

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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Permanent Deacons

Deacon Joseph Gray -- Deacon Bill Walkowiak
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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.

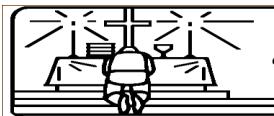
Parish Devotions

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

No Mass at MPB

8:30 PM - Easter Vigil at St. Francis & St. Anthony

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Monday, April 1

8:00 AM - Verna Catalino - Estate

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM - John & Theresa Sack - req. Family

Friday, April 5

8:00 AM - Larry Croscutt - req. Esther

Saturday, April 6
Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Edward Martin - req. Family

Sunday, April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Steve & Sue Makawski

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, MARCH 31

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43

PSALM 118

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

JOHN 20:1-9


READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ACTS 4:32-35

PSALM 118

1 JOHN 5:1-6

JOHN 20:19-31

A Vocation View

The Lord has truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



A Message from the Pastor

Easter Sunday: New Day

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days. Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile. Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld. Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word "tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do -- raised Him up on the third day. What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree, to His rising from the dead. We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Second Reading says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come, when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

Our story of Faith is His Resurrection Story shared in the Eucharist.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim


Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Monday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Church of St. John Paul II. All are invited.



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, Angela Jones, David Skoczylas, Doreen Miller, Mary Ann Barrett.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy with Adoration, a sung Chaplet and solemn Benediction, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone from the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community is invited to participate and benefit from God's Grace.



A Thank-You Message

The co-hosts of the March 19 St. Joseph Day Dinner at MPB thank all who had any part in making the event such a success.

A huge thanks goes to those who set up and decorated the tables and the center "altar," those who helped prepare food items, those who served and those who cleared and cleaned. Your contribution to the St. Joseph tradition is deeply appreciated.

And a resounding *grazie* is sent to all who were in attendance and were part of the fellowship that reigned that day. Your generous donations will be given to local charitable organizations (St. Vincent de Paul, Operation Good Neighbor and Ladies of Charity).

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's sixth drawing (week of March 24) is **Eugene Slawinski** with ticket # 037.

2024 Split Club tickets are still available for purchase at the Rectory Office. The price of each ticket is \$60. Split Club members are eligible for 16 weekly drawings of \$75 each.

Week's Closing of Offices

All Parish Offices of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community will be closed for the week following Easter, from Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5.

In case of an emergency, leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Road to Renewal

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia! Today the words of Pope Saint John Paul II echo out "We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Our Churches are illuminated with the Easter flowers, families are coming together to break bread and rejoice that truly the Lord Jesus Christ is risen. Thank you to everyone who played a role in preparing our Triduum and Easter celebrations. Easter Blessings on all who attended and brought others.

We are carefully and pastorally implementing our initial action plans. The Pillar groups are honing a few more action items and now working on a five year strategic plan, and how to implement both. Parish Pillar Teams are still important to help research and advise the Pillar groups. All the Pillar Group representatives are invited to assist in implementing the accepted plan. There is still room on these Parish Pillars for members and workers.

The next family pastoral council meeting will continue to flesh out these proposals and suggest the best way to move forward. I pray the time we take now to carefully look at all aspects of the renewal and consult with as many people as possible will show its value as we go on. I am optimistic in our working together and seeking together God's Plan for us. I am realistic in considering the unknowns and challenges like Chapter 11/Reorganization and our world situation.

This Easter let us take inspiration from the disciples who found the tomb empty and ran out rejoicing because God has been recognized in His Son, today in an empty tomb, but in the weeks ahead in His visits and in the breaking of the bread. My final prayer today is that we experience this as a Family of Believers.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Catholic Charities

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate Christ's triumph over death and his promise of eternal life for those who come and turn their hearts to Him. Through His sacrifice and glory He gives us every reason for HOPE. May your hearts and homes be filled with joy and overflowing gratitude for God's love for us.

Appeal 2024 is ongoing. Please give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

MPB Calendar**Sunday, March 31**

8:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection
No Faith Formation

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

5:30 a.m. - NYS Presidential Primary - Gym
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Friday, April 5

8:30 a.m. - First Friday Devotions - Chapel

Saturday, April 6

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 7

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
No Faith Formation

Southtowns Catholic to Host Gala

Southtowns Catholic School of the parish of St. John Paul II will host its annual charity event, which this year has as its theme *A Night at Gatsby's*. It takes place Friday, April 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Michael's Catering and Banquets, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg. All are invited and encouraged to dress in the style of the '20s.

Tickets are \$125 and may be reserved at the school office or at www.southtownscatholic.org.

The evening will feature entertainment, games, food, beverages, auctions and Best Dressed award. The grand prize is a trip to a European place of your choice with \$1500: Paris, Madrid, Prague, Vienna or Rome. Second prize is your choice of Key West, Cancun, Jackson Hole or Lake Tahoe with \$500.



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Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$2,747.00
ACH.....	\$360.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$750.00

Thank you for your support.

Dates to Remember

Please take note of the following future events scheduled in parishes of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community:

1. April 14 - **Parish Breakfast** - MPB
2. April 20 - **Pork Chop Dinner** - MPB
3. May 4 - **Meat Raffle** - St. Mary of the Lake

Details will be published in future bulletin articles.

**'Hockey Night' at SJP2**

The Holy Name Society of St. John

Paul II Parish will host "Hockey Night" Thursday April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church's Community Room. Guest speakers are Fr. Paul Sabo and Executive Director Bill Schuster.

All men (21+) are welcome and requested to invite a friend. Also included in the evening's highlight are fellowship, pizza, snacks and beverages.

Summer Camps at St. Francis HS

A program for boys entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2024 is being offered at St. Francis High School. Included are such inter-active activities as a movie-making workshop, robotics, E-sports and more.

Multiple sports camps for various grade levels also will be available for young athletes to learn the basics.

For more information, call 716-627-1200 ext. 455 or email admission@stfrancishigh.org.

Parish Council to Meet

The next meeting of MPB's Parish Council will take place Monday, April 1 at 7:00 in the Annex.

April 6 & 7	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00p.m.	J. Sack, L. Feider, N. Preisichel	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	K. Wells, J. Barone, S. Vail	J. Sedor