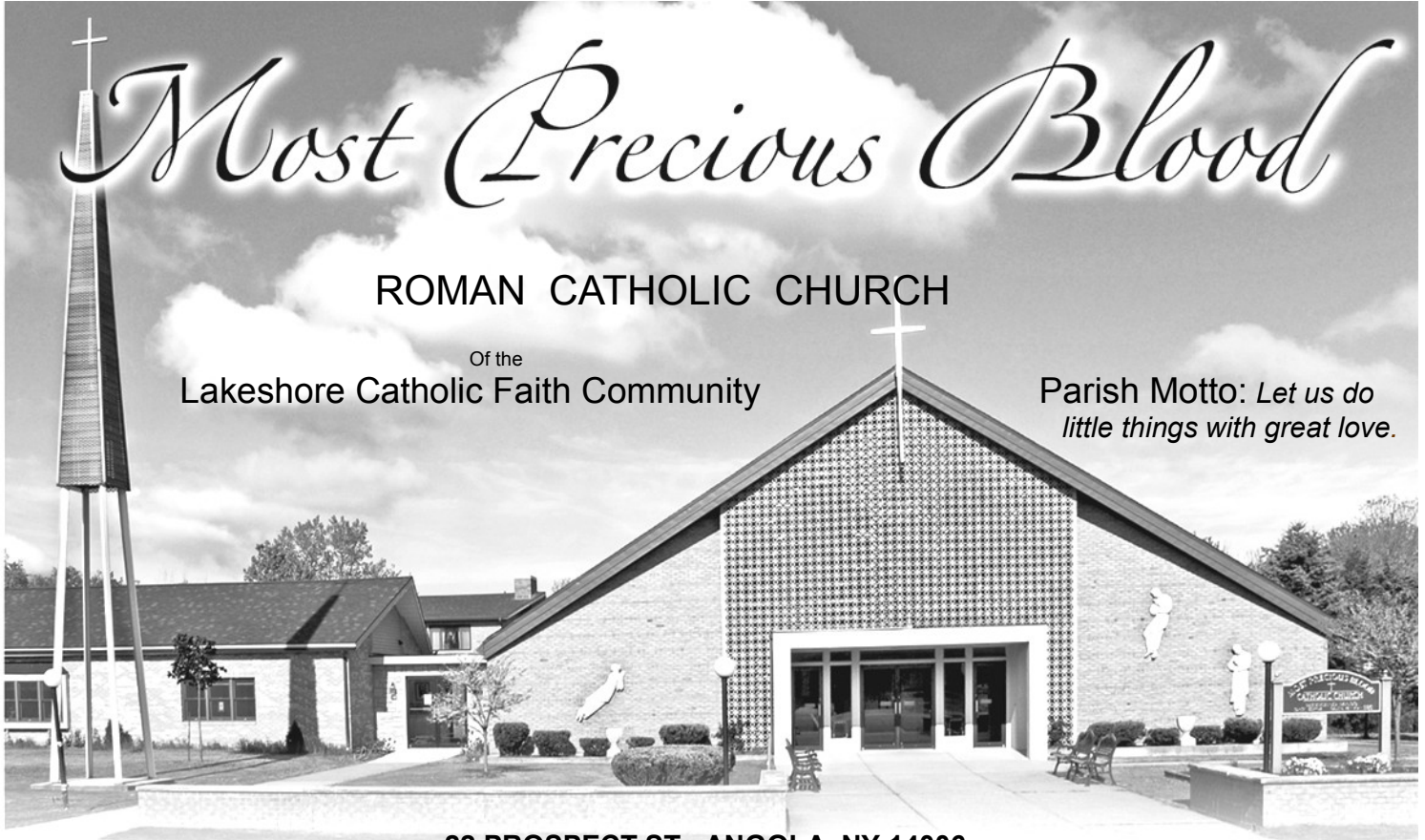


Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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



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Rev. Johnson Machado

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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)
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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 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

Monday, September 30

8:00 AM - Edward Vail - req. Antoinette Jakubczak

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 PM - Eleanor Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat & Daughters

Friday, October 4

8:00 AM - John Patrick Kane - MPB Office Staff

Saturday, October 5

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Thadeus Misiak - req. Christine Burgin

Sunday, October 6- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Paul Tomaka - req. 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 29

NUMBERS 11:25-29

PSALM 19

JAMES 5:1--6

MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

GENESIS 2:18-24

PSALM 128

HEBREWS 2:9-11

MARK 10:2-16

A Vocation View

“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His spirit on them all!” At last, God has done this! Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit of prophecy to all of us at our Confirmation. What will you do with it?

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



A Message from the Pastor

*Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time:
To Belong to Christ*

Is it possible that we could miss living a life God is calling us to live even as we faithfully follow and adhere to a standard of faith everyone would describe as holy? If you look at the things Jesus said to the Pharisees, you know the answer to that question is yes. Today’s Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today’s First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God’s Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God’s plans. The Spirit blows where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven. God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord’s name. But, really, he’s only guarding his own privilege and status. It’s telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today’s Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples. Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal - causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father’s will? Are we living, as this Sunday’s Second Reading warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them. This internal conversion of our hearts is not something we can accomplish by our own will power of strict discipline. It is the product of a new desire fueled by the Holy Spirit, creating a hunger and thirst for righteousness. Believe and Pray.

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, Joe Campbell.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 15 is **Steven Vail**, ticket number 208. 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 has been mailed. If the mailing has not been 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

Every day we continue to make strides towards our coming together as a family of parishes. This includes centralizing our services and staff in a single office -- "the hub." The Diocese will provide our pillars with new working documents to assist our transition in the merging of parishes. Shortly we will start up a committee to guide us in the remembrances, supports and services of our merging/transition; to include a timeline.

I encourage you to continue your prayer and listen to those who are struggling most through this process. Listening and affirming are always a "best" practice.

Saint Ignatius Loyola wrote: "God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God's grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us;"

This prayer I find fitting for our current times. God so loves us that if we allow ourselves to always remain in it, holding nothing back, we too will be filled with His grace -- a grace so strong and overpowering that we will not fear tomorrow but remain entranced before the all-powerful God of the universe. Our lives are not our own; God is the before and after, the above and below, the beginning and the end, the today, tomorrow, and eternity. God is the all in all, and our Way. Believe and live. Always Pray.

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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 28
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 29
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, October 1
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, October 2
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Annex

Saturday, October 5
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 6
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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Living Rosary at St. Anthony Church



The Legion of Mary at St. Anthony Church will host a Living Rosary at the church Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass for a gathering following the rosary event.

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.

Catholic Charities Serving the Community

Costs keep rising and for many it can feel nearly impossible to keep up. If you or your family is facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, being able to afford vital medication, Catholic Charities can help. Call 716-856-4494.

Volunteers Needed at Catholic Health

Catholic Health is seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to lend their time and talent at one of its sites: Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Sisters of Charity, Kenmore Mercy, Mt. St. Mary's and Lockport Memorial.

Call Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or apply at <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

  **Cheering for the Bills at St. Anthony's** 

You are invited to St. Anthony's Church parking lot Sunday, October 6, starting at 11:30 a.m., to help cheer on the Buffalo Bills as they play the Houston Texans. Hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided. If possible, bring a snack, dish to pass or dessert to share.

For more information, contact Matt and Judy Burke at 716-348-0703.

St. Francis HS Open House


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.

Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Tuesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Little Church at St. John Paul II. All are welcome.




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October 5 & 6	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, N. Preischel, Volunteer	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	K. Wells, S. Vail, L. Feider	J. Sedor