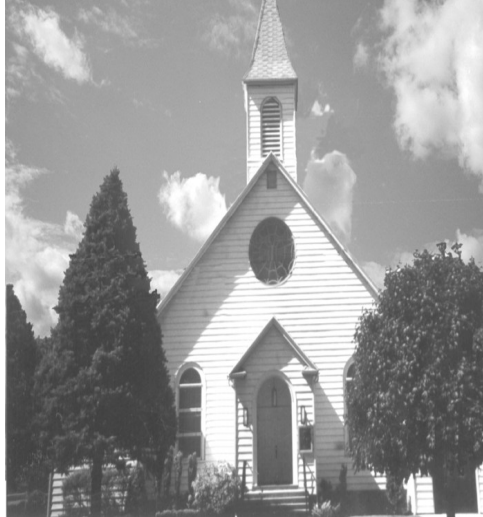


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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Rev. Ross Syracuse
Rev. Johnson Machado
Rev. Michael Johnson

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Joe Gray
Deacon Neal Linnan
Deacon Steven Schumer
Deacon Bill Walkowiak

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday -- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 a.m.

St. Anthony's Staff

Trustees.....Sandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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Cemetery Sextons.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker
Scout Troop #421.....Wayne Ames
Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana

Sacramental Ministries

RECONCILIATION

Confessions: Advent, Lent Penance Services: St. Anthony's and St. Francis. Most Precious Blood - Tuesday, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.; St. Mary of the Lake - Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; St. John Paul II - Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism are to be made with the parish priest. Parents should be registered in the parish and attend Baptismal classes. Call the rectory to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

At least six months in advance, engaged couples should make an appointment with the parish priest to set the marriage date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is required.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory office for a pastoral visit to any family member who is sick, confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home. Arrangements for the reception of sacraments of the Eucharist may also be made through the rectory office. Ministers of the Sick are available to provide Communion to shut-ins on a weekly basis.

ADULT INSTRUCTION AND RCIA

Adults interested in the Catholic faith are invited to contact the rectory office for information about Adult Inquiry classes, the Catechumenate, and preparation for adult reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

Letters of Recommendation

For Baptism or Confirmation sponsors, the parish issues recommendations for parishioners who: (1) are baptized and confirmed; (2) at least 16 years old; (3) registered for at least 6 months; (4) attend Mass regularly; (5) if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.

Parish Membership

New members are always welcome into the parish family. Please contact the parish priest or the rectory.



Daily Masses & Intentions

Saturday, August 17

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Don Deth - by Brachmann Family

Sunday, August 18 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Gary Brittain - by Eileen

Monday, August 19

8:00 AM - Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 AM - George Banzer - by Wife Vera

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood & St. Francis

Thursday, August 22

9:00 AM - Michele Walker - by Charlie Walker

Friday, August 23

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood

8:30 AM - Mass at St. John Paul II

Saturday, August 24

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Sister Celsia & Stanley Gorkiewicz - by Family

Sunday, August 25 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Kerilyn S. Reisch



Please pray for the deceased of St. Anthony Parish and Community.

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, August 17

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 18

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, August 20

9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Thursday, August 22

7:00 p.m. - Rosary in the Park (Evangola)

Saturday, August 24

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 25

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Stewardship -- August 11, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,458.00

Retired Priests Medical.....\$359.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.



From the Pastor

Today, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began last week. Today's stresses the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfillment of the symbol of the manna of the Old Testament, is the Food that gives us life forever. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declared that the Bread he gives is his Flesh.

This Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated today: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

From the Book of Proverbs, Lady Wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now Incarnate in Jesus. Our Responsorial Psalm thanks God for His providential care and His close association with His people, and invites all to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Paul advises the Gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways. Instead, they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

The heart of our eucharistic theology: Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his Body and drinking his Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life.

Our participation in the Eucharist energizes our relationship with Christ and one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.

Choicest Blessings.

Fr. Tim

Ministry Schedule -- August 24 & 25

Lector

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof
10:30 a.m. - B. English

Ministers

E. Brittain
S. Smith, K. Brachmann

Collection of Personal Care Items

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John Paul II Parish will collect personal care items for its "Personal Care Closet" at its downtown location.

The collections will take place the weekends of August 31, September 1 and 8.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of August 11 is **Andrew McEvoy**, ticket number 023. He receives \$75.

Tickets for this fundraiser are available at the Parish Office Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ticket cost is \$60. Only 260 tickets will be sold. If you are unable to visit the Parish Office to purchase a ticket, please call 716-549-0420 to arrange for purchase by mail.

Prizes total \$5,400. There will be 16 drawings for \$75 beginning the week of July 28. The Reception and Final Drawings Event will take place November 9. Grand Prize is \$2,000; 2nd prize is \$1,000; 3rd prize is \$500; and 4th through 10th prizes are \$100 each. Proceeds of the Fall Split Club will benefit the parish.

Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, an Adoption Program will begin August 27. This is an opportunity to spiritually adopt a child conceived this month.

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is for these babies spiritual adoption is being requested.

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up on the weekend of August 24/25. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will pray, thereby providing the baby the humanity he/she deserves.

You are asked to pray for your unborn child daily for a 9-month period, for great is the power of prayer. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin in addition to the availability of pamphlets describing the baby's development.

There are millions of unborn babies at risk for abortion who desperately need your prayers. Won't you please spiritually adopt and share the love of life that God has given you?

Community Garden at St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II garden ministry meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. to tend the garden. All are welcome to participate.



Road to Renewal

I recently heard about the movie "Karol" starring Piotr Adamczyk. This six-hour film depicts the life of Pope Saint John Paul II. I understand this movie does not so much focus on his ecclesiastic accomplishments but rather upon the interior struggle of watching Poland and the world around him crumble, covering World War 2 through the Cold War and the never-ending abuse by Communist and Fascist parties.

Throughout his life, the Church was consistently changing and under attack. He witnessed an underground Church, killings of prelates, the Second Vatican Council, and much more. Regardless, his deep desire to "open wide the doors to Christ" never diminished. He traveled everywhere he could to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was sustained through faith and love. His example of Prayer dependence increased over his life.

We might see a similarity in our own present. We are watching challenges and unknowns that focus on our interior struggle. We are anticipating a final verdict on which parishes in our Diocese will be closing, decisions from the Courts of the State of New York, what we and our neighbors do with the feelings and struggling that comes from the results.

There is no doubt we are living through a moment in history that will make a difference for generations to come. We do have control over history, by what we do in our lives, through our deep desire to "open wide the doors to Christ," through our faith and love.

Are future generations going to look back at these years as the final nail in the coffin for the Church in Western New York? Or are they going to see this time as ground zero for the greatest revival for Jesus Christ in Western New York?

We are not Saint John Paul II but we have the same gifts and abilities that he did and we can use them the same. We must. We need always focus on faith and love with a desire to "open wide the doors of Christ." May our dependence on Prayer increase, and may we be the catalyst in the world that the Lord desires of us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

'Car Plays' at Angola Park

The Evangola Community Theater will present "Car Plays" Monday, August 19 and August 26 at the Angola Centennial Park, corner of Center and High Sts. in the Village of Angola. The performances begin at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

WINGS to Meet

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) will offer a six session, faith sharing of *Living in the Father's Love* Saturday mornings 9:00-10:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall, Farnham.

The purpose of these meetings is to discover how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and those we love. The first session is September 21.

To register for these sessions, contact Kathy Brachmann at 716-553-6525; Terri Hatton at 716-472-1293; or Audrey Walkowiak at 716-725-4086.

Life in the Eucharist Mission

A few months ago, the Lakeshore Family of Parishes came together for the Life in the Eucharist Mission. Every week participants met at one of the family churches to learn about the Eucharist of God's Love...as Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and as Mission... all in Jesus Christ.

Each person had the opportunity to fill out a commitment card to personally and privately write down plans going forward, each living one's life in the Eucharist. The cards were placed in a jar on the altar at St. Anthony's Church with the intention of traveling to all the family churches over the next year. All commission statements will be prayed for at each location with the promise that all will meet again in a year to celebrate a Mass together.



Remember in Your Prayers...

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiappararo, Florence Conover,

Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lenore Doetterl, Lorraine Dunkel, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Inez Hacker, Carol Hoppa,

Angela Jones, Kerry, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Kathy Leiker, Josephine Leonard, Joanne Leone, Barbra Lewellen, Dan Lewellen, Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebecca Hall-Marshall, Linda Muscato,

Kira Palermo, Alicia Parisio, Michael Pawelek, Rylee Pierce, Nina Reghetti, Eugene & Mary Rigby, Joyce Rogers, Jim Ross, Jean Marie Sadowy, Robert S. Sciandra, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, Kathy Solly, James Spano,

LouAnn Stevenson, Elisabeth Stoklosa, Ruth Taggart, Elizabeth Valvo, BethAnne Van Horn, Don Waite, Laure Weidner, Gene Welty, Gregory Winger Jr., Matthew Young, Chris Zgoda.

Rosary in the Park

St. Anthony Parish hosts its summer gatherings to pray the Rosary, *Rosary in the Park*, at Evangola State Park every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. (September 12 at 6:30 p.m.). All are invited.

A Vocation View

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." We do this literally in Holy Communion. Without priests we do not have this profound encounter with our God. Answer the call to feed the flock with the Holy Eucharist! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Little Lambs Boutique

Visit the Little Lambs Boutique after Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass. See the many gift items and the section from Medjugorje. All proceeds go directly to the Faith Formation program.



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BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in Brant Town Hall

Patty Friend - Town Historian

Brant had its last Strawberry Festival in the summer of 1971.

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.