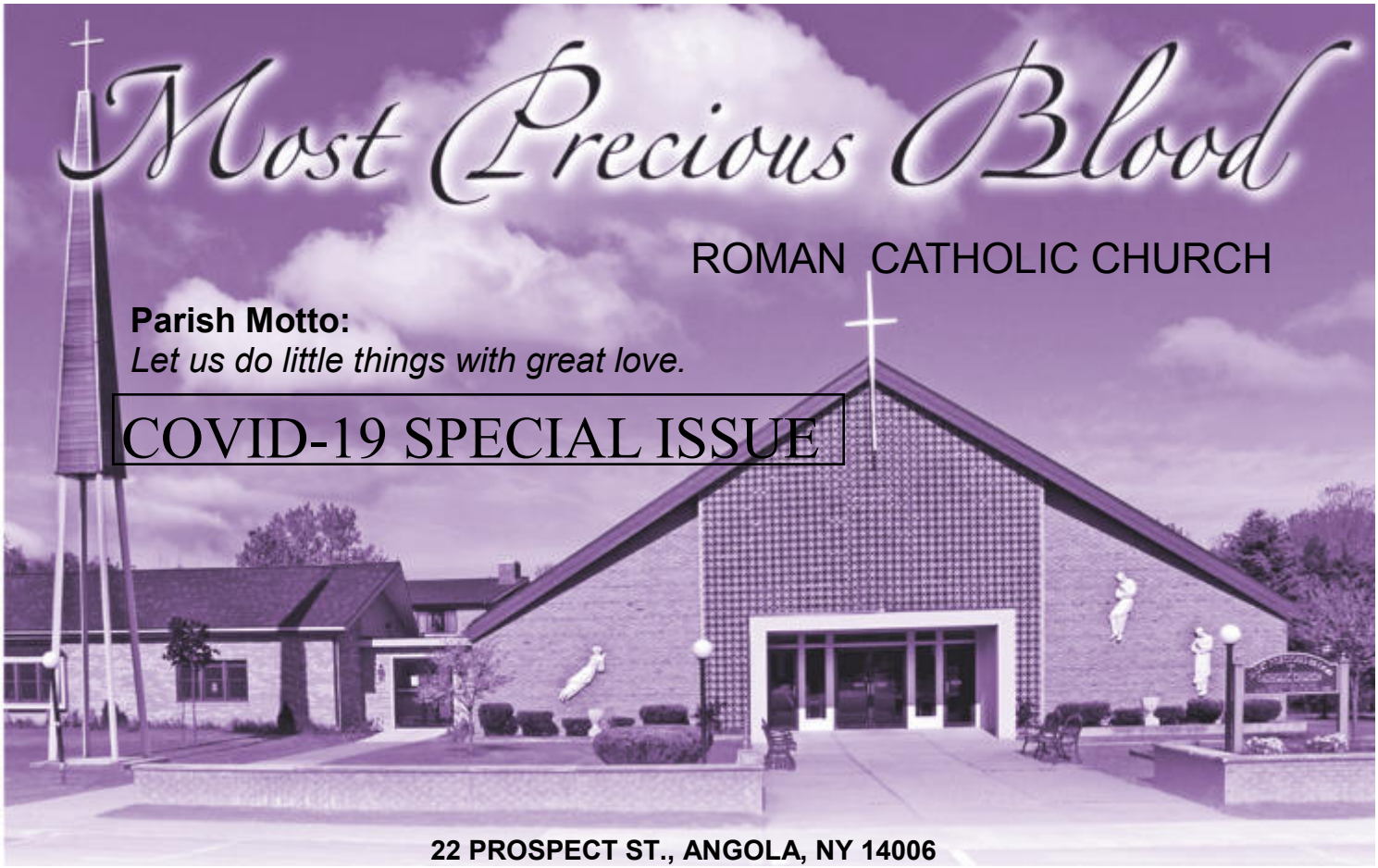

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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11:00 a..m. -- 1:00 p.m.

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FAITH FORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: ……..4:00 p.m.
Sunday:……8:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday, Friday:……..8:30 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): Upon request only.

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 (Cancelled until further notice).
Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Tuesdays: 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after 7:30 a.m. Mass. *Recitation of Rosary:* daily after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

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

(*When you attend Mass, you are required to wear a face mask.*)

Saturday, November 28

Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Theresa Jerozal - req. Kaleida Health - Oshei Hospital Lab

Monday, November 30 - St. Andrew, apostle

8:30 AM - Rosella Morgano - req. Fran Dybdahl

Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM - Gertrude Wolodzko - req. Best Family

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Friday, December 4 - St. John of Damascus

8:30 AM - Kevin and Mary Connors - req. Irene Iacuzzo

Saturday, December 5

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Pinto Family - req. Anna Geidel

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Karen Wasmund - req. Joan Sommers

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

ISAIAH 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7

PSALM 80

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

MARK 13:33-37

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

PSALM 85

2 PETER 3:8-14

MARK 1:1-8

A Message from the Pastor

We need to look at our readings today in light of the Pastoral Letter Bishop Scharfenberger has shared with us. Since we are probably back in a more remote setting, I would like to put here some of the suggested points:

The Isaiah readings come from a situation of exile. People have seen the collapse of Judah, the fall of Jerusalem and the ruin of the temple. They were either led away to live in exile or to live in the rubble of their city. They could not worship as they had ("How can we sing the songs of Zion in a foreign land?") They no longer lived in a land they believed God had given them. God had fled his own temple and given it over to destruction.

