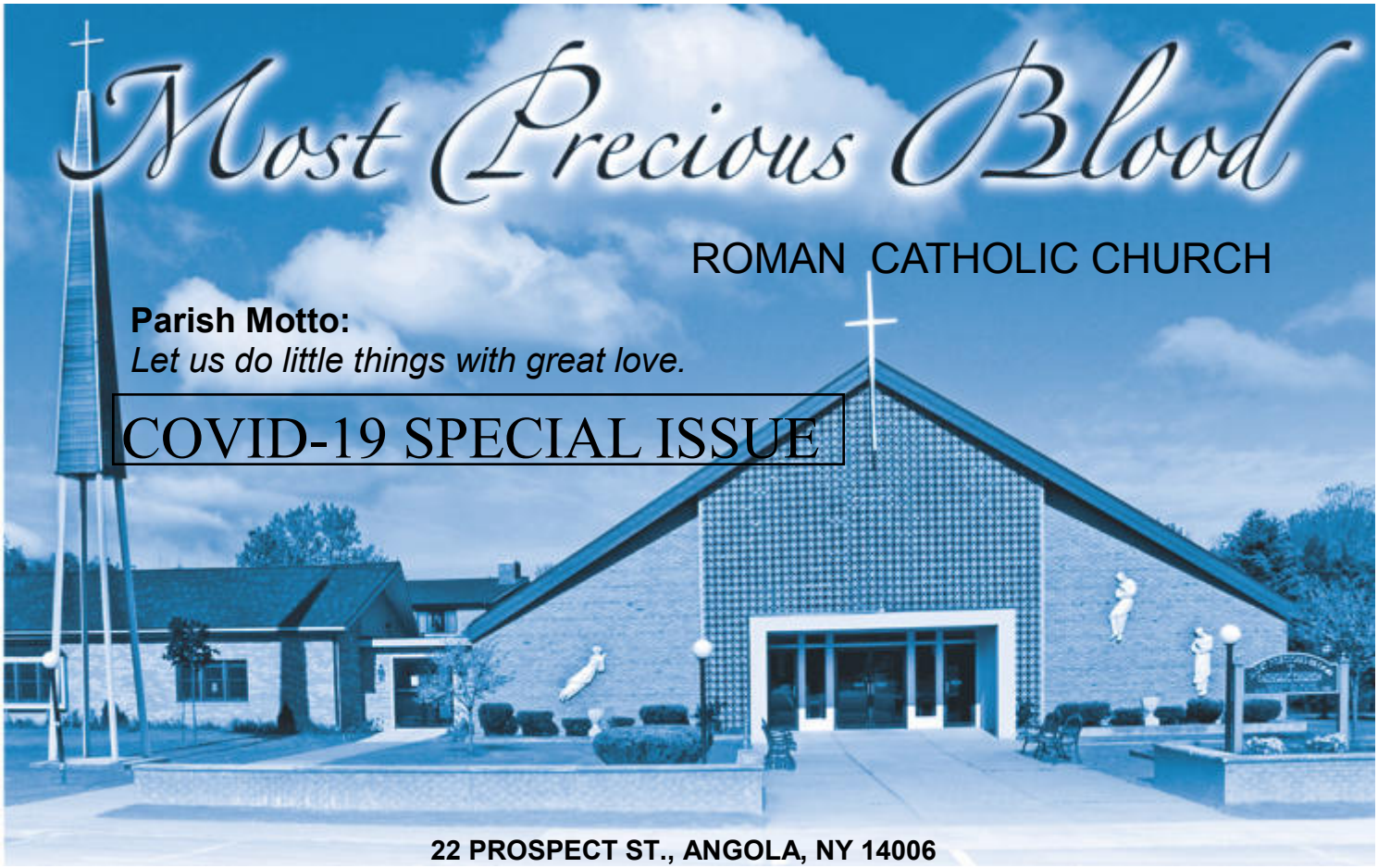

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Call the Rectory Office
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Tuesdays, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

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 <u>required</u> to wear a face mask.***)

Saturday, January 2

Vigil: Epiphany of Our Lord
4:00 PM - Jack & Angeline Chiappone - Estate

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of Our Lord
8:30 AM - Kathleen Connors - req. Family

Monday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann, bishop
8:30 AM - Suzanne M. Buttino -req. St. Vincent dePaul Society, MPB Conference

Wednesday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette
8:30 AM - Alphonso Butlak, Sr. - req. Al Butlak, & Family

Friday, January 8
8:30 AM - Julia Kwiecien - req. MPB staff

Saturday, January 9

Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
4:00 PM - Colleen Jimenez - req. Mother, Arlene Vail

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord
8:30 AM - Carol Hageman - req. Phyllis Paskiewicz

*In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish, especially **John J. Merecki, Jr., Gary Galante** and **Janet Kaczmarczyk-Scheffer**.*

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3</u>

ISAIAH 60:1-6
PSALM 72
EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6
MATTHEW 2:1-12

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10</u>

ISAIAH 55:1-11
PSALM ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4b,c,d, 5-6
1 JOHN 5:1-9
MARK 1:7-11

A Message from the Pastor

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I must admit there is a temptation to say "Good riddance" and " Thank goodness it's over," but I can't. I was a newly ordained priest when I learned a very valuable lesson. *We are responsible for our feelings.*

You cannot control the feeling, but you can control what you do about it. For me the greatest example is anger. Everyone gets angry, but what is important is what you do about it. You don't have to put your fist through a wall. In fact, most of us learn acceptable responses to our emotions when we are quite young.

