

# 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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**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, February 3 - St. Blaise**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mel Galfo - req. Karen & Spencer

**Sunday, February 4 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Frank & Josephine Ciccarella -req. Arlene & Karen

**Monday, February 5**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

**Wednesday, February 7**

8:00 AM - Santa Marie - req. Vern

**Friday, February 9**

8:00 AM - Tony & Pauline Emhof - req. Emhof Family

**Saturday, February 10**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Donald Mogavero, Sr.- req. Dorothy & Tony Genovese

**Sunday, February 11- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Bernard & Mary Shanahan - req. Family

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

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, FEBRUARY 4

**JOB** 7:1-4, 6-7

**PSALM** 147

**1 CORINTHIANS** 9:16-19, 22-23

**MARK** 1:29-39

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**LEVITICUS** 13:1-2, 44-46

**PSALM** 32

**1 CORINTHIANS** 10:31--11:1

**MARK** 1:40-45

#### **A Vocation View**

"An obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" St. Paul didn't want to disappoint the God who had called him into ministry.

If you're being called to a Church vocation, visit : [buffalovocation.org](http://buffalovocation.org) or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 - 847-5535.

#### **A Message from the Pastor**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Raised to Serve*

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin. Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes. But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel. Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand, Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise. It's used again to describe His own resurrection. What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity; raised all of us who lay dead through our sins.

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The *whole* town gathers: *all* the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the *whole* of Galilee. *Everyone* is looking for Christ. We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence. Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Second Reading. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come, that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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, 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

Tickets for the next Split Club season are now on sale. Letters already have been sent to current club members. Please renew your membership before February 12.

A limited number of tickets will be available for new members. They may be purchased at MPB's rectory office or by calling 716-549-0420.

Weekly drawings of \$75 begin February 18 and the final drawings for \$4,200 take place June 8. Only 260 tickets will be sold. 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 7:00 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., 10:30 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 NY 14006**



### Road to Renewal Update

February in the Catholic Church is consecrated to the Holy Family. Although the feast day is recognized in December, the month of February allows us to focus on and meditate upon the Holy Family and their model for Christian family life. Pope Saint John Paul II in his 1981 Apostolic Exhortation titled "Familiaris Consortio" wrote:

*"Willed by God in the very act of creation, marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin and restored to their "beginning," that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God's plan. At a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it, and aware that the well-being of society and her own good are intimately tied to the good of the family, the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God."*

Let the great saint's quote be our prayer this month -- that the Christian family is protected from danger and that all married couples seek to return to God, to fulfill his will and restore order to our world.

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Our new family website is up and running. Visit [lakeshorecatholicfc.org](http://lakeshorecatholicfc.org) to find the information regarding our family. We dedicated a special page on the website to each parish in our family for information specifically regarding each worship site. There is more work to be done but we hope centralizing our information will help communication in our family. For now, each parish will retain its individual website, but we will slowly be transitioning down to a united family website.

By the end of February we plan to have a family app, a mobile friendly way to stay connected, and a great tool to get out information to all quickly. We are working on standardizing funerals and Sacraments for the family. By sharing our resources, knowledge, and understanding, we can better strengthen the sacramental life of the people of God in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

**MPB CALENDAR**

**Saturday, February 3**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, February 4**

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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

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

**Monday, February 5**

7:00 p.m. - Parish Council: Annex

**Tuesday, February 6**

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel

**Wednesday, February 7**

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study: Annex

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

7:30 p.m. - Bible Study: Annex

**Sunday, February 11**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Name Society: Hall

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

The following is a schedule of Masses on Ash Wednesday (February 14) in the parishes of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community:

- 8:00 a.m. -- Most Precious Blood & Saint Francis
- 8:30 a.m. -- Saint John Paul II
- 12:00 p.m. -- Saint Mary of the Lake
- 7:00 p.m. -- Saint John Paul II & Saint Anthony

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**Report of Contributions**

To receive a report of your year's contribution to MPB for tax preparation, fill out the form below. You may place it in an envelope and deposit in the weekend collection basket or mail it to Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006

**Please send a Statement of Contributions For the Year 2023 to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**STEWARDSHIP**

**1/28/24**

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,412.00  
 ACH.....\$360.00  
 Catholic Relief.....\$236.00

**Thank you for your support.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 IN THE FAMILY OF PARISHES**

With the start of Lent in less than two weeks, parishes in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community are preparing for special events during the Lenten Season. Here is a schedule of the celebration of the Stations of the Cross during Lent in all of the parishes of the Family.

*St. Francis* - Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

*St. Mary of the Lake* - Fridays at 12:00 p.m.

*St. John Paul II* - Fridays at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

*Most Precious Blood* - Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

*St. Anthony's* - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**The Jack MacDonald 9 & Dine**

The Jack MacDonald 9 & Dine event takes place Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southtowns Catholic School gymnasium.

Admission is \$40 per person or \$75 for two for nine holes of miniature golf, hors d'oeuvres and beverage at every hole and a sit down chicken cordon bleu dinner.

To purchase a ticket, call 716-627-5708 or email [twest77@verizon.net](mailto:twest77@verizon.net) with subject "9 and Dine."

**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.

| February 10 & 11 | MPB Extraordinary Ministers         | Lectors      |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 4:00 p.m.        | N. Preischel, F. Dybdahl<br>J. Sack | P. Pinto     |
| 8:00 a.m.        | J. Dillon, J. Barone,<br>K. Young   | D. Gelencser |