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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
for Faith Formation information.

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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.

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

Saturday, May 29

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity
4:00 PM - James Collura - req. Wife & Children

Sunday, May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 AM - Mark Schwarzmueller - req. Duzen Family

Monday, May 31 - The Virgin Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

Memorial Day

12:00 PM - All Veterans -- Holy Cross Cemetery
(There is no morning Mass in the church.)

Tuesday, June 1 - St. Justin, martyr
8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs
8:30 AM - Roseanne Viapiano - req. Marilyn Drago

Friday, June 4
8:30 AM - Sam Ross - req. Robert & Doris Drago

Saturday, June 5 - St. Boniface, bishop & martyr

Vigil: The Body & Blood of Christ
4:00 PM - Deceased of the Conoscenti Family - req. Robert Wargula Family

Sunday, June 6 - The Body & Blood of Christ
8:30 AM - Sam Catalino - Estate of Verna Catalino

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

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30</u>

DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40
PSALM 33
ROMANS 8:14-17
MATTHEW 28:16-20

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 6</u>

EXODUS 24:3-8
PSALM 116
HEBREWS 9:11-15
MARK 14:12-16, 22-26

A Message from the Pastor

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"

We have completed our Easter celebrations with Pentecost and have returned to Ordinary Time. Our white vestments and altar covers transfer back to green. Yes, we are back into Ordinary Time. Yes, the seasonal color is green, but we have these two special Sundays. This weekend is Trinity Sunday.

Theologically these two Sundays are important celebrations of our most important truths and mysteries. This year's readings continue the theme of the last few weeks of our Easter celebrations.

The first reading from Deuteronomy gives a concise history of "the Father," "the Creator," "the Lover;" the unique God of history, the God of Gods. Our God of history has statutes and commandments which govern us, but it is God fixed in our hearts who gives us all in heaven and on earth.

Paul's letter to the Romans challenges us to be led by the Spirit of God. From that love we are called as heirs with Christ to "suffer" with him so that we can be glorified with him.

The Gospel of Matthew is a little different from our section of John that we have been following. None-the-less, it reminds us that our faith sends us out to make disciples of all nations. Part of our embracing Jesus as "the Way" sends us to care for others.

So, this week's readings continue our charge from Pentecost to go out and share God's way with others. This week we are told to do it "...In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

As we continue to walk through parish history, I would note that we have been doing this in the many activities we share together in fellowship and hospitality. We may have been held back a little this past year, but we have kept up outreach and will surge back soon.

One can begin this weekend by praying for our beloved dead. Thank you to those who made our cemetery and grounds look so nice for this weekend. Thank you to our flag committee who helped us show respect.

Thank you to our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry workers. It was a challenging year, but I think a good year, all in all. Keep God first as we look to care for the people of God.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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The History

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Following Fr. Matt's departure, Rev. Msgr. Fred Voorhees was appointed temporary administrator of the parish.

On April 24, 2010, MPB Parish welcomed its new pastor, Rev. John S. Kwiecien. Fr. John had been pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in North Collins where he also served as part-time chaplain at the prison facility, a ministry he continued while at MPB. His service, in turn, inspired some from the parish to volunteer their time in this ministry. Parishioners soon learned that occasionally, within the celebration of Mass, Fr. John was inclined to play his guitar and sing during a psalm or hymn.

Fr. John continued various maintenance programs throughout the buildings and grounds of MPB with special attention given to energy-saving projects: lighting, windows, heating. He also updated areas of the church, replacing the sound system and the carpeting and adding brass railings (donated by a parish family) at the altar steps.

The school building, now known as the Parish Hall, became the venue for community outreach. It has been available for rental by community groups, such as the Girl Scouts, and by parishioners for private gatherings.

In addition to a long-term occupancy by a Karate Club, the gymnasium is used by the Erie County Board of Elections to house some of Evans election districts for local, state and national elections. Most consistently, though, the Lakeshore Association of Christian Churches, through Operation Good Neighbor, continues to use the hall for its weekly food distribution to community recipients.

To develop further a spirit of fellowship, Fr. John encouraged participation in the monthly Sunday parish breakfasts, the parish picnic, its pork chop dinner, the Holy Name Society's chicken barbecue, and spaghetti dinners, the seasonal Mardi Gras celebration, St. Patrick Dinner and St. Joseph Table.

