



St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community"

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FAMILY PASTOR: REV. TIMOTHY KOESTER

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DEACONS: Deacon Joe Gray, Deacon Neal Linnan, Deacon Steve Schumer, Deacon Bill Walkowiak

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Regular Mass Schedule Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule: Tuesday's and Thursday's 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9:00 AM

(All Saints Day 9AM, Thanksgiving Day 9AM, Ash Wednesday 7PM)

"Come To Me, Always"



<p>Deacons: Deacon Joe Gray, Deacon Neal Linnan</p> <p>Trustees: Sandra Hooge, Frank Zeffiro, Jr. Business ManagerEleanor Cox Parish Council President..Theresa White Director of Faith Formation....</p> <p>.....Kathleen Brachmann</p> <p>Youth MinistryKeith Dash RCIA.....Scott Schaefer Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash LiturgyDonna Roof</p>	<p>Music MinistryMike Cerabone Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Coordinator.....Steve Smith Parish Advocate for the Sick & Disabled.....</p> <p>Children's Liturgy of the Word.....Michelle Baumgarden Renewal & Development: Stephen (Bud) Brachmann & Theresa White</p>	<p>Parish Vocation Coordinator.....Kris Dash Respect Life.....Legion of Mary Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard CustodianGeorge Cordia Cemetery Sexton.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker Scout Troop #421 Wayne Ames Marriage Preparation.....Keith & Kris Dash Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana</p>
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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST "Do this in memory of me.."

can be made through the rectory office. Ministers of the sick are available to bring communion to shut-ins on a weekly basis.

RECONCILIATION "Peace is my gift to you..."

Confessions – Advent / Lent Penance Service at St. Anthony's and St. Francis. Most Precious Blood Tuesday's 5-6PM, St. Mary's Thursday's 6:30-7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Saturday's 3-4PM

Always available for confession via appointment

ADULT INSTRUCTION AND RCIA "Go and teach all nations.." Adults interested in the Catholic faith are cordially 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) .

BAPTISM "Unless you are born again..."

Arrangements can be made with the parish priest. Parents should be registered in our parish. Baptismal classes are held for parents. Call the rectory one week in advance.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION "By their fruits you will know them..."

For those who have been asked to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation, we gladly issue recommendations for parishioners who: (1) are baptized and confirmed; (2) are at least 16 years old; (3) are registered for at least 6 months; (4) attend Mass regularly; (5) if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church; (6) if they are parents, are sending their children to Catholic School or Religious Instructions; (7) if they are students, are attending Catholic School or Religious Instructions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY "What God has joined..."

Engaged couples should phone the rectory to make an appointment with the parish priest to set the date and time for their wedding at least six months in advance. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is also required.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP "That they may all be one..."

We always welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish priest or the rectory.

CARE OF THE SICK "Come to me you who are weary..." 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



The Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2024

The Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then "departed by a different way."

Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God?

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

January 7, 2024

DAILY MASSES & INTENTIONS

- Sat. 1/6 5:30 PM Mass Irma McDermott by Bud & Kathy Brachmann
- Sun. 1/7 10:30 AM Mass Fr. Walter Matuszak by Michael Parker
11:30 AM Baptism of Jack L. Altaeide
- Mon. 1/8 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood
- Tues. 1/9 9:00 Mass Eleanor Piotrowicz by JoAnne & Vince Leone
- Wed. 1/10 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood
- Thurs. 1/11 9:00 AM Daniel Fennessey (death remembrance) by daughter Vern
- Fri. 1/12 8:00 AM Mass at Most Precious Blood;
8:30 AM Mass at St. John Paul II
- Sat. 1/13 5:30 PM Mass Joyce Battaglia – Wilklow by mom, Josephine Battaglia
- Sun. 1/14 10:30 AM Mass Irma McDermott by Faith Formation

Mass Intentions are \$ 15, and a Mass card is available please call the office or stop by the rectory.

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	JANUARY 13, 2024	5:30 PM
LECTOR	Donna Roof	
MINISTERS	Laura Nobsch	
ALTAR SERVER		
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14, 2024	10:30AM
LECTOR	Tony Cerabone	
MINISTERS	Rose Cerabone, Kathy Brachmann	
ALTAR SERVER	Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

