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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).

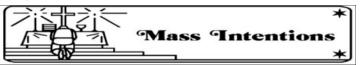
Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Tuesdays: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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 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

Monday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor

8:30 AM - Verna Catalino - Estate

Tuesday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul,

apostle

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 26 - SS. Timothy & Titus, bishops

8:30 AM - Eric Siffringer - req. Lochren Family

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor 8:30 AM - Robert Stoessel - req. Bob & Danielle

Saturday, January 29

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM - Rose Pinker- req. Patti, Paul, Paul & Patrick

Sunday, January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM - Frank & Josephine Ciccarella - req. Arlene Vail & Karen Young

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

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19 PSALM 71 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31--13:13 LUKE 4:21-30

A Message from the Pastor

I do write these reflections and spend a bit of time preparing. But I found a very pointed and pithy one from Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti, a priest from our Diocese. I intended to use it for next week, but I realized that if you see only that one, you might misunderstand what he says about the truth and some of our truths. So, I want to share his reflection for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time first. He reminded me of something we used to talk about in high school: "Being fools for Christ." Enjoy... Fr. Túm

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St. Luke in today's Gospel sets the scene of Jesus' teaching in the Synagogue on the Sabbath. He reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah. He makes it applicable to himself and then sits down stating that this Scripture passage is fulfilled in their hearing it.

How does Jesus identify the readings with himself? He proclaims that the spirit of the Lord is upon him. Why?...Because He has anointed me...to do what?...To bring glad tidings to the poor...Liberty to captives...Recovery of sight to the blind...Let the oppressed go free... Proclaim our lives acceptable to the Lord.

Jesus was seen by the Jews in the Synagogue, as well as his family members, as St. Mark says, "He is out of his mind." Note, it is not his opponents or the devil who made these statements, but his own relatives.

Jesus tells us that his intimate friends are those who do the will of the Father. The will of the Father is to believe in him whom He has sent; namely Jesus. We are united to Jesus in Baptism, therefore we are one with him. We, too, must be "out of our minds," if we are following his teachings.

St. Paul says, "We are fools for Christ's sake." If that be the case, then we, too, are crazy, eccentric, "off base" and so on. For we, who believe, are giving, forgiving, accepting our cross and following him. We believe in the Eucharist, the Church and its teachings on forgiveness, morality, almsgiving, sexuality, and the Trinity. In so doing, we are contra-culture. We are not with the secular society. We are out of it. We are doing it God's Way and not ours.

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A Message from the Pastor (Continued from Page Two)

We believe in God's goodness, His promise of eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus was proclaimed at his Baptism and at the Transfiguration. "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased...listen to him." Our life, as we glimpse at the universe being visible to us and see its beauty, its awesomeness, its wonder, we can grasp what St. Paul is saying when he had a view of Heaven. "No eye has seen...Ear has heard...nor has it entered into the mind of man what God has prepared for those who love Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads from the Scriptures and then applies the teachings to himself. In a very real sense, we all stand under the judgment of the Word. Each Sunday, as the Scripture is read, it is directed to me, and my reasonability is to examine my own conversion in the light of the Word as to what has been proclaimed. Because of this, the liturgy of the Word requires a dignified presentation...an audible and intelligible reading and an atmosphere of reflection.

In the first reading, Nehemiah gives the "Amen," (yes, I believe), to the book of the law and in the second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul is challenging us to see that variety of gifts in the Christian community as a blessing or a "threat." Are we jealous of the gifts of others or do we thank God for them? That reading clearly tells us that any form of elitism or separatism is alien to our life in Christ. We should really rejoice in the gifts and successes of others, especially when it means the enrichment of those served.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tím

MPB Church Hours

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

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 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)

Tuesday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 30

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

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.



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

January 29 & 30	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, F. Dybdahl, Volunteer, J. Sack,	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	K. Wells, D. Hosler K. Young, J. Barone	Karen Young

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**.

2022 Envelopes

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

Year-End Contribution Statement

If you would like a statement of your contributions to Most Precious Blood Church for 2021, please fill out the information form below and return it to the rectory office (22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006) or place it in the collection basket at any of the weekend Masses.

Please send a Statement of Contributions For the Year 2021 to:	
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