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 64:2-7 -- The prophet calls upon God who seems to have abandoned His people. The prophet has confidence in the ability of God to do awesome deeds for those who wait for Him. God is still Father, Redeemer, and we are the work of His hands.

Mark 13:33-37 -- Jesus adds a whole new level of urgency, of immediacy, to this process of God's acting among His people. Be alert! Be ready! The Lord is at hand, and God is doing something unprecedented.

Our own moment of exile, COVID-19 -- We cannot worship as we used to. We cannot gather, sing, shake hands, embrace. We cannot show our face to each other. We cannot fill our churches. It is a source of worry and maybe of personal loss.

Diocese of Buffalo -- We are a Church that is in pain*:* bankruptcy, wake of scandal, mistrust, mismanagement, missed opportunities, a sense of betrayal, anger, abandonment.

Our own times -- We are a divided society that is experiencing economic uncertainty, political rancor and racial tension.

What are we to do? -- Listen to St. Paul: ***1 Corinthians 1:3-9*** -- God is faithful and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. What might that mean for us?

Bishop Scharfenberger directs us in this opportune moment for Renewal. We are a poorer Church, a chastened Church, but a Church that is now called back to the basics: the Word preached, the faith taught; the Sacrament celebrated; the people cared for, especially those in need.

Our confidence in the possibilities of a renewal for our Church is based on the promise that God is with us, always renewing us and the Church. It is based on hope, not just optimism for a brighter day, but hope that God is steadfast in His love and mercy, as God has always been. Such a renewal requires that we open our vision to see not parishes or partisans, not ideologies or division, but one faith, one baptism, one Lord.

Listen for the Spirit in the signs of the times and in each other to discern where the Spirit is leading us.

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STEWARDSHIP

Because of an early publishing deadline, the report of the November 22 stewardship is not available. This report will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your support.

Purchasing Gift Cards

By now you should have received an order form for holiday gift cards. Because of social distancing, the procedure to order cards is different this year.

After filling out the form, place it with payment in an envelope addressed to the Rectory Office. You may return it by placing it in the weekend collection basket, mailing it to the rectory (22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006) or by hand delivering it to the office during business hours.

When orders are filled (within two weeks), you will be called to make arrangements for pick-up. All orders must be received by December 15

Please remember that the gift card sale is an important annual fundraiser for MPB and has been quite successful in past years. The parish receives between 5% and 13% of the cards sold.

Viewing Mass at Home

A list of live-streaming Sunday Masses is provided at https://www.buffalodiocese.org/livestreams or tune in the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass *WNYO Channel 49 (My TV) at 8:30 a.m.* Also, *EWTN Channel 10 (Spectrum)* offers daily and Sunday Masses beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Giving Tree

The Ladies of Charity, sponsor of the annual Giving Tree, announces that because of COVID-19, there will be a different procedure for donating gifts this year.

Members request that donations of the following $25 gift cards be made: Walmart, Old Navy, J.C. Penney, Target, Kohl's, Marshall's and T.J. Maxx. They are available through MPB's cash (gift) card program. The deadline for donations is December 7.

A Message from the Pastor

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Have courage to move beyond current models, outside of what we are used to, outside of our comfort zones, in order to grow. Celebrate the sacraments, which make us one, especially the Eucharist where we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. Assess our resources and needs. Ask the question the scribe asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" And then meet our neighbor's needs.

This is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Liturgical year. We begin again celebrating the great story of our salvation. It begins with the great hope that Isaiah had in God who can do marvelous deeds, beyond our imagining, for a fallen Jerusalem, for shepherds in Bethlehem, and for us in Buffalo.

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation sessions take place on Sunday: Remote access will be implemented by the teachers. More information will be provided in the next two weeks.

Registrations are still being accepted during the Sunday sessions. You may also go to the parish's website (http://www.mpbangola.org/faithformation.htm.) to print out a registration form. Please bring the completed form with proof of Baptism to the rectory office (22 Prospect St., Angola) during business hours.

2021 Envelopes

Envelopes for weekly offerings for 2021 may be picked up in the Chapel entrance before weekend Masses. Please follow instructions by the ushers.

MPB Church Hours

The front door of the church is unlocked for individual visitations **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (**8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.); **Saturday** (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.); and **Sunday** (8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.).

