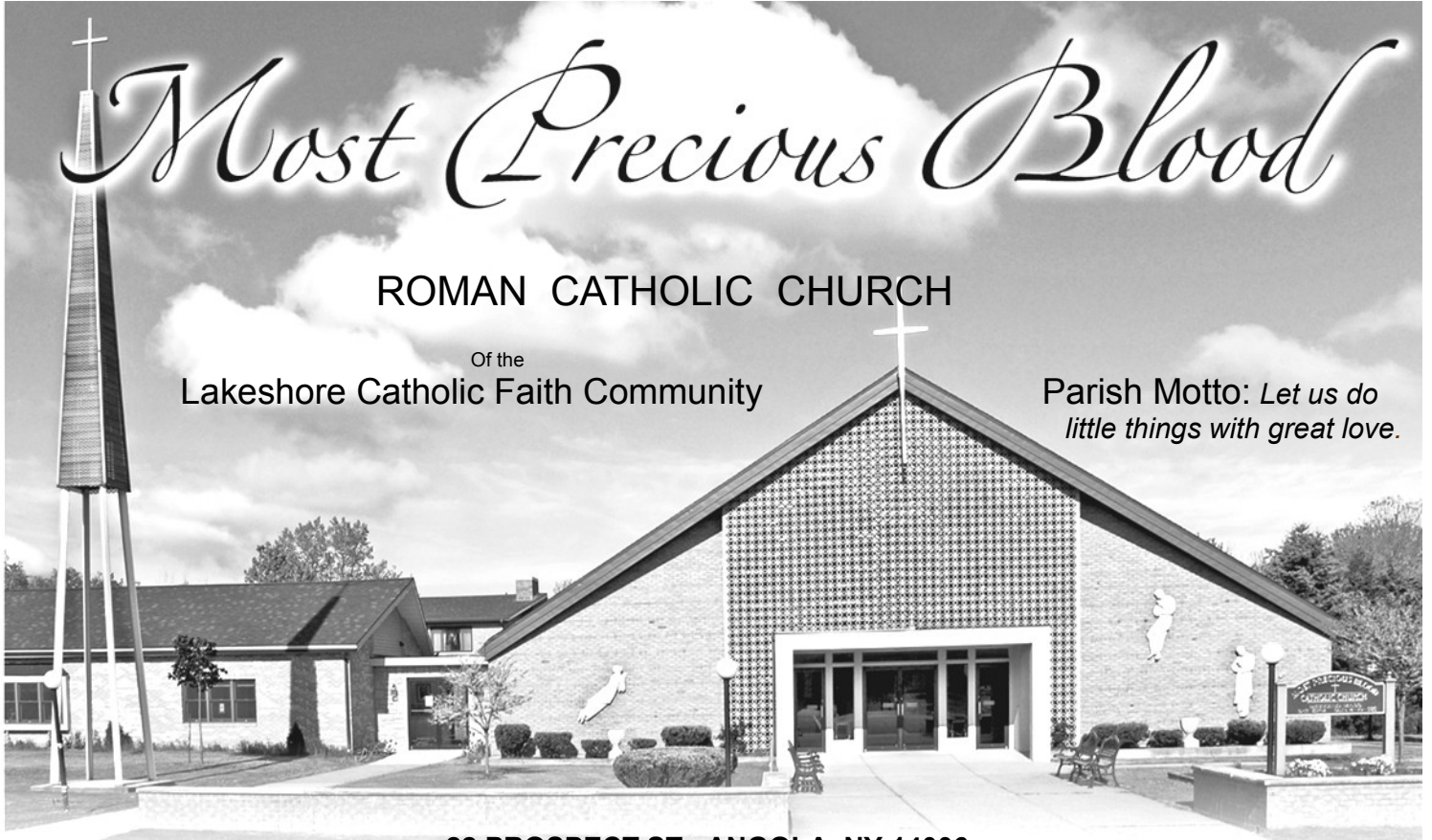


# Most Precious Blood

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the  
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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



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

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak  
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### MPB Parish Staff

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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, November 2 - All Souls Day**  
**Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00 PM - All Faithful Departed

**Sunday, November 3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM - Tony & Pauline Emhof- req. Emhof Family

**Monday, November 4**  
 8:00 AM - Dominic & Josephine Grasso - req. Family


**Wednesday, November 6**  
 8:00 PM -John Patrick Kane -req. Lammerhirt Family

**Friday, November 8**  
 6:00 PM - Theresa Sack - req. Family

**Saturday, November 9**  
**Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00 PM - Nicholas F. Mascio - req. Joseph Mascio

**Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM - Clara Brick - req. Maryann & Fran

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.

