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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.

#### OGN FOOD PANTRY 17 PROSPECT ST.

Tuesdays, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:		4:00 p.m.
Sunday:		8:30 a.m.
	day–Wednesday, Friday:	

#### 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).

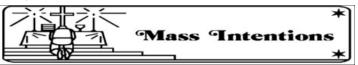
Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Tuesdays: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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

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### Saturday, January 15

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4::00 PM - Jack Geidel - req. Wife & Family

Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM - Louis Catalano - req. Maiorana Family

Monday, January 17 - St. Anthony, abbot 8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 18 8:30 AM - Kathleen Giardina - req. Connors/Erickson Families

Wednesday, January 19 8:30 AM - Faithfully Departed

Friday, January 21 - St. Agnes, virgin & martyr 8:30 AM - Margaret Ahrens - req. Family

### Saturday, January 22

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4::00 PM - Florence Graf - req. Josephine North & Charlene Nease

Sunday, January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM - Tony & Pauline Emhof - req. Family

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish, especially **David Merritt, Sr**.

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**



**ISAIAH** 62:1-5

**PSALM** 96

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 JOHN 2:2-11

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

NEHEMIAH 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 PSALM 19 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30 LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21

# A Message from the Pastor

We begin our journey today mindful of the last two Sundays. From the Epiphany we celebrated God's manifestation of Himself to humanity and then from His Baptism the Trinitarian nature manifested as the Son of God. Now with the first sign of Jesus, we are presented with the Divinity and Omnipotence of our God in Jesus Christ. This focuses on the covenant relationship between us and God. Marriage is the ultimate testimony to this.

God is the Faithful Groom; humanity is the Beloved Bride, united in Faith in a covenant that unites the bond of humanity and divinity we have just celebrated. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship between God and His chosen people.

The first reading today, from Isaiah, uses the example of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. The focus, of course, is upon fidelity of the parties. No surprise God's is consistent, pure, permanent. Remember that idea.

The "gifts of the Spirit" we hear about in our second reading from Paul are given freely and to all, but they are meant to unite us as a community of believers. Not everyone receives the same gifts, and the gifts compliment each other. Did you ever hear, "Not all the same gifts but the same spirit?"

The Gospel story is one that most remember from their earliest days, probably because it is the first of seven "signs" of John that points out His Divinity. Mary is an essential part of the story because she knows who Jesus really is, and he obeys her. Water, the staple of life, gets upgraded to a divine position.

Simply put, every marriage is a reminder and depiction of our relationship with God. There is a spiritual dimension that has God present always and demands a sincere response from the couple. God is a part of every marriage! Marriage is something we must always work at.

The true challenge of today's readings is how do we also do it individually in all of our life (relationships)? It is in the interaction of the "gifts of the Spirit!" We need to keep the spiritual in the fore and always invite Jesus and Mary into our lives. We then share them with one another as our interaction of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

> Choicest Blessings, *Fr. Tím*





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### Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner at MPB

MPB Parish will have a Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, January 23 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. by way of the Hall driveway/parking lot. Although not required, reservations may be made by calling the Rectory Office at 549-0420.

In addition to the spaghetti, the dinner includes meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. The cost for each dinner is \$10, payable at the time of pick up.

#### **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.

Please mail more ACH information to:				
NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
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ACH Form is also available on MPB's website: http://www.mpbangola.org/contact.htm				

#### **Faith Formation Sessions**

Faith Formation classes for grades K-11 take place Sundays in the Parish Hall. Grades K-8 report to class at 9:15 a.m. and Grades 9-11 at 7:00 p.m. To register, contact the Rectory Office (549-0420). All who attend are to be masked and are to enter the hall at the gym entrance. Students K-8 must be signed in and picked up by a parent or guardian. More information is available on the parish website: MPB Faith Formation (mpbangola.org).

#### **Chesterton Society Plans Presentation**

The Southtowns Chesterton Society invites you to its meeting Saturday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Eden. There will be a special showing of EWTN's original two-part play "Chesterton Station: The Golden Key." Its synopsis states:

"Known as the 'prince of paradox' English writer, philosopher and lay theologian, G.K. Chesterton, is the perfect foil for an intellectual adventure through space and time. Arriving early to a deserted train station, Chesterton reflects on his life, the saints, and his wonder and gratitude for God's many gifts. As mysterious events unfold while waiting, his spiritual observations set the stage for a journey through history to encounter some of the most fascinating individuals the world has ever seen."

Dinner and drinks will be provided at no charge. Those 21 and older may attend. Please RSVP and dinner will be ready when you arrive.

Questions and RSVPs may be sent to Brady Webb at stchestertonsociety@gmail.com.

# MPB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. - Rosary & Altar Society (Rosary); Meeting following Mass

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Tuesday, January 11

1:00 p.m. - Operation Good Neighbor: Parish Hall

#### Sunday, January 23

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8) 7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner (Parish Hall Driveway/Parking Lot)

# 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, Patricia Jasinski, Ann Marie Collura, Fred Gugino, Josephine Prisco, Jonah Delang, Robert Catalino, Michele White, Cheryl Kendall, Eryn Ramirez,

Sandra Stevens, Jenna Place, Renee Perez-Quinn, 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, Stephen Rodler, Karen Schiavone, Joseph Newland, Linda Muscato, Lucille Zoda Galfo, Anthony Genovese, Dorothy Genovese, Patricia Latimore, Kimberly Borkowski, Jeannie DiChristopher, Christine Radwan.

### **Catholic Charities Services**

Don't delay your goals! If your are ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500.

Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, postsecondary school education planning and more.

For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs it provides, visit <u>www.ccwny.org</u>. Catholic Charities is also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

#### 2022 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2022 are now available at the Rectory Office. Please call 549-0420 to arrange for pickup.

### 2022 Mass Intentions

Requests for 2022 Mass intentions may be made at the rectory during office hours or by mail. Please do not phone in requests.

January 22 & 23	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	F. Dybdahl, J. Sack, N. Preischel, Volunteer	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	J. Barone, K. Wells, L. Feider, K. Young	D. Gelencser

## Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed -- Update

MPB's clothing and food drive committee, along with Operation Good Neighbor (OGN), thanks all who donated to or supported this year's **Project: Keep Evans Warm and Fed** during the Christmas Season. The project assisted Evans town residents in need. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the challenge continues.

Over 700 items of warm winter clothing were donated, including over 550 coats, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and boots. Many clothing items were purchased new or homemade with heartfelt intentions.

The food drive collected 465 pounds of canned/ dry goods that included three frozen turkeys along with many other items.

Although **Project: Keep Evans Warm and Fed** is officially over, the need for clothing, dry/canned food, and paper goods still exists. Please save the following phone numbers and feel free to call 481-4480 or 507-6703 for any donations to be picked up during the coming year. Donations placed in the red bin placed near the Chapel will still be accepted.

According to OGN, once holidays end, support for those requiring assistance decreases. But soon there will be more notices with details promoting the upcoming Easter Season's **Project: Keep Evans Warm and Fed**.





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