

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

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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 Marianne 895-9297 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
call the rectory to arrange.

Sponsorship Certificates are available to active parishioners, please call the rectory to get a certificate.

Rosary for Men & Women: Every Tuesday at MPB Church 7:00 p.m.

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First Sunday of Advent





MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Blood Church & St. Benedict's Chapel

Saturday	November 26,	4:30 p.m. Eileen Palladini 6:30 p.m. Deceased Members of The Kirnan Family
Sunday	November 27,	7:30 a.m. Theresa Doris Riley 9:00 a.m. Decease Members of The Kirnan Family
Monday	November 28,	11:00 a.m. Otis Jolly
Tuesday	November 29,	9:00 a.m. Richard Malik
Wednesday	November 30,	9:00 a.m. Sabina Franceschi
Friday	December 2,	9:00 a.m. Maria Kaltenbach
Saturday	December 3,	9:00 a.m. Charlotte Fallon 4:30 p.m. Jo-Ann Wilkinson
Sunday	December 4,	9:00 a.m. Dorothy Kirnan Jr. 6:30 p.m. Carl Piperato 7:30 a.m. Monsignor Joseph Boyd 9:00 a.m. Hilda Lozano 11:00 a.m. Richard McClintonck

The MPB Rosarians had a great time at their Paint & Sip Party ! So many artists!



First Friday December 2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday evening
from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection.



Due to the Thanksgiving bulletin print schedule, we are unable to print last Sunday's collection totals. The collection totals will be in next week.



Dates to Remember ...
Sunday, November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
Thursday, December 8, 2022
Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary



If you would like to place flower intentions for MPB, please call Kathy Kastberg at 778-1217 and Marianne Ridout for St. Benedict's at 895-9297.



Ann Bestenheider,
Katherine Bramley, Bella Ciardullo, Carmine Ciardullo, Joanne Ciardullo, Steven Ciardullo, Peter Coddington, Theresa Colantuono, Russell Corsette, Catherine Deasy, Martha Denardo, Barbara Ercoline, Joanne Farrero, Bobby Ginda, David Graves, Matthew Grogan, Tom Grogan, Kiera Hanson, Kathy & Stan Hewitt, Rosalie Kunkel, James Lewis, Isabella Llanos, Carol Lopez, Trinity Lopez, Sergio Lupian, Reiss McAniff, Seana McAniff, Mary Beth McFadden, Cillian McNamee, Maureen McNamee, Bill Meisel, Marie Mills, Dolores Mollicone, George Molnar, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Raul Morales, Steve Pelle, Janie Pitta, Renhold Mueller, Daniel Rafferty, Laura Kirnan Ramos, Janie Pitta, Matthew Rogers, Rafaela Rotondo, Beth Segrave-Daly, Wilbert Silva, Vince Villani, John White, John Zuzuck, Daniel, Eileen, Harriet, Madison, Nathan, Thomas K

If you wish to reserve Fr. Sullivan Hall for an event or the Church You **must call the rectory, 845-778-5719.**

The lector schedule for 12/3 & 12/4

4:30 Mass: Mary Llanos
6:30 Mass: Marianne Ridout
7:30 Mass: Kathy Black
9:00 Mass: Sara Merring
11:00 Mass: Vince Battaglia

From the Pastor's Desk

Note from Fr. Tom:

It is hard this time of year not to notice the sun sets sooner and rises later. Perhaps our drive home from work is becoming steadily darker, or our morning routine can no longer be carried out without the aid of a lamp. Our bodies likely notice this seasonal shift because we long for sunlight and need it for our physical health. So too, our minds and souls may be longing for light. Every person here is likely confronting some sort of darkness. It may be very tangible darkness like sickness or the loss of a job or a broken relationship. Perhaps it is a more creeping darkness, such as the pressure of being constantly busy, the challenge of forming your children in virtue, or the difficulty of building authentic friendships in a world geared toward the superficial. This internal darkness can weigh more heavily this time of year as well.

Take a moment to imagine yourself in a dark room. Can you see it in your mind's eye? Now imagine the candle we lit at the beginning of this liturgy today being carried into that dark room. What happens to the darkness? Can you see the light scattering the darkness? Can you picture the darkness fleeing before the light of the Advent candle? This is the promise of Advent. It is the promise of a candle in a dark room. The promise of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that darkness cannot stand in the presence of even a small light. This season then, is a season marked by the growing light of these candles. As we enter into this holy season, we must be watchers, searching for these lights, eagerly awaiting the dawn.

This is not simply a time for shopping and parties, which are good, but Jesus warns us about such activity and the blindness it can produce. Instead, he calls us to be attentive and ready in a fundamentally different way. Just as we focused our attention on the light of our Advent wreath to begin today's liturgy, we are called throughout this season to focus our attention on Christ's light. We are invited to allow Christ to bring his light to our darkness. We are called to awake to God who draws near. The hour is now for us to awake from sleep, to throw off the works of darkness, to put on the armor of light, to stream toward the highest mountain, where Christ's light can be seen most fully. This mountain is represented here in our sanctuary. As we climb toward the altar to receive the Light of the World in this Eucharist, may we be empowered to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, to do the work Christ came to carry out in our world. May we, in this blessed sacrament, be made light for the world.

May God bless you all! Fr. Tom

Seminarian Christmas Gift Cards

The seminary gift card program again was very successful because of MPB parishioners ... The envelopes were gone the first weekend we put them out. Again not all envelopes sent to parishes are returned, so the seminary can always use any extra they receive.

If you still want to purchase a card put it in an envelope marked what it's for and send it to the rectory... If you would like to receive a thank-you include your name and address in the envelope. Call the rectory if you have questions, 845-778-5719.

**Sanctuary Candle Intention**

In Memory of Pat & Red Fitzgerald
November 25, 2022 — December 2, 2022

**Annual Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale**

December 10th and 11th after each Mass.

Hosted by the MPB Rosarians.

If you would like to bake please contact Kathy at
845-778-1217.

**Rosary Altar 20 Week Club**

The following people have won a drawing.
Congratulations to the winners!

October 30 — Roger Todd | Stacey Westhauser

November 6 — Theresa Purcell | Colleen Gibson

November 13 — Flo Warren | Jan Couto



The Giving Tree will be set up in the Baptismal room on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th.
Please take a tag or two and return an unwrapped gift !

**Adopt-A-Family for Christmas**

Catholic Charities is looking for donors to "adopt" families in need by providing them with Christmas gifts. If you, your family or office are interested contact Michael Peters at 562-4733 or email him at Michael.Peters@cccsos.org.

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 the Rosary to put Peace in your heart.



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