 *In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish.*

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**DUETERONOMY 6:2-6**  
**PSALM 18**  
**HEBREWS 7:23-28**  
**MARK 12:28b-34**



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**1 KINGS 17:10-16**  
**PSALM 146**  
**HEBREWS 9:24-28**  
**MARK 12:38-44**

**A Vocation View**

Who wouldn't want to hear Jesus' words to the young man in today's Gospel? "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Surrender to God's call and you will find His kingdom. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



**A Message from the Pastor**

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
 The Law of Love*

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped, we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

Love is the only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading. The unity of God -- the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit -- means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength. We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen.

And we are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross. As we hear in today's Second Reading, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God. There is no greater love than to lay down your life. This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that God desires. The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves, that God truly desires.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us? Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

I find I have been preaching this same theme for months, but this is the most direct explanation. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further. Neither should we.

*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, Helena Gartley.

**Election 2024: Proposal # 1**

In November 2024, voters of New York State are being asked whether they approve adding an “Equal Rights Amendment” to the State Constitution. It appears on ballots as “Proposition One”. The stated goal of this amendment is to ban unjust discrimination against persons based on a broad variety of classes and characteristics. Despite this measure’s good intentions, it creates significant dangers to human life, families, and religious freedom.

First, it would enshrine a fundamental right to abortion on demand in the State Constitution. Second, because the language of the amendment would bar discrimination based either on “age” or “gender identity” or “gender expression,” it could open the door to a judicial interpretation barring parents from having any say in medical interventions of their minor children regarding “gender transition” and could impact youth sports, locker room and bathroom facility use and more.

The joint statement from the New York State Catholic Bishops, included as an insert in last week’s bulletin, outlines the proposition with further information.

**2024 MPB Fall Split Club**

Winner of drawing # 15 for the week of October 27 is **Roslyn Chiappone**, ticket number 200. She receives \$75.

Information about the November 9 reception and final drawing was mailed to all ticket holders with an RSVP date of October 28.

**All Souls Memorial Book**

To remember a family member or friend who has died this year, you may personally write the name of the deceased loved one in the All Souls Memorial Book located in front of the baptismal font in the church.

The deceased will be remembered in prayer at Masses in November. Novena envelopes will be available at each entrance of the church.

A Lakeshore Family Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed will take place at a Mass of Remembrance Saturday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake.

November 9 & 10	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, P. Pinto F. Dybdahl	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	J. Dillon, N. Preischel, L. Feider	J. Sedor



**Road to Renewal**

In his newly released encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (“He Loved Us”), Pope Francis calls on Catholics worldwide to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ.

The encyclical, issued on October 24, examines the transformative power of Jesus’ heart as a font of healing for a divided world. The theologically expansive text draws from the Catholic Church’s traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart as a source of inspiration for centuries of saints, popes, and theologians. One of my favorite takeaways from this new encyclical was the following: “Amid the frenetic pace of today’s world and our obsession with free time, consumption and diversion, cell phones and social media, we forget to nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist.”

We are a people constantly on the move. Our family dynamics are broadly stretched to ensure everyone gets to do everything they want. I often hear stories of families who have not shared a meal together in months! Mom is taking one child to sports while Dad is taking the others to musical rehearsal. This leaves us vulnerable to mistakenly not taking the time to be present with and nourished by God.

Pope Francis also encourages parishes to focus less on structures and bureaucracies as means of evangelizing, warning against “communities and pastors excessively caught up in external activities, structural reforms that have little to do with the Gospel, obsessive reorganization plans, worldly projects, secular ways of thinking, and mandatory programs.” We see this in our own parishes, we push new ideas, new programs, new teachings trying to find the solution to our dwindling Mass attendance, our children falling victim to a secularizing society, to regain what we all memorialize from our past. Maybe the solution has been right in front of us this whole time. The one thing the Catholic Church has is what no one else has: the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and the love of His Most Sacred Heart.

