

Most Precious Blood

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community - Clergy

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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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Sacristan.....Diann Hosler

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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 5:00-6:00 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 6

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM - Donald Mogavero, Sr. - req. Marsha Kistowski

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM - Army Veteran Tomasz Olejniczak - req. Parents & Sisters

Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM - David Hosler - req. Wife & Family

Saturday, January 13

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Colleen Jimenez - req. Mom Arlene

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Nancy Ferraro - req. Christopher & Karla McGill

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 7

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALM 72

EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

1 SAMUEL 3:3b-10, 19

PSALM 40

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13c-15a, 17-20

JOHN 1:35-42

Parish Office Hours

The Rectory Office is open **Monday** and **Friday** from **9:00 a.m.** until **1:00 p.m.** In case of emergency, call 716-549-0420 and leave a message.

A Message from the Pastor

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: Newborn King



The word *Epiphany* means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. An “epiphany,” though, is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today’s Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth.

Jesus is found with his mother, as David’s son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother. And the Magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon. His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel’s beginnings. Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations.

This is the star the three Magi follow. And like Balaam, they, too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king’s scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign, that the prophecies in today’s First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God’s light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel’s God.

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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.

Catholic Charities

Happy New Year! Is giving back to your community one of your goals for 2024? If so, become a Catholic Charities volunteer.

There are openings in the Foster Grandparent program working one-on-one with a child in an educational setting as well as opportunities in the Immigration and Refugee Assistance program, to support the newest community members. View all current opportunities at www.ccwny.org/volunteer.

Start the year by becoming a beacon of HOPE for those in need in Western New York.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages.

For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

The next Retrouvaille weekend starts January 26. Space is limited. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required

Diocese to Celebrate Anniversaries

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Church will honor couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass Sunday, February 11 at St. Joseph Cathedral. During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2024 and would like to attend this Mass, please register with the Parish Office by Friday, January 12.

January 13 & 14	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, Deacon Bill, J. Sack	R. Scaglione
8:00 a.m.	J. Barone, L. Feider, K. Young	D. Gelencser



Road to Renewal Update

It is a traditional Catholic custom to sanctify each month of the year with special devotional practices. The month of January has traditionally been set aside for "The Most Holy Name of Jesus." We give honor to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer.

At the Holy Name of Jesus, we bow our heads, and bend our knees; it is at the head of all our undertakings, as the Emperor Justinian says in his law-book, "In the Name of Our Lord Jesus we begin all our consultations."

This weekend, we release our new devotional schedule. In an endeavor to appreciate what we have done and to share more completely with the family, we have adjusted some times in support of the Mass and Office Schedules.

These changes were made to embrace our family of parishes and offer fuller, beautiful, and reverent liturgical services. Even the smallest acts we do for God are essential, so each act we make should be to our best ability to give God what He desires, our love.

Please continue to pray for one another, and our present journey. Join me in praying that the Holy Name of Jesus may be our light in the darkness, our fulfillment where we lack, and our shelter in the storm:

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn the delight of those who believe the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

MPB Parish Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will host a Parish Family Breakfast Sunday, January 14 in the Hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited.

MPB CALENDAR

Saturday, January 6
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

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

Tuesday, January 9
1:00 p.m. - Holy Hour: Chapel
5:00 p.m. - Reconciliation: Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Respect Life Meeting: Chapel

Saturday, January 13
4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 14
8:00 a.m. - Sunday Mass
Parish Family Breakfast (following Mass): Hall
9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

STEWARDSHIP	
12/31/23	
Regular, Loose, Mailed in.....	\$2,960.00
ACH.....	\$360.00
Initial Offering.....	\$139.00
Thank you for your support.	

A Message from the Pastor
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We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Second Reading. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star, and the light of the world.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

As the Magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts (our intentions and talents) on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

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2024 Mass Intentions

Requests for 2024 Mass intentions may be made at the rectory during office hours or by mail. Phone requests cannot be accepted.

Consider ACH Direct Payment

ACH is a process for automatic donations to be made from your checking or savings account to Most Precious Blood Church on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. If interested in the ACH payment, please fill out the form below and mail it to MPB Rectory Office, 22 Prospect , NY 14006.

- ACH Direct Payment ensures that contributions are received, even if you are ill, on vacation or traveling.
- ACH Direct Payment saves the time you spend writing checks, and will save the postage expense of mailing payments.

Spaghetti Dinner at MPB

Most Precious Blood's Holy Name Society will have a 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. Also included in the dinner are salad and dessert.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from any Holy Name member or at the rectory office.

Please mail ACH information to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

ACH Form is also available on MPB's website: <http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm>

Place this completed form in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail to: Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006.

A Vocation View

The Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then "departed by a different way." Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or to visit buffalovocations.org.