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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.

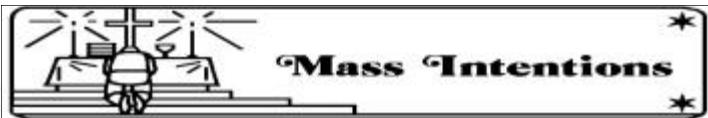
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## Parish Devotions (Cancelled until further notice).

*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.



(Face masks are optional when you attend Mass.)

### Saturday, September 25

#### Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Shirley McKeown - req. Hogg Family

#### Sunday, September 26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM - Howard & Shirley Kaiser - req. Don & Kathie Mogavero

10:30 AM - People of the Parish (Conclusion of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration)

#### Monday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, priest

8:30 AM - John Galfo - req. Wife Lucy & Family

#### Tuesday, September 28

8:30 AM - Kenneth Croscutt - req. Esther

#### Wednesday, September 29 - SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:30 AM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

#### Friday, October 1 - St. Theresa of Lisieux, virgin & doctor

8:30 AM - Eileen Siergiej - req. Jacqueline Baras

#### Saturday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

#### Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Christopher Brown - req. Tom DiChristopher

#### Sunday, October 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM - Eleanor Kaczmarczyk - req. Daughters & Granddaughters

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

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26



**NUMBERS** 11:25-29

**PSALM** 19

**JAMES** 5:1-6

**MARK** 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

**GENESIS** 2:18-24

**PSALM** 128

**HEBREWS** 2:9-11

**MARK** 10:2-16

### A Message from the Pastor

Happy Anniversary! One hundred fifty years of faith in Evans. Of course, there was a presence before that, but for 150 years now we have had a Catholic organization, a parish in the Angola community. I trust you can see the similarities with the early Christian Church we learn about in the Acts of the Apostles.

One might even recognize the stories of our formation that can be likened to the formation of the people of Israel from the Torah, the Pentateuch, the Hebrew scriptures. Our first reading comes from the Book of Numbers. Numbers is named for the lining up and numbering the people after they have left Egypt, the Book of Exodus. Now they are on their way to the Promised Land and these are their stories of the forty-year journey through the desert.

We are reminded today of one of the most profound stories. The people are complaining that they had all their wonderful food and things in Egypt. Now they are starving in the desert. They grumble and complain even about the "Bread from Heaven," which is feeding them every day. Moses is exasperated and goes to God for help. God tells him to name seventy and to bring them together in a special ceremony and He will bless them with Holy Powers.

The passage we hear today is what happened. As Moses was in the cloud, part of the Lord's spirit is imposed by the Spirit on those who were chosen. Two who were on the list but not present at the ceremony have received the same gifts. Joshua, Moses' right-hand-man, questions this, rightfully. Throughout the Hebrew scriptures God has encouraged ritual, laws, ceremonies. But here the Spirit does take over.

Moses humbly accepts God's action. He doesn't give up the law, the ritual, but reminds us God is the Creator, the Lawgiver, the Source of ritual. His plan is far above us. So, how the Spirit steps in is God's doing.

The Gospel passage today is similar and thus the readings, together. John is concerned about people, not the group on the list, -- healing people. Once again Jesus says that yes, there is the right way. But the truly right way is God's way and He is the only Judge.

Ritual, ceremony, laws, directives, order and discipline are essential for us in living up to our role in Creation, but the Spirit is the fulfillment of God's plan.

Thomas Aquinas, when queried on all the rituals, laws and difficult teachings of the Church, simply said, "Because we are not angels." We have body and form and therefore need rules, laws and ritual. But we are also spirit and must be open to the Spirit of God.

Also a tie-in from last week is the sin of envy. Be certain that it is not in play in our lives. Envy is the denial of the Spirit and Will of God. Embrace the law, embrace the ritual. It helps make us more understanding of the Spirit. Choicest Blessings.

*Fr. Tim*



## *Church of the Most Precious Blood*

1871 - *Angola, N.Y.* - 2021

### A Look Back on the History of MPB -- *By Rev. Timothy Koester, Pastor*

Through the darkness of the lock-downs I made my way down to the lake. In good weather and bad, I tried to catch the sunset. I would sit on the beach or overlooking the beach sometimes, watching workers clean up after storms or winter devastation. In awe I reflected on the sun's rising and setting at sea, on some beautiful and amazing coasts.

The Lake Erie coast in the Town of Evans is right up at the top of the list of places I have been and seen. I look up toward Buffalo and down toward Dunkirk and have come to discern certain landmarks from different points. I've been able to recognize ships anchored, waiting to enter the Welland Canal.

My imagination has allowed me to envision the Griffin, the flagship Niagara and the many grain ships sailing and steaming by. Evans came into being as Buffalo burst into growth because of this lake and the Erie Canal. Congratulations on 200 years, Town of Evans!

