

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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Rev. Johnson Machado

Permanent Deacons

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

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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: 1:00–2:00 p.m.

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Colleen Jimenez - req. Mom Arlene

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM - Nancy Ferraro - req. Christopher & Karla

McGill

Monday, January 15

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 17 - St. Anthony, abbot

8:00 AM - Daniel Sennesey (Birthday Anniversary) -
req. - Daughter Vern

Friday, January 19

8:00 AM - Debra Harenza - req. Latimore Family

Saturday, January 20

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Jack Geidel - req. Wife & Family

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Podosek Family-
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, JANUARY 14

1 SAMUEL 3:3b-10, 19

PSALM 40

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13c-15a, 17-20

JOHN 1:35-42



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

JONAH 3:1-5, 10

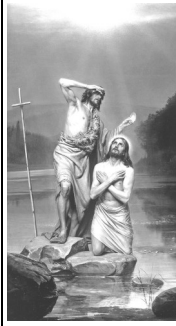
PSALM 25

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

MARK 1:14-20

Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. Following its new hours, the office will re-open Friday, January, 19 at 9:00 a.m.



A Message from the Pastor

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord, sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord. The disciples too heard and followed -- words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us, personally, by name. He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word. We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face.

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Second Reading. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise, that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us, and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come to do your will O God."

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Pray For the Healing of the Sick



Patricia Jasinski, Diane Cooke,
Eugene Frometa, Jane Granville,
Pauline Landes, Karen Schiavone, Vigo Meyer,
Linda Muscato, Anthony Genovese, Fran Downey,
Dorothy Genovese, Lucille Zoda Galfo,
Joseph Schiavone, Marlene Petrie, Antoinette Pinter,
Kim Borkowski, Anna Geidel,
John Yerney, Mary Ann Hartzell, Evelyn Paradiso,
Carol Penski, Joyce Prisco, Karen Young.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is here! Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2024 Chair Kevin Gannon and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$9.5 million goal, as well as St. Patrick as Appeal patron saint.

Donations to the Appeal stay right here in Western New York and support various programs and services through Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith.

To make a donation today, text HOPE4WNY to 44321 or visit www.ccwny.org/donate.

Women In God's Spirit (WINGS)

WINGS is a gathering of women in pursuit of a stronger, deeper faith and who look to develop a close, personal relationship with God through prayer fellowship and the study of His Word.

These structured studies lead participants through the Bible and help them to discover real and practical ways God's Word applies to their lives today.

The next session is Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church Hall, Farnham. The reading will be "No Greater Love...a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" from Ascension Press.

This study is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's love for us. Sessions take place from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and consist of prayer, a video lesson and small group discussion along with refreshments. Meeting dates are: January 27, February 3 and 17, March 2, 9, and 16.

For more information, contact Kathy Brachmann at kbrachmann@verizon.net or call 716-553-6525.

MPB Parish Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will host a Parish Family Breakfast Sunday, January 14 in the Hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited.

Road to Renewal Update



Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Although we are only a month away from the start of Lent, it is important not to let Ordinary Time pass us by. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops write, "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time ... take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ."

We must remind ourselves that Christ and His message of salvation are not only relevant or found in the bigger seasons of Christmas and Easter, but in those ordinary times and places we encounter in our everyday life. They remind us that not a day goes by that through our Baptismal promises we are called upon to spread the objective truth proclaimed by Christ.

I want to thank our family liturgy pillar and our family pastoral council for their close attention and hard work in preparing proposals for our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday celebrations. The clergy and I have spent time looking over these proposals, reviewing the guidelines and discerning how best to serve our Family, the people of God, in these forthcoming sacred times. The schedule will be released soon.

We are also continuing to finalize our preparations for the Life in the Eucharist retreat. Committees will be formed at each parish under the direction of your parish council, spiritual life pillar, and spiritual moderators. Life in the Eucharist is in conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival that will conclude this summer. It will offer us an opportunity to enter deeper into the mystery of Christ made manifest to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

We may all be struggling with different aspects of the renewal, especially as a result of our coming together as a family of parishes. Perceived change can be frightening, but growth comes from changing our perspective and listening to God. I remind you of the words of our Lord, "Do not be afraid." God has his finger on this process, the promise has not changed, our Lord walks besides us through everything. Be open to the Holy Spirit moving among and through us all.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



STEWARDSHIP

1/7/24

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$3,179.00
ACH.....	\$1,853.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,141.00
Initial Offering.....	\$167.00

Thank you for your support.

Spaghetti Dinner at MPB

Most Precious Blood's Holy Name Society will have a Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, January 20 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Also included in the dinner are salad and dessert.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from any Holy Name member or at the rectory office.

Pancake Breakfast at SJP2

A Pancake Breakfast will take place in the Community Room of St. John Paul II Sunday, February 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Hosted by the Holy Name Society, the breakfast will also include sausage, coffee, tea, milk and juice. The cost is \$5 per person (Children 5 and under -- free). Proceeds will benefit the society's scholarship fund.

Parish Office Hours

The Rectory Office is open **Monday** and **Friday** from **9:00 a.m.** until **1:00 p.m.** In case of emergency, call 716-549-0420 and leave a message.

January 20 & 21	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, Volunteer, J. Sack	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	S. Vail, Deacon Bill, K. Young	J. Sedor

A Vocation View

Today's First Reading is the perfect Vocation Story. Is it the Lord who is calling you in the night? Will you answer, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening"? If God is calling you to the commitment of being a priest, or a religious brother or sister, visit Buffalovocations.org or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

MPB CALENDAR

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Parish Family Breakfast (following Mass): Hall

9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Tuesday, January 16

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

7:00 p.m. - Respect Life Meeting: Chapel

Wednesday, January 17

1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel

Saturday, January 20

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Open House Scheduled at Southtowns

Southtowns Catholic School's annual Open House will take place Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Parents of children in grades pre-K-8 are encouraged to attend to look into what Catholic education has to offer. All staff and some current students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Bible Study: Book of Revelation

St. Mary of the Lake will host a Tuesday bible study on the *Book of Revelation* from January 16 through March 26. Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. in the RCIA room (Enter the parish center and proceed downstairs to the first classroom on the right). No registration is required. Please bring a Bible. If you have any questions, call Jonathan at 716-627-2910.

Adult Catechesis: Second Vatican Council

An in-depth look at the Second Vatican Council and the four major constitutions is the focus of Thursday classes at St. John Paul II from January 25 to March 21. Sessions begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. No registration is necessary. Contact Jonathan at 716-627-2910 for more information.