Back to my lesson of needing to take responsibility for "what we can take responsibility for." As in all things, we need to think about it. We need to "know" it. The flip side of this is -- I am not responsible for someone else's feelings; though I should always be aware of and sensitive to others' feelings.

The opening premise in all of this is that there is good in everything or better yet, we should find the good. I had hit rock bottom when a good friend challenged me to find the good. What I found was that if I learn from the situation, that is the good. I remember saying, "This will not happen in this way again because I have now been through it."

I perceive myself to be a realist, accepting what is, with empirical truth. I think I can be called an optimist too, because I always try to find the good. Thus, I come back to this recent past year and believe, if nothing else, we can learn from it. If we at least learn, as we reflected on during Advent, that God has a plan, then we've begun.

How about recalling what we learned last week, that putting God first opens us to holiness? If we seek to find the *good* (maybe here, *God*) in all things, we are a better person. If we take responsibility for our feelings of the situation, we are on our way to holiness.

The Feast of Epiphany ultimately is God's plan put forth in our Christmas story, expanding to the Gentiles or the wider world through the story of the Magi.

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Thank you for your support.

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation sessions are remote. Families were mailed information explaining the procedure for accessing the weekly lessons. If there are any questions regarding remote access, please call the rectory office (549-0420).

Covid-19: A Prayer for Solidarity

For all who have contracted the corona virus, we pray for care and healing and for those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

Father, during this time, may your Church be a sign of hope and comfort for all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. **Amen.**

Mass Book 2021

Requests for 2021 Mass intentions may be made at the rectory office or by mail. Please do not call. Phone requests will not be accepted.

MPB Church Hours

The front door of the church is unlocked for individual visitations **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **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.).

2021 Envelopes

Envelopes for weekly offerings for 2021 are now in the rectory office. To make arrangements for picking them up, please call the office (540-0420).

A Message from the Pastor

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They recognized Emmanuel from their learning of the Hebrew scriptures. They recognized before Herod and the scholars.

The prophetic words from Isaiah spoken to Israel proclaiming the coming of Christ out of the darkness are very real to us today in the shadow of 2020. “Rise up in splendor. Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, thick clouds cover the peoples; But upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His Glory…”

Let us accept responsibility for allowing the Glory of the Lord to shine through us, even if we don’t completely understand. Let us love God, like God. Happy New Year and may it be filled with the Choicest of God’s Blessings!

Fr. Tim

Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed

The pandemic has affected many Americans including some Evans residents. 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.

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

January 9 & 10	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lector
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack F. Dybdahl	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	K. Wells J. Dillon	R. Scaglione

Covid-19 Protocol Reminders

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 and hand sanitizers are suggested. They are 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.

Viewing Mass at Home

You may tune in on **Mass from MPB** by going to the website (mpbangola.org) and clicking on Mass Streaming. A list of live-streaming Sunday Masses is also 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. EWTN Channel 10 (Spectrum)* offers daily and Sunday Masses beginning at 8:00 a.m.

To All Parishioners

To provide you with timely information, the office staff would like to have your email address. If you have yet to respond, please provide the information requested in the form below and send it to MPB Parish, 22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006 or drop it in the weekend collection basket.

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Email Information

Name……

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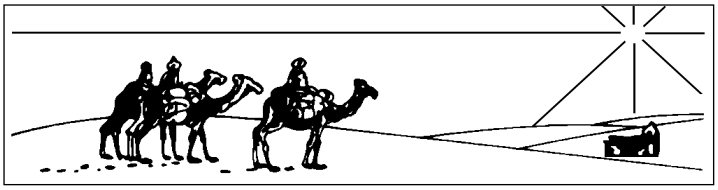

Pray For the Healing of the Sick

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, Jean Francis,
Deborah Schiedel Downs,Mason Joseph Reynolds,
Patricia Jasinski, Ann Marie Collura,Josephine Prisco,

Jonah Delang, 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, Stephen Rodler, Lucille Zoda Galfo,
Patricia Latimore.

Ushers Wanted

Ushers are needed for both Masses, Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. If interested in serving, please contact John Barone at 507-6703.

Consider ACH Direct Payment For Your Church Contributions

During this time when many are not able to attend Mass regularly, ACH may be the answer to making weekly contributions. ACH is a process for automatic donations to be made from your checking or savings account to Most Precious Blood Church. This allows the withdrawal of contributions 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 St., Angola, NY 14006.

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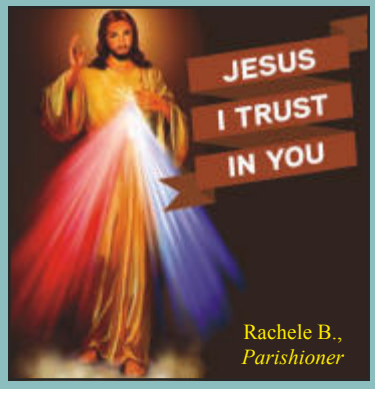

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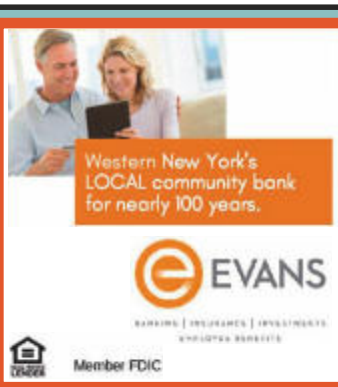

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