He also began the ministry of Helping Hands, a group of parishioners who prepare and serve funeral brunches following the Mass and interment. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide a time of comfort for those who are grieving.

Food for the Soul

One might question why the dinners at MPB are so noteworthy when considering the history of the parish. Outside of the obvious "spirit of fellowship" motive, the dinners have developed into identifying who we are. They require hours of preparation, teamwork and congeniality. Along with providing a purpose for some, they are known to build friendships and camaraderie among those who volunteer their time.

Over the years, dinners at MPB became quite popular and attracted a larger group of diners each year. Even with limited or no advertising, some attendees at some dinners came from outside the parish, outside the village, outside the town, from distant areas of the county.

Each of the three seasonal dinners has its own unique characteristics and attractions. Beginning with Mardi Gras, celebrated before Ash Wednesday, guests

are provided with masks, beads and hats. Activities are designed to entertain all age groups: a parade, activities in the gym, movies with pop corn. The menu has included soup, pancakes, chili, hot dogs and King Cake.

The Irish Dinner takes place close to St. Patrick's Day and entertains with a live band and Irish dancers.

The menu features classic Irish fare: corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes and carrots, soda bread and bread pudding. An alternate choice is a Reuben on Rye.

The St. Joseph's Day Table, March 19, is known for its absence of meat. It offers lentil soup, pasta, frittatas (omelets), fish, artichokes, burdock, dandelions, broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant, etc. The desserts usually include cannoli, sfinge, cuccidati and pizzelles.

There is no charge for admission, but offerings are accepted. The proceeds, according to tradition, are donated locally to such charitable organizations as St. Vincent de Paul, Sisters of Charity and Operation Good Neighbor.

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Anthony Genovese, Dorothy Genovese, Patricia Latimore, Jeannie DiChristopher, Elaine Poloncarz, Linda Muscato.

MPB Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are open for three positions on MPB's Parish Council. All members of the parish 16 years or older, fully initiated and in good standing, are eligible to serve on the council.

If you would like to nominate someone, indicate on the form below the name, address and phone number of the person and sign your name on the last line. Comments may be included. Make sure that the person you are nominating will accept the position. The form may be dropped into the collection basket as you enter the church for a weekend Mass. You may also take it or send it to the rectory office of Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola NY. 14006.

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MPB Parish Council Nomination Form

I nominate the following for Parish Council:

Name……

Address……Phone……

Comments……

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Nominated by……

Sacrament Recipients

Nine young parishioners participated in the sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion last weekend.

Congratulations and blessings to Caitlin Dils and Caden Maciejewski who were confirmed by Bishop Fisher last Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo.

Additional blessings go the following who celebrated their First Communion at MPB at a 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday: Cameron David Atzrott, Harper Rosalia Bauer, Ella Jane Clendening, Calianna Josephina Kibler, Lance Alexander Lough, Lyla Grace Nelson and Joseph Anthony Staniorski.

250 Club Drawing

The winner of the drawing of May 23 is **Karen Fitzgerald,** ticket number 135. All tickets for the 11th annual MPB 250 Club have been sold. Thank you to all participants.

There are 25 weekly drawings for $50 each. Winners will be announced in the bulletin. Ten final drawings totaling $1,900, including the Grand Prize of $1,000, will take place at the final drawings event November 6. Cash prizes for this fundraising event total $3,150.

In the past ten years, this fundraiser has helped to defray the cost of various parish projects. This year's proceeds will also be used in support of the parish. Contact the Rectory Office at 549-0420 ir there are any questions regarding this fundraising event.

First Friday Devotions

First Friday Devotions and Benediction will take place in the church, 8:00 -11:00 a.m., Friday, June 4.

Office Closed

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. It will open Tuesday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.

2022 Mass Intentions

Requests for 2022 Mass intentions may be made at the rectory during office hours or by mail

June 5 & 6	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, R. Wargula, M. Wargula	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	D. Hosler, J. Barone, B. Weslow, K. Wells	R. Scaglione

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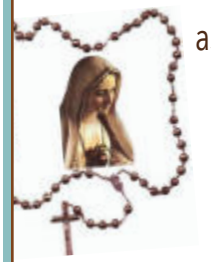

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