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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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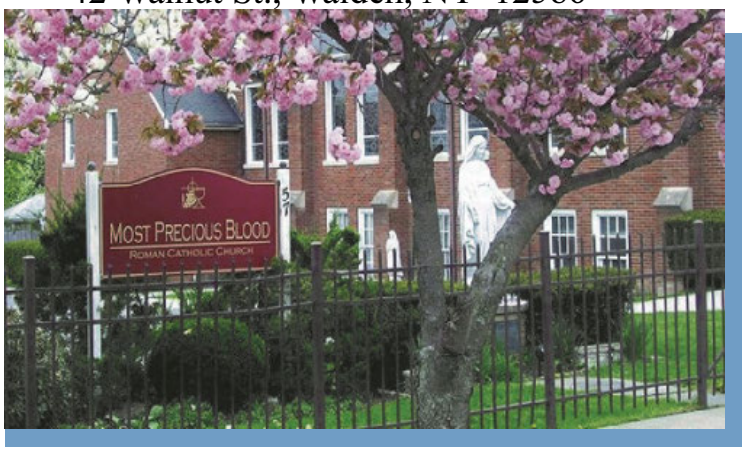

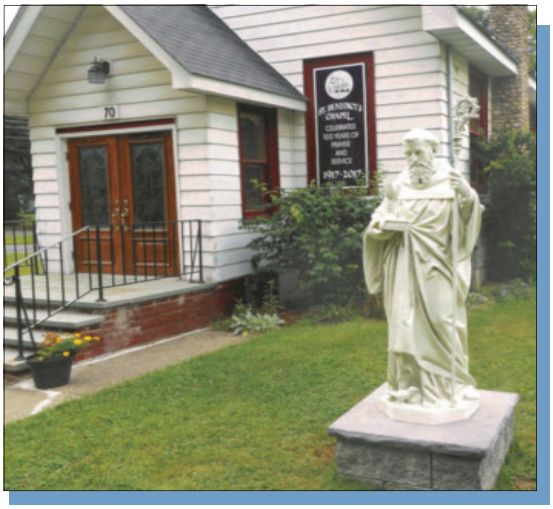

Rev. Thomas Colucci
Pastor

Mrs. Patricia Luzar
School Principal

Mrs. Lori Mahoney
Coordinator of Religious Education

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.

Regional School	Rectory	Religious Education (CCD)
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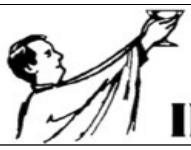
The Epiphany of The Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Blood Church & St. Benedict's Chapel

Saturday	January	7,	4:30 p.m.	Kevin Brown
			6:30 p.m.	Dorothy Kirnan Jr.
Sunday	January	8,	7:30 p.m.	Agazzi Family
			9:00 a.m.	Adele Rodriquez Darias
			11:00 a.m.	Hilda Loranzo
Monday	January	9,	9:00 a.m.	John Corbet Campbell
Tuesday	January	10,	9:00 a.m.	Christopher Pantaleo
Wednesday	January	11,	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Rotunda
Friday	January	13,	9:00 a.m.	Health & Blessings For Vivian Schuk
Saturday	January	14,	9:00 a.m.	Health & Blessings for Sherry Poeschl
			4:30 p.m.	John Pendergast
			6:30 p.m.	Paul Ostrander
Sunday	January	15,	7:30 a.m.	Francine Whitehouse & Thomas DiLorenzo
			9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of The Kirnan Family
			11:00 a.m.	Carol Menendez

2022 Christmas Collection

$20, 476.00 Thank-you for your very generous support of our parish!

Church & Parish: $18,911.00

WeShare: $1565.00

Total 20,476.00

Our Christmas Collection was fantastic because of our parishioners! Thank you to everyone who donated to the giving tree. Your generosity is **very** much appreciated and helps the Walden and surrounding communities at Christmas!

The seminarian gift card program was also a huge success… Parishioners support to the Rosarians and Knights of Columbus also make their holiday giving possible.

Please donate to the food pantry whenever you can !