Fifty years on, the Catholic presence in the town became prominent enough to establish a parish and open a church. We have been greatly enlightened by the wonderful history columns put together by Rosemary Scaglione and the committee that prepared this commemoration. What a wonderful job. Thank you.

It was an important and interesting journey, first through the pastors and buildings; through the school and religious women who were essential to the community. The long-serving Protestant Superintendent of Schools was heard to call us his "fifth building" because of how integral to the community we were. It is a great testament to him and his character, and a wonderful acknowledgment to our commitment to our home.

We had a chance to walk through our organizations and ministries, all of which reached out to the greater community. Social support and camaraderie have always been central to our existence. Personal commitment and sharing of talents are truly a highlight of our history.

The cemetery, supported by the Passionists, to the beautiful memorial park today is an ongoing testimony to the names that have made us. I find it very comforting to walk through and offer an extra prayer to individuals as I pass.

There-in lies the truth. It is the people who have made and now make this parish. The people who found friendships, spouses and family. People who scraped together the funding to help us continue on. People willing to learn from and teach one another. People who cried and mourned, laughed and celebrated together. People who have prayed for and supported one another.

At the core we have been and are a community of faith, steeped in the Catholic tradition that gives us purpose and eternal life. It is the highest honor for me to be a part of this godly community today, to be in the nearest moment of heaven on earth when we gather in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The committee worked diligently for our celebration. We looked at the 100th Anniversary and talked about a fair, a school reunion, a ball, and a week-long festival. But, alas, COVID and threats of COVID, constant changes and a chancy future brought us to a program I enthusiastically endorsed.

From the anniversary of our first recorded Baptism to today, we endeavored to walk through our history here, our praying our Anniversary Prayer together and hopefully at home, and our Eucharistic gatherings.

I thank and congratulate the committee for their conscientious and committed hard work. Please acknowledge with me our co-chairs, Karen Young and John Latimore, and a special recognition to the parish staff and most importantly to Mary Lou McEvoy, who always does make it happen.

Thank you to all who have been a part of this awesome community for 150 years. Welcome and thank you to all who have come back during this time. We appreciate those who have been here through so much of the modern era. Thank you for sharing in our faith journey. May the coming years always reflect the Glory of God.

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we give thanks to You for Your goodness through all the years of worship and camaraderie in our parish of Most Precious Blood. "Let us do little things with great love" into a future of hope and promise in your Name. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



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***Thank You for Your Support*****250 Club Drawing**

The winner of the September 19 drawing is **Ann Schoemann** with ticket number 188.

There are 25 weekly drawings for \$50 each. Winners are 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

**First Friday Devotions**

First Friday Devotions and Benediction will take place October 1 in the church from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

**Pray For the Healing of the Sick**

Kathy Duerr, Mary Angela Richir, Kathy Nolan, Amy Jezioro Crawford, Lily Schwietzer, Sandy Clark, Cassie Rizzuto, Miya Wardlaw, Lynn Sellick, Linda A. Hogg, Ryan O'Meara, Jean Francis, Deborah Schiedel Downs, Mason Joseph Reynolds,

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**Infant Items for St. Gianna Molla Center**

MPB's Respect Life Committee will collect baby items Sunday, October 24 from 8:00 until 9:30 a.m. for the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. The collection will take place in front of the convent on Prospect St.

Especially needed by the Center are: onesies (newborn to one month), diapers (sizes 1 and 2), wipes, girl's 0 to three-month sleepers, receiving blankets, and new socks (newborn to size 4 toddler). Monetary donations also will be gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center.

**Healing Mass at St. John Paul II**

The Inner Healing Ministry of St. John Paul II Parish Community will host a Healing Mass Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Church. Safety guidelines will be in effect.

**Open House Announced**

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute will have its annual Open House Sunday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All prospective students and their families are invited for guided tours of the entire campus.

For more information, contact the Admissions Center at 874-4953.

**Bible Study**

Bible study begins at MPB October 20. The theme of this year's six-week course is "Angels in the Bible." Two sessions are being offered: Wednesday morning at 10:00 and Wednesday evening at 7:00. Groups will meet in the Annex. In case enrollment is too large, the sessions will take place in the cafeteria. Register by using the form below or contact the rectory during regular office hours. The cost of the study is \$15.

**Bible Study: Angels in the Bible  
Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mark  to indicate your preference of time. Wed., 10:00 a.m.       Wed., 7:00 p.m.

\$15 enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form in an envelope and drop it in the collection at a weekend Mass or mail to:

**Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St.,  
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October 2 & 3	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	A. Vail, J. Sack, R. Wargula, M. Wargula	K. Young
8:30 a.m.	D. Hosler, K. Wells, L. Feider, J. Barone	R. Scaglione

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