December 31, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 1,772.00

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Saturday Jan. 6 th	5:30 PM Mass <i>St. Andre Bessette</i>
Sunday Jan. 7 th	Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 9:15 10:30 AM Mass 11:30 Baptism <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Monday Jan. 8 th	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday Jan. 9 th	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 9:30 AM <i>1st Week in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday Jan. 10 th	AA Meeting 8:00 PM
Thursday Jan. 11 th	9:00 AM Mass
Friday Jan. 12 th	<i>St. Tatiana</i>
Saturday Jan. 13 th	5:30 PM Mass <i>St. Hilary, Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday Jan. 14 th	NO Faith Formation, Youth Ministry classes 10:30 AM Mass <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Katelyn Bogdan, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Bob Cummings, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Jonah, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lorraine Dotterel, Dave Dudek, Lorraine Dunkel, John Durusky, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Joe Haak, Rose Haak, Inez Hacker, Sue Hall, Carol Hoppa, Darlean Jewell-Morales, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Gunar & Trish Kuest, Marke Lantry, Kathy Leiker, Joanne Leone, Barbra Lewellen, Dan Lewellen Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebecca Hall-Marshall, Renee' McMullen, Barbara Morin, Linda Muscato, Sheri Niedermeier, Kira Palermo, Alicia Parisio, Michael Pawelek, Rylee Pierce, Mark(Norm) Postle, Meagan Postle, Carol Privitera, Nina Reghetti, Rev. Dr. James Reidling, Eugene & Mary Rigby, Jessie Rinehart, Joyce Rogers, Jim Ross, Jean Marie Sadowy, Robert S. Sciandra, Evan Scholl, Matt Scholl, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, Kathy Solly, James Spano, LouAnn Stevenson, Elisabeth Stoklosa, Ruth Taggart, Elizabeth Valvo, BethAnne Van Horn, Dottie & Thomas Van Wie, Don Waite, Cheryl Waterman, Laure Weidner, Gene Welty, Marian Wesolowski, Gregory Winger Jr., Matthew Young, Chris Zgoda, Judith Zielinski.

We are happy to honor requests for prayers for the sick especially when they are in the hospital, in rehabilitation, in hospice or in a post op recovery. When they are improved we remove their names to make room for others. Those of you who call in requests should notify us when they are better.

PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL MINISTRY HELP: We are in need of parishioners to be lectors for our Saturday and Sunday liturgies. If you are willing to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the rectory or Donna Roof.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY: Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th at 9:15 AM. There will be no classes next weekend, January 14th.

PARISH NEWS

WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT (WINGS): WINGS is a gathering of women in pursuit of a stronger, deeper faith and look to develop a close, personal relationship with God through prayer, fellowship and the study of His Word. Join us for our next session Saturday, Jan. 27th at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall. We will be reading "No Greater Love...a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" from Ascension Press. For more information please contact Kathy Brachmann (716)553-6525, Judy Burke (716) 348-0703, or Audrey Walkowiak (716) 725-4086.

PRAYERS OF THE SICK: We are happy to always honor requests for prayers for the sick in our bulletin. When they have improved, please remember to notify the office. This way our prayer list is kept current.

LAKESHORE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY NEWS: Please refer to the back page of our bulletin for more events that are taking place in our family of parishes and the diocese.

FROM THE PASTOR

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: Newborn King

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. An "epiphany" though, is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth.

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother. And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon. His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings. Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations.

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign, that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Second Reading. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star, and the light of the world.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page? As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts (our intentions and talents) on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King. Choicest New Year Blessings, Fr. Tim

ROAD TO RENEWAL

It is a traditional Catholic custom to sanctify each month of the year with special devotional practices. The month of January has traditionally been set aside for "The Most Holy Name of Jesus." We give honor to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. At the Holy Name of Jesus, we bow our heads, and bend our knees; it is at the head of all our undertakings, as the Emperor Justinian says in his law-book, "In the Name of Our Lord Jesus we begin all our consultations."

This weekend, we release our new devotional schedule. In an endeavor to appreciate what we have done and to share more completely with the family we have adjusted some times in support of the Mass and Office Schedules. These changes were made to embrace our family of parishes and offer fuller, beautiful, and reverent liturgical services. Even the smallest acts we do for God are essential, so each act we make should be to our best ability to give God what he desires, our love. Please continue to pray for one another, and our present journey. Join me in praying that the Holy Name of Jesus may be our light in the darkness, our fulfillment where we lack, and our shelter in the storm:

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn the delight of those who believe the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

~LAKESHORE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY NEWS ~

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: First Friday Devotions and Benediction at MPB will take place the first Friday of each month in the Chapel from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM.

OPERATION STORM HEAVEN: The recitation of the Rosary will take place Thursday, Feb. 1st at 5:30 PM in the Little Church of St. John Paul.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAFAST: Sunday Feb. 11th from 8:00 AM – noon in the Community room. \$5.00 per person, children 5 years and under are free. Proceeds will benefit the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund.

THE JACK MACDONALD 9 & DINE: On Saturday, Feb.10th at 5:30PM in the Southtowns Catholic School Gymnasium. \$40.00 per person or \$75.00 per twosome gets you: 9 holes of miniature golf, drink, horderves and a sitdown chicken cordon bleu dinner. Ticket can be purchase at (716) 627-5708 or email twest77@verizon.net with the subject line “9 and Dine”.

DIOCESE TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES: The Diocese of Buffalo and the Foundation of the Roman Catholic church will honor couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass Sunday, Feb. 11th at St. Joseph Cathedral. During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2024 and would like to be in attendance at this Mass, please register with the Parish Office by Friday, Jan. 12th.



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