Pope Francis continues to lament the lost tradition of Devotions to the Sacred Heart. We are very blessed we have parishioners who continue these traditions in our parishes. “The reparation that we offer is a freely accepted participation in his redeeming love and His one sacrifice,” he explains. “Acts of love of neighbor, with the renunciation, self-denial, suffering, and effort that they entail, can only be such when they are nourished by Christ’s own love. He enables us to love as he loved, and in this way he loves and serves others through us.” May we all allow ourselves to be nourished by God’s love so that our way forward reflects His love.

Choicest Blessings,  
*Fr. Tim*



**MPB Calendar**

**Saturday, November 2**  
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, November 3**  
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

**Tuesday, November 5**  
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

**Wednesday, November 6**  
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel  
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Annex

**Saturday, November 9**  
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, November 10**  
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

**Confirmation Candidates Announced**

The Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community announces that the following will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish:

Olivia Ahmed, John Argy, Mackenzie Ball,  
Kaiden Bleech, Bailey Burke, Danny Carriero,  
Anthony Caruso, Amanda Clark, Maya DeMario,  
Angelo DiPasqua, Taylor Ferris, Taylor Field,  
Julia Ford, Mark Graffius, Catherine Guest,  
Michael Hanks,

Abigail Harris, Brooke Heeter, Kaden Heidt,  
Alisha Izzy, Jack Jarzynski, Brennan Kief, Ryan Kief,  
Justin Koelemeyer, Trevor Kumiega, Haley Lippacher,  
Jamison LiVecchi, Damien Mayer, Katelyn McCarthy,  
Paiton Michael,

Addison Pereira, Max Philarom, Jonathan Pilski,  
Lily Reese, Bryson Renzo, Bryce Roberts, Kyla Roberts,  
Vincent Scott, Ashleigh Sheehan, Kylie Wegrzynowski, Carly Wickett,  
Kalyn Zegaczewski, Alyson Zurek.

Thank you to all the Directors of Religious Education and Catechists who have prepared these students for Confirmation during the years of sacramental preparation and of faith formation. Your time, efforts, and dedication are deeply appreciated. May God bless you all.

**Catholic Charities**

Give the gift of food. Catholic Charities runs nine food pantries, seven in Erie County. A donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals in the community. To schedule a drop-off time, call 716-218-1450. ext. 2005.

**Patriotic Rosary**

St. Anthony Parish will host a Patriotic Rosary **Veterans Day, November 11** at 9:30 a.m. All are invited.

**STEWARDSHIP**

October 27, 2024

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ACH.....\$330.00

**Thank you for your support.**



**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

All are invited to the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 24 at the First Congregational United Church, 132 N. Main St., Angola. Hosted by the Lakeshore Association of Christian Churches, the evening includes a service project at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 6:30, followed by refreshments in the social center.

**Holiday Clothing, Food Drive**

Used winter clothing, non-perishable foods, and paper goods will be collected through December 22 to assist residents.

Acceptable clothing for this collection are winter coats, gloves, boots and hats in all sizes, colors and styles. Popular items also requested include sneakers and any clothing in children's sizes. All clothing must be clean for wear.

Dry and canned foods whose shelf life has not expired may include soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables. Baby food is in great demand. Because current assistance programs do not provide for paper towels, tooth brushes and bathroom tissue, these will also be collected.

Donated items may be left in the red bin near the Chapel doors or you may call 716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703 to arrange for pickup. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

**Invitation to Visit Scouts, Cubs**

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack 421 invite area youth to visit their meetings to learn what scouting can offer. Scouts meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Cubs gather every two weeks, both at St. Anthony's Church, Farnham.

For more information, visit [troop421@yahoo.com](mailto:troop421@yahoo.com) or contact Scoutmaster Wayne Ames at 716-698-4089.

**St. Francis HS to Present 1-Act Plays**

The St. Francis High School Players will present **All in the Timing**, an evening of one-act plays by David Ives. Performances are Saturday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Tickets are \$9 and will be available at the door.