December 5 & 6	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lector
4:00 p.m.	Natalie P., B. Weslow, J. Sack, F. Downey	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	D. Hosler, J. Barone, L. Feider, K. Wells,	D. Gelencser

Road to Renewal: Pastoral Letter From Bishop Scharfenberger

Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, has issued a Pastoral Letter to Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of our diocese.

The letter has been mailed to registered Catholic households as well as made available to all our parishes and Catholic institutions in time for the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

The purpose of the Pastoral Letter is to provide the spiritual foundation for our Diocesan Road to Renewal initiative. Everyone in our diocese is encouraged to read the Pastoral Letter and to spend time reflecting and sharing with one another the significance of this call to renewal in the Diocese of Buffalo.

All Souls Memorial Book

To remember a family member or friend who has died this year (between November 2, 2019 and November 2, 2020), please visit or call the rectory office during office hours to have your loved one's name included in the All Saints Memorial Book. The deceased will be remembered in prayer at future Masses.

Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed

The pandemic has affected many Americans including some Evans residents. Loss of jobs, loss of housing and even loss of life have been caused by this horrible sickness. As a result, the warm clothing drive, ***Project Keep Evans Warm,*** will also include a food and paper drive. All collections will be turned over to Operation Good Neighbor for distribution to families in need who reside in Evans.

Requests for clothing donations include winter coats, gloves, boots and hats in all sizes, colors and styles. Children's sizes are very popular. All donated clothing must be clean. Dry and canned food for donations might include soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables. Baby food is in great demand. Paper goods (Kleenex, paper towels and bathroom tissue) will also be collected.

You may drop off donations in the Chapel foyer for Sunday morning pick-up. For home pick-up, call 481-4480 or 507-6703. Leave a message. Please help to **Keep Evans Warm and Fed**.

As We Pray for Those Affected By the Corona Virus, Please Take Suggested Measures and Precautions To Stay Well.

Pray For the Healing of the Sick

Miya Wardlaw, Lynn Sellick, Sandy Clark, Linda A. Hogg, Kathy Duerr, Mary Angela Richir, Amy Jezioro Crawford, Lily Schwietzer, Kathy Nolan, Cassie Rizzuto, Ryan O'Meara,

Deborah Schiedel Downs, Mason Joseph Reynolds, Patricia Jasinski, Jean Francis, Ann Marie Collura, Josephine Prisco, Jonah Delang, Roseanne Viapiano, Fred Gugino, Robert Catalino,

Mark Schwarzmueller, Michele White, Cheryl Kendall, Eryn Ramirez, Sandra Stevens, Renee Perez-Quinn, Jenna Place, Bonnie Hyman, Mark Faraci, Jackie Francisco, Eleanor Rathgeber,

Eugene Frometa, Richard Riley, Jane Granville, Jessie Keith, Diane Cooke, Michael Rizzuto, Sr., Pauline Landes, Anna Marie Kirsch, Florence Graf,

Pat Catalino, Joseph Newland, Karen Schiavone, Lucille Zoda Galfo, Tim Cooke, Stephen Rodler.

Attending Mass

MPB has Masses on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please note the following regulations:

- Masks are required.
- Hand sanitizers are suggested. We have sanitizers at the door.
- Please enter the church through the center front door.
- Exiting the church will be through the front side doors and through the doors near the sanctuary.
- Handicap entering and exiting is through the Garden door.
- Trained ushers and greeters will seat everyone, using every third pew (as marked).
- Do not share books. If you bring one from home, you must take it with you.
- There will be no holy water in church.
- Touch as few things as possible.

If you are over the age of 65 and/or have any medical conditions that could compromise breathing or the heart, you should be very careful about being in public settings. The bishop has left in place the relief from the obligation of attending Mass.

Mass Book 2021

Requests for 2021 Mass intentions are now being received at the rectory office or by mail. Please do not call, as phone requests will not be accepted.

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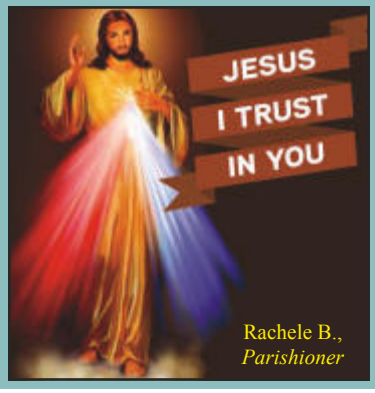

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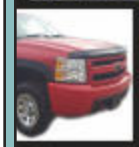

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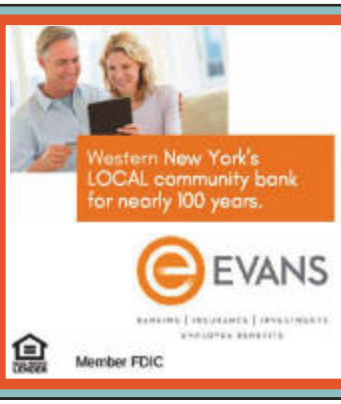

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