

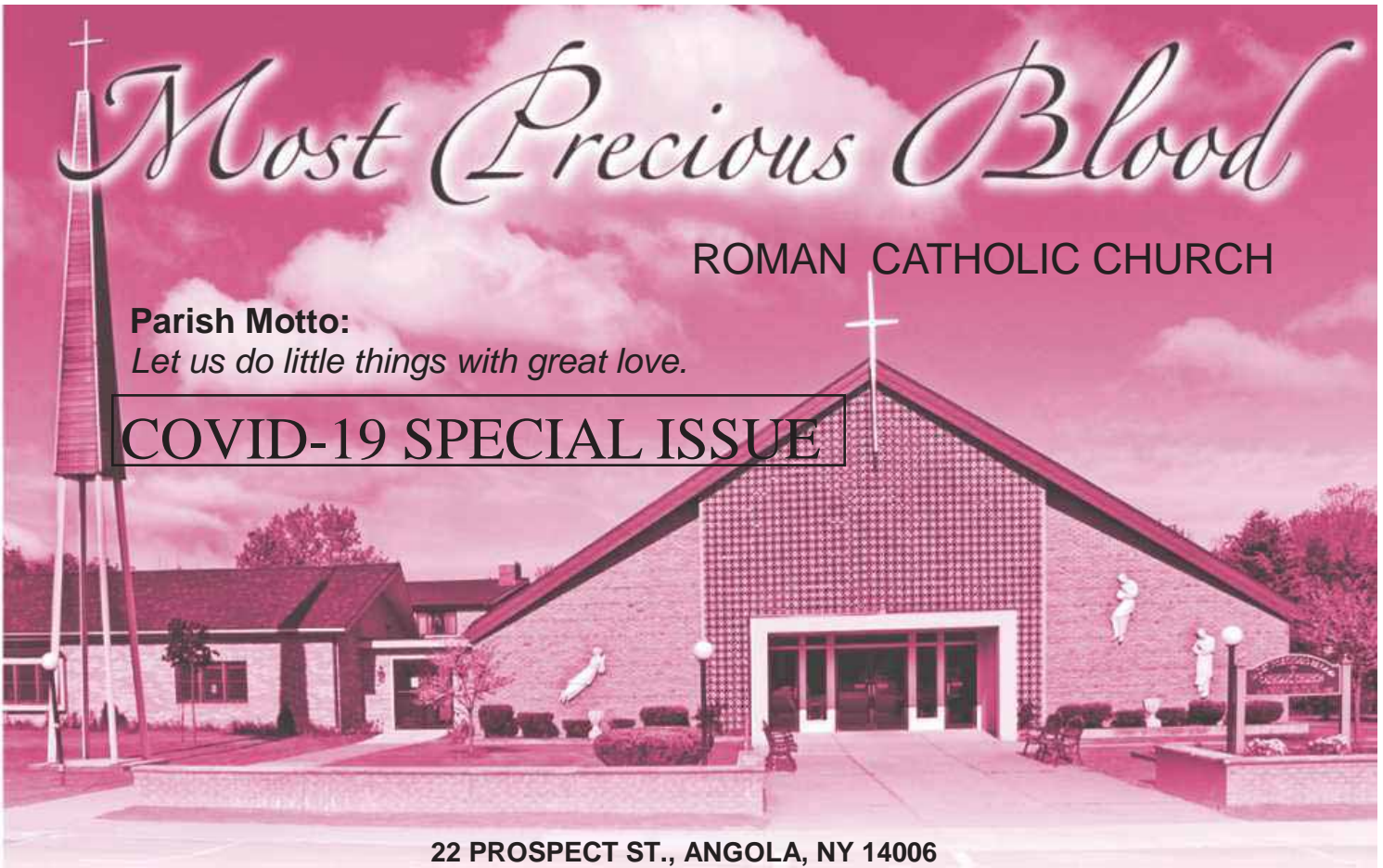
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## COVID-19 SPECIAL ISSUE



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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.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you warmly. Please register at the rectory office as soon as you arrive



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

**Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

**Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM - Franklin Drago - req. Wife Marilyn & Family

**Monday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross**

8:30 AM - Charles & Leona Carroll - req. John & Cindy Latimore

**Tuesday, December 15**

8:30 AM - Living/Deceased of the Holy Name Society

**Wednesday, December 16**

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

**Friday, December 18**

8:30 AM - Gerald (Jerry) Clark - req. Sue Caffery

**Saturday, December 19**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM - Mayme C. Pasqualetti - req. Daughter Mary

**Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM - Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family- req. McEvoy Family

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

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**



**ISAIAH** 61:1-2a, 10-11

**PSALM** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

**1 THESSALONIANS** 5:16-24

**JOHN** 1:6-8, 19-28

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**2 SAMUEL** 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**PSALM** 89