The Church is open daily except Thursdays. All are welcome to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection.

Collection for January 1, 2023

Parish:	$ 4,533.00
WeShare:	$ 950.00
Total:	$ 5,483.00

Altar Flowers

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

Ann Bestenheider, Katherine Bramley, John Carney, Bella Ciardullo, Carmine Ciardullo, Joanne Ciardullo, Steven Ciardullo, Peter Coddington, Theresa Colantuono, Russell Corsette, Catherine Deasy, 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, Raul Morales, Steve Pelle, Janie Pitta, Renhold Mueller, Daniel Rafferty, Laura Kirnan Ramos, Janie Pitta, Matthew Rogers, Rafaele Rotondo, Beth Segrave-Daly, Wilbert Silva, Vince Villani, John White, John Zuzuck, Daniel, Eileen, Harriet, Madison, Nathan, Thomas K

Pray for the deceased….

Rosemarie McCabe

The lector schedule for 1/14 & 1/15

4:30 Mass: Kevin Cronin
6:30 Mass: Priscilla Sagar
7:30 Mass: Bob Agazzi
9:00 Mass: Anna Tansosch
11:00 Mass: Laura McNamee

From the Pastor's Desk

Note from Fr. Tom:

The familiar biblical stories that we hear during this holy season contain many unexpected events and characters. They hardly seem fit for a king. It all begins with a young virgin who cannot possibly be with child, yet she indeed conceives and bears the Son of God within her. This child is then born after a difficult journey by his parents to Bethlehem. The birth is subsequently announced, by angels, to the most of ordinary people, the shepherds. Finally, the only "important" people who recognize the newborn as a king are non-Jewish foreigners. Why isn't he born in a castle surrounded by servants? If this child is truly the King of the Jews, his beginnings demonstrate that he is not going to be like any other king.

He is called the King of the Jews, but his importance seems to be much larger than simply the nation of Israel. This king is overlooked by the Jewish leaders but proclaimed by simple shepherds and the Maji. The king is born to a simple virgin, but called the Son of God. The king is born in a cave/barn, but the visitors bring lavish gifts. The king is praised by angels but hunted by Herod. This Jesus is going to turn the world upside down and it begins even as he is a newborn. As we examine the characters in this chapter of Jesus' life, it seems that all the wrong people are involved. None of those people would be considered important or worthy to the outside observer. It seems that this king has invited the poor and the outcast to his birthday. How can King Herod be so afraid of a weak baby born into poverty and obscurity?

Do we understand the message for us? When we come into the presence of the Lord, we can also feel unworthy. It is good for us to remember that even from the beginning Jesus has welcomed the outcast and the overlooked. If we doubt that Jesus loves or invites us, it is encouraging to recall the humble shepherds and the "unclean" Magi, who were the first to be summoned. This king is not judging by position or status. In Jesus we celebrate a king who is longing to save those who need his mercy. The gifts that he asks us to offer are our love and devotion to him. This king is such a joyful surprise!

May God bless you all! Fr. Tom

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Most Precious Blood Council # 9254
Open to boys & girls ages 9 — 14
Saturday, January 14th from
10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Most Precious Blood School Gym
Questions call Rich @ 845-527-3451.

Some organizations have voiced concerns because their supplies have gone missing from the kitchen in Fr. Sullivan hall. Please do NOT use supplies that don't belong to your organization. Since the hall is used by parishioners and baptismal families we will put a sign up in the hall also.
Thank-you for your cooperation.

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

Catholic Conversations

Catholic Conversations will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Fr. Sullivan Hall, downstairs from the Church.
The group has decided on a round table discussion of our faith as well as a review of several past topics. Each meeting lasts about one hour and 15 minutes. Please join us at any time. For more information please call
Larry and Jean Winum @
778-1602…

You might want to check-out "The Bible in a Year" podcast, with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Fr. Mike walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection and prayer along the way. Unlike other Bible podcasts, Ascension's Bible follows a reading plan inspired by The Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground breaking approach to understanding the context of each reading. Each episode is 20-25 minutes…
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