

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Of the *Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community*

Website: Lakeshorecatholicfc.org

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.

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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, April 27

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Frank & Josephine Newland - req. Rita

Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Deceased Members of Vollmar & Fraser
Families - Estate

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Hank Bunk

Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM - Thomas Smaldino - req. Erickson Family

Friday, May 3 - St. Philip & James, apostles

8:00 AM - Mary Jo Carpenter - req. Family

Saturday, May 4

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Joseph V. Newland - req. Wife

Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Peter 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, APRIL 28

ACTS 9:26-31

PSALM 22

1 JOHN 3:18-24

JOHN 15:1-8



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

PSALM 98

1 JOHN 4:7-10

JOHN 15:9-17

A Vocation View

“Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches.” Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body and Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar.

If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A Message from the Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter: On the Vine

Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be -- the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations. In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine, His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life. We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us, as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness.

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Second Reading tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us, and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming His praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives... and lived by us.

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, Karl Trembath.

Life in the Eucharist

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and work of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (CCC 1324)

As Catholics, we draw our strength and nourishment from the Eucharist Jesus made present to us every time we attend Holy Mass or Eucharistic Adoration.

Everyone is invited to a five-session retreat, *Life in the Eucharist*. Attend one session for five consecutive weeks to learn more about the Eucharist and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with it. Registration forms can be found on the family website lakeshorecatholicfc.org or in the church vestibule. Please return the form to the parish office via mail or collection basket. Each session begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes.

PLEASE NOTE that the schedule has been revised: May 1 - St. Francis; May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Mary of the Lake; June 5 - St. Anthony.

Split Club Drawing

The winner of the 2024 Spring Split Club's tenth drawing (week of April 21) is **Shelly Naab** with ticket # 032.

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 weekly drawings of \$75 each.

Spring Cleanup at Cemetery

The spring cleanup at Holy Cross Cemetery will take place from April 28 until May 15. Please remove items of value from the grave sites. As part of the cleanup, all remaining winter decorations will be discarded.



Road to Renewal

How fortuitous that our Scripture this weekend reminds us of the love Jesus passed on to us and calls us to live. Again, that is the center of our Renewal.

This week, our family pastoral council meets to continue discussing our family pillar action plans and the foundations for our family five-year goal. Our focus this week is forming disciples. The forming disciples pillar is focused on formation. This includes faith formation for our grade school children, sacramental preparation, RCIA, and Catholic education. By bringing our resources, experience, and different methods of formation together, we hope to foster a true spirit of ongoing catechesis for all ages and to gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and His Church on earth.

Bringing people together to foster relationships and spiritual growth is a big part of our renewal process. During the month of May, I invite you to join us as we participate in Life in the Eucharist. This 5-sessions retreat will not only display each of our parishes to our community but also, more importantly, foster a deeper relationship with our Lord present to us every day in the Blessed Sacrament.

“Do not think that Jesus Christ is forgetful of you, since he has left you, as the greatest memorial and pledge of his love, himself in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.” -- *St Alphonsus Liguori*

May God continue to be the lighthouse that guides and illuminates our renewal efforts.

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Ascension Thursday

The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension Thursday, May 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following is the schedule of Masses in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community for that day:

- **Most Precious Blood** - May 8 (Vigil) 6:00 p.m.
- **St. Mary of the Lake** - May 8 (Vigil) 7:00 p.m.
- **St. John Paul II** - May 9 - 8:30 a.m.
- **St. Anthony** - May 9 - 9:00 a.m.
- **St. Francis** - May 9 - 12:00 Noon

MPB Calendar

Saturday, April 27
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 28
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

Tuesday, April 30
5:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Chapel

Wednesday, May 1
8:30 a.m. - Holy Hour (Following Mass) - Chapel

Saturday, May 4
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 5
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) - Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11) - Hall

Catholic Charities

HOPE Day, Catholic Charities' one day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort, is May 15. Last year's HOPE Day was historic as donors gave a record \$507,456. This year Catholic Charities is aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Go to www.ccwny.org for more details on how to make a contribution, help spread the word, track the progress on HOPE Day, and to view the full list of programs and services.

Basketball Camps at Hilbert College

Dates for Hilbert College's Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camps have been announced.

- The Boys Traditional Resident (Session 1) is June 30 - July 4. A 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - commuter option is available. Weeklong Day Camp (Session 2) - July 15-19 - (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.).
- Girls Resident (Session 1) - July 7 - 11 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Girls Day Camp (Session 2) - July 22-26 (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.). Also (Session 3) 1-day Girls Elite Camp - Sunday, August 4.

Visit <https://discover.hilbert.edu/summer-camps/> to register or to view a brochure and select Basketball Camps under the Athletic Camps section.

Knights of Columbus

Senior Catholic men, 50 years and older, who are not affiliated with a Knights of Columbus organization or who do not have access to a senior Knights division, are invited to attend luncheon meetings of the Hamburg Council 2220. These meetings take place the first and third Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon at the Hamburg Knights of Columbus, 69 Pierce Ave., Hamburg.

For more information, contact Joe Pietrocario at 716-627-7497.



4/21/24

Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....\$3,282.00
ACH.....\$360.00

Thank you for your support.

Meat Raffle May 4

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will host its Annual Spring Meat Raffle Saturday, May 4 in the Social Center, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. Meat is provided by Latina Foods and will include Mineo & Sapio Italian sausage, breaded chicken, racks of ribs, Sahlen's hot dogs, hams, top rounds, pork loins/chops, Rosina meatballs and steak/shrimp specials.

Admission is \$10 (pre-sale available). Tables of eight may be reserved for \$70. The admission price includes beverages (no outside alcohol permitted). Bring your own snacks and single bills for wheel spins. The final raffle prize is a Weber grill, grill cover and wicker picnic basket. If anyone would like to donate a theme basket, it may be dropped off at any parish office in the Family and would be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds will benefit St. Mary of the Lake Church. For more information, call 716-627-7700.

'31 Days of May' Cash Giveaway To Benefit Southtowns Catholic

A daily drawing of \$50 (\$100 Fridays) will take place to determine winners in the "31 Days of May" cash giveaway. Tickets are \$20 and are available for purchase (cash or check) at all Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community parish offices (Most Precious Blood, St. Anthony, St. Mary of the Lake, St. Francis and St. John Paul II). A prize of \$1000 will be given away May 31.

Checks should be made payable to Southtowns Catholic School. Proceeds will benefit the students of the school.



Operation Storm Heaven

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

| May 4 & 5 | MPB Extraordinary Ministers | Lectors |
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| 4:00 p.m. | J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, N.Preischel | P. Pinto |
| 8:00 a.m. | K. Wells, J. Barone, S. Vail | J. Sedor |