

# 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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**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.

**Regional School**

778-3028

[www.mpbschool.org](http://www.mpbschool.org)

**Rectory**

778-5719

[www.mpbparish.com](http://www.mpbparish.com)

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778-7081

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## Baptism of The Lord



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Most Precious Church & St. Benedict's Chapel**

Saturday	January	11,	4:30 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory 6:30 p.m. Charles Zgodak
Sunday	January	12,	7:30 a.m. Domenick Golia 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving 11:00 a.m. Robert Healey
Monday	January	13,	9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Vivian Schuk
Tuesday	January	14,	9:00 a.m. Lilli Melville
Wednesday	January	15,	9:00 a.m. Maria Elena Witt
Friday	January	17,	9:00 a.m. Lucille Conelly
Saturday	January	18,	9:00 a.m. Alan Innis 4:30 p.m. Inez Haddad 6:30 p.m. Bernard McVeigh
Sunday	January	19,	7:30 a.m. Anthony Buccieri 9:00 a.m. Teresa Domenech 11:00 a.m. Doris Hall

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to place flower intentions for MPB, please call Kathy Kastberg at 778-1217 and Toni Knabl for St. Benedicts at 895-8865.



Jennifer Ablog, Ann Bestenheider, John Ciardullo, Steven

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**St. Blaise Day—Blessing of Throat**  
Monday, February 3 is St. Blaise Day. There will be blessing of throats after the 9:00 a.m. Mass that day. There will be a general blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 1st & 2nd.

**Contribution Summary for Tax Purposes 2019:** If any parishioner requires an envelope contribution statement for income tax returns, please contact the rectory Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 778-5719.



Confirmation Folders due & 8th Grade Level Test January 21st.

2019 Christmas Collection: **\$22,108**  
Thank you for your generous support !

**December 29, 2019 Collection**

Most Precious Blood:	\$ 4,374.00
St. Benedicts:	\$ 355.00
WeShare:	\$ 560.00
Total:	\$ 5,289.00
Last year collection:	\$ 4,789.00

**January 5, 2020 Collection**

Most Precious Blood:	\$ 4,188.00
St. Benedicts:	\$ 282.00
WeShare:	\$ 815.00
Total:	\$ 5,285.00
Last year collection:	\$ 6,214.00
Rel. Ed. Collection:	\$ 1,487.00



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Championship Sunday tailgate party in Father Sullivan Hall, Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 PM. They will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, wings, snacks, soda and water. Cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and Under \$5. **BYOB.**



There has been some confusion with our online contribution system so I'm putting a blurb about it in the bulletin.

Our online contribution system for the parish was called ParishPay. It was sold to Liturgical Publications, LPI, and is now called WeShare.

Liturgical Publication (LPI), also prints our bulletin. Some users of the system have seen it referred to by all 3 names, ParishPay, WeShare or LPI.

Hope this information helps.

The online system makes contribution giving easier. If you're interested in online giving call the rectory, 778-5719.

Note from Fr. Tom:

Three of the four Gospels recall the Baptism of the Lord, each in its own way. The version we heard today, from Matthew, is unique in recalling that when Jesus came to the Jordan River, John the Baptist at first tried to prevent him, saying that he is the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus allowed it for it was fitting to fulfill all righteousness. Here, Matthew is keen to emphasize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel, as found in the first reading, and the one whose sandals John is unfit to carry. John acquiesced to Jesus' request, and upon coming up from the water, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son through a voice from heaven, while the Spirit descends upon him in a form of a dove.

As we hear this Gospel proclaimed, we note this revelation/divine action occurs after Jesus comes up from the waters of the Jordan. We too have emerged from the waters of our baptisms, and have been anointed with the same Spirit. The words of the Father are words meant for us too, for we are also God's beloved.

If anything, this feast has as much to say about us as it does about Jesus and his identity. Yes, by going down into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus demonstrates his solidarity with our broken world, but we know that he was without sin and so his baptism is different from ours. Unlike Christ who embodied perfection, we have to choose whether or not to live up to that baptismal identity, and to continue his divine work in our world today.

We who have gathered here have made this choice, it seems. We may not do it perfectly, but by our profession of faith and openness to the grace available at this Mass we are, at the very least, committed to trying our best. May God bless us in our efforts, and may the Eucharist continue to transform us for the sake of the world.

With this wonderful feast, the Church starts Ordinary Time, and the Christmas season officially comes to an end. I would like to thank all of you for participating in our Christmas liturgies, and those who decorated and ran events that made our Christmas season here so memorable.

May God bless you all! Fr. Tom

The Montgomery Food Pantry is having its annual reorganizational meeting on January 20th. If anyone is interested in being on the Board of Directors, contact the rectory at 778-5719.

**Camp Veritas 2019**



Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away summer camp where kids play, pray and have a great time. It is for teens 12—18. It is held at various locations in the United States and Ireland, locations for 2020 include ....

Ireland: June 29—July 4

St. Mary's College Newburgh: July 19—July 25

Summit Lake Camp Maryland: July 26—August 1

Lake Placid Camp Lake Placid, Florida:

August 2 —August 7

Camp Lakota Wurtsboro: August 16—August 22

Registration opened January 1, 2020

Registration for all camps are \$450 per camper per week.

A \$50 early bird discount is available if the account is paid in full by April 1st, 2020.

For additional information visit their website:

[campveritas.org](http://campveritas.org).

Altar servers and choir members interested in going will receive a scholarship from the parish for the early bird fee of \$400. Call the rectory if interested in going.



Fellow Parishioners of Most Precious Blood Parish,

The Knights of Columbus Most Precious Blood Council #9254 would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone of the charitable giving we have done over the last few years. Our council uses various types of fundraising events to raise money. We hold events such as our annual Classic Car Show, St. Patrick's Day dinner, Pancake Breakfasts, Mum Sales, and many other events. Over the last 5 years we have been able to donate over \$40,000 to various charities and organizations throughout our community. Donations have been made to the following charities and organizations: Most Precious Blood Parish, Most Precious Blood School, Most Precious Blood CCD program, Montgomery Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Backpack Snack Attack, Catholic Charities, Walden Parks and Rec. Dept., Good Counsel Homes, Hudson Valley Honor Flight, Safe Homes of Orange County, Beautiful People, Hudson Valley Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Franciscan Friars of Newburgh, Kaplan Family Hospice, St. Christophers Inn, sponsoring a Seminarian, various Eagle Scout projects, and many other various donations. Now, none of this would be possible without the tremendous support from our faithful parishioners, our wonderful and helpful Priests, and everyone in our community who come out to support us Knights. Again the Knights of Columbus Most Precious Blood Council # 9254 thank you for all your support in allowing us to continue our charitable works.

May God Bless you all,  
Jason Matadobra, Grand Knight

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