

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

ST. BENEDICT'S CHAPEL

"You were rescued by the Precious Blood of Christ, that spotless and innocent lamb." 1 Peter 1:19

42 Walnut St., Walden, NY 12586



Rev. Thomas Colucci
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Knights of Columbus: First Wednesday and third Friday at 7:30 pm in Fr. Sullivan Hall.

MPB Rosary Altar Society: Second Monday, call Kathy 778-1217 for details.

St. Benedict's Rosary Altar Society: Second Tuesday, call Toni 895-8865 for details.

Sunday Masses:

Most Precious Blood Church:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

St. Benedict's Chapel:

Saturday: 6:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses at MPB:

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 9:30-10:00 a.m. and 3:45-4:15 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Baptisms are done any Sunday at 1:00 p.m., call the rectory to arrange.

Sponsorship certificates are available to active parishioners, please call the rectory in advance.

Marriages: At least seven months in advance, call the rectory.

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Second Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Church & St. Benedict's Chapel

Saturday	December	5,	4:30 p.m.	Douglas E. Vandermark
			6:30 p.m.	Carl Piperato
Sunday	December	6,	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Fico
			9:00 a.m.	Jeanette Greising
			11:00 a.m.	Dorothy Kirnan Jr.
Monday	December	7,	9:00 a.m.	Vincent Nguyen
Tuesday	December	8,	9:00 a.m.	Francine Whitehouse
Wednesday	December	9,	9:00 a.m.	Grace DeLiberto
Friday	December	11,	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Jean Jones
Saturday	December	12,	9:00 a.m.	Convert My Children To Catholicism
			4:30 p.m.	George Frank
			6:30 p.m.	Josephine Popiel
Sunday	December	13,	7:30 a.m.	Monsignor Joseph J. Boyd
			9:00 a.m.	Ann Hammer
			11:00 a.m.	Bill Wendel Jr.



**Blessed Mother's Altar
In Loving Memory Of
Douglas Vandermark
From Anita, Sandy and Scott**



Luke Adams, Steven Aviles, Ann Bestenheider, Brigitte, Douglas & Steven Ciardullo, Peter Coddington, Theresa Colantuono, Russell Corsette, Joe Couto, Bob Darling, Catherine Deasy, Martha Denardo, Pat DiDonato, Kevin Fries, Gary Geiger, Bobby Ginda, Kiera Hanson, Kathy & Stan Hewitt, Rosalie Kunkel, James Lewis, Mary Legnini, Reiss McAniff, Maureen McNamee, Bill Meisel, Eileen Mishk, George Molnar, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Renhold Mueller, Ivan Pizarro, Bob Primavera, Daniel Rafferty, Laura Kirnan Ramos, Rafaele Rotondo, Beth Segrave-Daly, Wilbert Silva, Vince Villani, John Zuzuck, Daniel, Harriet, Linda, Madison, Nathan, Thomas K.



Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

Catholic Charities is looking for donors to "adopt" families in need by providing them with Christmas gifts. This year has been very hard on these families because of COVID-19.

If you, your family or office are interested contact Michael Peters at 562-4733 or email him at Michael.Peters@cccsos.org.



Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Pray for the deceased ...
Hedwig Byelick
Barbara Doty
Pat Colombo
Elizabeth Van Steenburgh

Collection for November 22nd, 2020

Church & Chapel:	\$	3,762.00
WeShare:	\$	635.00
Total:	\$	4397.00

Please help keep the prayer list updated by contacting the rectory if someone should be removed from the list, 778-5719.

Collection for November 29th, 2020

Church & Chapel:	\$	3,545.00
WeShare:	\$	525.00
Total:	\$	4,070.00



Welcome to the church
Alexa Cardenas Vera
Baptized at MPB on
November 29th, 2020

MPB School Cash Calendar Winners

Congratulations to the winners!

11/21 — Maryann Mataraza: \$25
11/22 — Tommy O'Connell: \$25
11/23 — Delores Wright: \$25
11/24 — Diane Conway: \$50
11/25 — Peter Shea: \$25
11/26 — Cathy Callahan: \$250
11/27 — Rob Sassi: \$25
11/28 — Stacy Hillman: \$25
11/29 — Kathleen Penney: \$25
11/30 — Michael Gaydos: \$50

Note from Fr. Tom:

John the Baptist is the last prophet before the coming of the Christ, and he is the first to recognize Jesus once he came. John fulfills Isaiah's prophecy as that voice crying out in the desert – *prepare the way of the Lord*. His clothing of camel's hair was traditional garb for prophets, and his diet of *locusts and wild honey* perhaps reflected either Jewish purity laws or a particular communal asceticism. As it was, it stood in stark contrast to the finery of the Jewish religious leaders and elders of that time, namely the Sadducees and Pharisees.

Yet John was drawing large crowds to the Jordan riverbank. Some likely came out of desire, believing he would lead them to the Messiah. Others perhaps came out of curiosity. John spoke like no one else, and called them to conversion, speaking with conviction. With such a following, it would be easy for John to proclaim himself the Christ, and even easier for the people to believe him. Yet his humility and holiness meant that John could not lie or mislead them. He made it clear that his message and baptism was both inferior to the one, as he said, *who is mightier than I*.

John's preparation of the way for Christ is a model for us, especially in this Advent season. He challenges us to consider whether we lead others to Jesus, or whether our actions are motivated by a need for attention and affirmation. Is our lived faith attractive to those who have none? This question is especially important, for while we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, we also prepare for his Second Coming. And, as Saint Peter says in our second reading, *the day of the Lord will come like a thief*.

Peter helps us regain a sense of urgency regarding our preparations for the return of our king, when he says that, *the Lord does not delay, for he is patient with you not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance*. Jesus is giving the whole world time for conversion; that we might play a part in sharing the Good News of Christ with the world, for the salvation of the world, is great and weighty gift. And now is the time.

As we await the new heavens and a new earth, Saint Peter tells us we get to choose *what sort of persons we ought to be*. We are given these days to grow in holiness and devotion so that we will be *eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace*, when he comes. During this busy time of year, a time when we are doing so much to prepare for the coming of Christmas, let us make sure to heed the voice crying out in the wilderness, to prepare for the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but in his imminent return in glory as our King.

May God bless you all! Fr. Tom



The Giving Tree will be setup in the Baptismal room for the first Sunday of Advent, which is Sunday, November 29th. Please take a tag or two and return an unwrapped gift by December 13th!

Knights Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are having a raffle for a ONN 50" 4k Roku Smart TV on December 18th. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Jason Matadobra at 845-527-3212 to purchase tickets. Good luck and as always we thank you for all your support! Winner need not be present to win.



This year at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Montgomery they are putting up a wishing tree for the holidays in the baby section, starting Thanksgiving until January 6th, 2021.

The tree is thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sheen who's son is buried at the cemetery in the baby section. You can write your wishes on the cards provided by the tree, along with pens and string and attach them to the tree.

We will burn the cards on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the cemetery. Call Bill Palmer at the cemetery 457-4053 if you have questions.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for setting up the outside Nativity in front of the Church.

It looks great!

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 21 confessions will be heard from 4:00—8:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Church and most parishes in the Archdiocese of New York.



Mass Intentions

The 2021 Mass book is open. If you would like to schedule intentions call the rectory or stop in.

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