

# Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Parish Motto:**

*Let us do little things with great love.*



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**Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community**

Pastor.....Rev. Timothy Koester

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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 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, March 16****Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM - Bob Jakubczak - req. Wife Toni

**Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM - Renee Walstead - req. Family

**Monday, March 18**

8:00 AM - All the Faithfully Departed

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:00 AM- Patricia Jasinski - req. Sandy

**Friday, March 22**

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

**Saturday, March 23****Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00 PM - Anna Perez - req. Family

**Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

*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 17****JEREMIAH 31:31-34****PSALM 51****HEBREWS 5:7-9****JOHN 12:20-33****READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24****MARK 11:1-10****ISAIAH 50:4-7****PSALM 22****PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11****MARK 14:1 -- 15:47****A Vocation View**

We are the people of God's New Covenant, and the Covenant is renewed at every Mass. Who will continue to lead this profound act of worship?

If God is asking you to consider the priesthood, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**A Message from the Pastor***Fifth Sunday of Lent: The "Hour" Comes*

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Now in Chapter 12 is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus, in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world. Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God. But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father, to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion. Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted. Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects.

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Second Reading, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross, as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth. Where He has gone, we can follow, if we let Him lead us.

To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience; confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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



**St. Joseph Table**

Most Precious Blood Parish will have its annual St. Joseph Day Dinner Tuesday, March 19 in the Hall from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All are invited to partake of the traditional Sicilian meal which features a meatless cuisine.

Beginning with lentil soup, diners will select a pasta dish topped with a tomato sauce (with or without the sardine/fennel mixture), vegetable omelets, fish, eggplant, dandelions and other vegetables breaded and fried. Desserts will include sfinge and cannoli. Various beverages will also be served.



**Lenten Rice Bowl**

During Lent, MPB is again involved in the Rice Bowl Project. Bowls have been placed at all entrances of the church.

Please consider putting into the bowl whatever loose change you may have. At the end of Lent, whatever has been donated will be turned over to support the works of Operation Good Neighbor, St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies of Charity.

**First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the following members of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St. Anthony's Church March 2: Amelia Clark, Reagan Hamilton, Logan Kwilos, Riley Leonard, Klayton White, Terrence White and Mason Williams.

Rev. Timothy Koester, pastor of the Family of Churches, delivered the opening prayer and distributed certificates following the First Confession event.

**Split Club Drawing**

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's fourth drawing (week of March 10) is **Arlene Heineman** with ticket # 080.

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.



**Road to Renewal Update**

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which takes precedence over the memorial of Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick left us a model of immeasurable value. He was not Irish, but he found his faith while being held prisoner by a group of Irish raiders.

At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner, transported to Ireland and held captive for six years. He worked as a shepherd, away from people, lonely and afraid. He turned to his religion for solace, became a devout Catholic and upon release, was educated and prepared for the priesthood.

Upon ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland to minister to Catholics already living there and to convert the Irish who were practicing pagan religions. He is known as the patron saint of Ireland.

After becoming a priest and helping to spread Christianity throughout Ireland, Patrick was likely proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim. In the face of challenge and adversity, Patrick put his faith and trust in the Lord to return to those souls in need of Christ. His journey was full of uncertainty, challenges, and people who wanted to do wrong by him. He did not retreat or give in to pagan practices.

Patrick is a wonderful example for us in Lent but maybe at this time in our Renewal, Lawsuits and Chapter 11, even more so. Let us also call upon Saint Patrick to intercede for us, to make us better missionary disciples on our journey.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

**Catholic Charities**

Did you know that St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Catholic Charities2024 Appeal?

St. Patrick is known for his unwavering faith and tenacious drive to spread the Gospel. Celebrating his feast day this Sunday, we pray that we, too, can be steadfast in our mission and have the same zeal for Christ's work through us as St. Patrick did. May we follow his example. St Patrick, pray for us!

Make an Appeal donation at [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Family Penance Service**

A Penance Service for all parishes of the Lakeshore Faith Community will take place at St. Anthony's Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**MPB Calendar**

**Saturday, March 16**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday March 17**

7:30 a.m. - Rosary (prior to Mass)

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m. - Rosary & Altar Society Coffee Hour - Hall

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

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

**Tuesday, March 19**

St. Joseph's Day Dinner - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Reflection - St. John Paul II - Church

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

**Wednesday, March 20**

Following 8:00 Mass - Holy Hour - Chapel

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

12:00 p.m. - "Journey Through Lent" - LACC - at MPB

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Annex

**Friday, March 22**

5:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 23**

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday)

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

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**3/10/24**

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$2,752.00

ACH.....\$360.00

Black & Native American Missions.....\$106.00

**Thank you for your support.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**IN THE FAMILY OF PARISHES**



The celebration of the Stations of the Cross will take place in all of the parishes of the Family during Lent.

*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.

**A LENTEN REFLECTION**

Join Fr. Timothy Koester, Pastor, as he reflects on the Family's journey. You are invited to attend the last session, which begins at 6:00 p.m. March 19 in the church at *St. John Paul II*.

**Diocese Honors 5 in Lakeshore Family**



Congratulations to five members of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community who were among those from throughout the Diocese receiving the Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker last Saturday at the Cathedral.

Honored were **Spencer Vail** (Most Precious Blood), **Phillip and Cheryl Waterman** (St. Anthony), **Roger Nicol** (St. Mary of the Lake) and **Nancy Whytas** (St. John Paul II).

Bishop Michael W. Fisher, who presided over the day's Mass, said, "With gratitude for the generosity and ministry and the work that you do for our parishes, our pastors and our people, we honor you this day."

And the Lakeshore Family adds, "Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You make a difference."

**Lenten Season Food/Paper Drive**

MPB's drive to collect food, paper goods and personal care items to restock shelves at Operation Good Neighbor (OGN) continues until March 31. Acceptable items are dry and canned foods only (e.g. soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables). Baby food and diapers are also in great demand. Examples of personal care items are Kleenex, paper towels, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and bathroom tissue. Leave items in the red container at the Chapel entrance or call 716-481-4480 or 716-507-6703 for pick-up.

March 23 & 24	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl	P. Pinto
8:00 a.m.	K. Young, L. Feider	D. Gelencser

**-- Holy Week --**

**Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community**

***Holy Thursday - (March 28)***

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** - 7:00 p.m.

St. John Paul II

**Altar of Reposes** - until 10:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake, St. John Paul II,

Most Precious Blood

***Good Friday - (March 29)***

**Stations of the Cross** - 8:30 a.m. - St John Paul II

**Stations of the Cross** - 12:00 p.m. - St. Francis

**Good Friday Services** - 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake and Most Precious Blood

**Tenebrae** - 7:00 p.m. - St. Francis

***Holy Saturday - (March 30)***

**Basket Blessing**

10:00 a.m. - St. John Paul II (SCS Gym)

12:00 p.m. - St. Francis (Social Center)

1:00 p.m. - St. Anthony (Parish Hall)

**Easter Vigil**

8:30 p.m. - St. Francis and St. Anthony

***Easter Sunday - (March 31)***

8:00 a.m. - Most Precious Blood

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - St. Francis

9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. St. John Paul II

10:30 a.m. - St. Anthony

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Lake