**ROMANS** 16:25-38

**LUKE** 1:26-38

**A Message from the Pastor**



Can you believe we are already at the Third Sunday of Advent? The first two Sundays we have tried to tie Bishop Scharfenberger's pastoral letter to the readings and the season. He has asked us to face our times with biblical wisdom, or at least the wisdom of the prophet Isaiah. And Isaiah is the consummate prophet, giving us a template to our God and a foreshadowing of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you did not catch the suggestions in the first two weeks, then let me be explicit for the next two. Let's make the end of Advent a retreat. Fit in an extra half hour to an hour for your spiritual renewal. Begin with a little time to relax and focus on being in the presence of God. Read some scripture, maybe Isaiah or psalms, maybe from the day or small segments from Sunday.

Think about what you read and list in your mind, or write down, anything that catches your interest. Then take one of the paragraphs or sections from last week or week one. Again list in your mind or write down what jumps out at you.

Meditate on your lists, saving at least five minutes simply to sit quietly and let God speak to you. Next, take some time for intercessory prayer -- i.e., people or situations you want to offer up to God -- like the general intercessions we include at Mass. Close by praying some of the memory prayers you recall from early days in your Spiritual Journey -- Act of Contrition, Prayer of St. Michael, St. Joseph prayer, Act of Hope, Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, Angelus...and finally, deliberately and thoughtfully, the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be...Amen.

Now let's look at today's readings because they give us another part of our retreat. Isaiah tells us the Lord God will "make justice and praise spring up before all the nations." Earlier in this reading he tells us how "God has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord, and a day of vindication by our God."

John the Baptist was to illuminate Jesus and Jesus gave this responsibility to us. The weeks leading up to Advent told us all this, too. Our care for those around us is at the core of God's plan of salvation. Finding ways to include this (action) into our retreat is a mandate. Pray!

Choicest Blessings,

**Fr. Tim**

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**Purchasing Gift Cards**

By now you should have received an order form for holiday gift cards. After filling out the form, place it with payment in an envelope addressed to the Rectory Office. You may return it by placing it in the weekend collection basket, mailing it to the rectory (22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006) or by hand delivering it to the office during business hours.

When orders are filled (within two weeks), you will be called to make arrangements for pick-up. All orders must be received by this Monday, December 15. Please remember that the gift card sale is an important annual fundraiser for MPB and has been quite successful in past years. The parish receives between 5% and 13% of the cards sold.



**Giving Tree**

Members of the Ladies of Charity thank you for your most generous donations. The Giving Tree project was a huge success despite the changes and precautionary regulations imposed during the COVID pandemic.

**Viewing Mass at Home**

A list of live-streaming Sunday Masses is provided 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.* Also, *EWTN Channel 10 (Spectrum)* offers daily and Sunday Masses beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**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.

**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).

**Oplatki Available**

For those interested in continuing the Polish tradition of *Oplatki* at Christmas time, envelopes of the wafers are available at the rectory office during business hours. Each envelope contains two wafers. Donations of \$1 will be accepted.

**Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed**

The pandemic has affected many Americans including some Evans residents. Loss of jobs, loss of housing and even loss of life have been caused by this horrible sickness. 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. Please help to **Keep Evans Warm and Fed**.

**2021 Envelopes**

Envelopes for weekly offerings for 2021 may be picked up in the Chapel entrance before weekend Masses. Please follow instructions by the ushers.

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

December 19 & 20	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lector
4:00 p.m.	M. Hartzell, J. Sack, F. Downey, N. Preischel	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	J. Barone, D. Hosler, K. Wells, L. Feider	R. Scaglione



# HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE



## Christmas Eve

*Thursday, December 24, 2020*

4:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day

*Friday, December 25, 2020*

10:00 a.m.

## 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,

Deborah Schiedel Downs, Mason Joseph Reynolds,  
Patricia Jasinski, Jean Francis, 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.

### **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.
- Hand sanitizers are suggested. We have sanitizers 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.

### **MPB Church Hours**

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

### **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.

### **Consider ACH Direct Payment For Your Church Contributions**

ACH is a process for automatic donations to be made from your checking or savings account to Most Precious Blood Church. With your approval 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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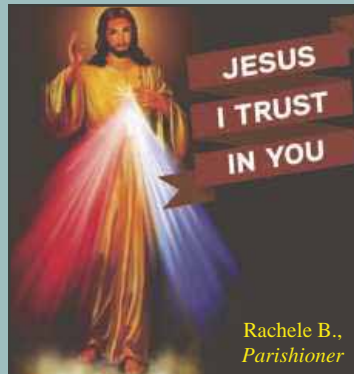
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