

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

**Permanent Deacons**

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



**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

**Monday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Human Life**

8:00 AM - All the Faithfully Departed

**Wednesday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

8:00 AM-Elizabeth Briceno - req. Michelle Marie Balon

**Friday, January 26 - SS. Timothy & Titus**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Patty Latimore - req. Family

**Sunday, January 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mark A. Kaczmarczyk - req. Pat

*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 21

**JONAH 3:1-5, 10**

**PSALM 25**

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31**

**MARK 1:14-20**



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

**PSALM 95**

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35**

**MARK 1:21-28**

### **A Vocation View**

Two vocation stories in one week! Jonah is called to preach repentance in the first reading and in our Gospel Jesus calls four fishermen. Ordinary people...like you. If you are being called to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## **A Message from the Pastor**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Following Him*

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah. As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise to make them "fishers of men," evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as He once brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun. And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church, a new family based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will. From now on, even our most important worldly concerns, family relations, occupations, and possessions, must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Second Reading.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel, *repent*, means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah." We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope, that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance, striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

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.

### MPB Split Club

Drawings for the next MPB Split Club begins February 18. If you have been a ticket holder, watch for a renewal letter in the mail. If you have never purchased a ticket, call the rectory office and leave a message to reserve one (716-549-0420). Include your name, address and phone number.

There are sixteen weekly drawings (\$75 each) and a grand prize of \$2,000. Tickets are \$60

### MPB Bible Study -- 'The Turning Point'

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. It takes place Wednesdays from January 24 through March 27. Participants have the choice of one of two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$15.

The study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John not found anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. It includes stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, those in the study will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform one's everyday life.

### MPB Bible Study: The Turning Point Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mark  to indicate your preference of time.

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

\$15 enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form in an envelope and drop it in the collection at a weekend Mass or mail to:

**Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola**



### Road to Renewal Update

This past Monday, we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Dr. King once said, "If a man hasn't found something he will die for, he isn't fit to live." Through the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life, our faith has given us exactly that. Our desire for eternal peace and happiness with God coupled with His will to bring this message to others, we can live in his glory.

Holy Mother Church celebrates many martyrs and continues to call upon its members to bear the same witness. Throughout our life, we may not experience the red crown of martyrdom such as Saint Maximilian Kolbe or Saint Philomena, but in our own way, we will be a martyr if we trust in God who places this cross on our shoulders. Our faith may lead some of us to lose friends and family, to have to make a difficult decision to leave a job or city, to prioritize time in worship of God to other worldly pleasures and "miss out" on what some would call opportunities of a lifetime. But to live, to live in accordance with a love that knows no boundaries, I would say there is no greater life.

One of the blessings of the road to renewal is the plethora of opportunities to partake in Eucharistic Adoration with others from our family. Saint Francis has Holy Hour every morning following 8:00 a.m. Mass. Saint Mary of the Lake has Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every First Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saint John Paul II has a chapel in the Little Church where our Blessed Lord is exposed in the Tabernacle 24/7. Most Precious Blood has a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. as well as First Friday following morning Mass until 11:00.

Time 'spent' in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest gift you can give God and the most rewarding nourishment you can give yourself. Let us fill our Churches and Chapels with adorers, so we may carry that grace into the world and strengthen our love and bond with God and neighbor.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

### Updating Contact Information

To enable MPB's office staff to reach you with emergency messaging, please use the form below to update your contact information.

### MPB Contact Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this completed form to MPB or drop it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass.

**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.

**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.

**MPB CALENDAR**

**Saturday, January 20**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass  
4:30 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner: Hall

**Sunday, January 21**

7:30 a.m. - Rosary prior to Mass  
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
8:30 a.m. - Rosary & Altar - Coffee Hour: Hall  
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)  
11:30 a.m. - Spaghetti Dinner: Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

**Tuesday, January 23**

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

**Wednesday, January 24**

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study - Annex  
1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study: Annex

**Saturday, January 27**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, January 28**

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)  
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*Weather conditions and travel restrictions have caused the interruption of the normal stewardship reporting process. The summary of last weekend’s collections at MPB will be reported in the January 28 bulletin.*



**Spaghetti Dinner at MPB**

Most Precious Blood’s Holy Name Society will have its 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. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the dinner.

**Clothing/Food Drive Group Extends Thanks**

The Clothing and Food Drive Committee and Operation Good Neighbor (OGN) thank all MPB parishioners who donated to this year’s *Keep Evans Warm and Fed* effort.

Almost 400 items of winter clothing were donated: 16 adult coats, 14 children’s coats/snow pants, 67 gloves/mittens, 38 scarves and 8 pairs of boots. Also received were 100 other miscellaneous items which were turned over to OGN.

The food drive collected 372 pounds of canned and dry goods. Over 200 items of paper goods and personal care items were also donated.

This year Evans Bank (Evans Branch) and Everhaunt joined *Keep Evans Warm and Fed*. Everhaunt also donated toys to the project.

Although this year’s project has ended, please continue to call for pick up of future donations of clothing and food (716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703).

**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.

January 27 & 28	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, Deacon Bill, N. Preischel	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, L. Feider, S. Vail	D. Gelencser