

## St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community"

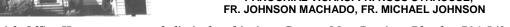
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**REV. TIMOTHY KOESTER, FAMILY PASTOR** 

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Parish Office Hours are currently limited at this time. Contact Most Precious Blood at 716-549-0420 if you are in need of assistance.

<u>Regular Mass Schedule</u>: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u>: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 PM

Holy Days: As announced "Come To Me, Always"

Trustees: Sandra Hooge, Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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•	& Charles Walker
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### SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

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

RECONCILIATION "Peace is my gift to you..." Confessions - Thursday evening 6:00 - 6:30 PM Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 3:30 PM

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 the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM - only when needed. Call the rectory one week in advance.

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.

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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick is administered each First Thursday after the 7:00 PM Mass and upon request.

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).

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.

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.



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 15, 2023

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" Isaiah reminds us that the end of all things has already been decided.

Sign up for the winning team!

Contact Fr. Dave in the Vocation Office at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

### **DAILY MASSES & INTENTION**

Sat. 10/14 4:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions

Sun. 10/15 9:00 AM Pattie Latimore by Brachmann Family 11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Mon. 10/16 9:00 AM Karen Merecki by Jennie Crain

Tues. 10/17 9:00 AM Harold G. & Norma M. Hamberger by **Family** 

Wed. 10/18 9:00 AM Harry Watkins by Judy Watkins

Thurs. 10/19 7:00 PM Joseph Occhino by Scott Crain

10/20 9:00 AM Tyler Blaszkowiak by Jennie Crain

Sat. 10/21 4:00 PM Edward Ernst (birthday remembrance) by Marcia Ernst

Sun. 10/22 9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:30 AM Gretchen Campbell Polak by Jennie Crain

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

### NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 21, 2023	4:00 PM
LECTOR		
MINISTERS	Marlene McSkimming, Mary	Fran O'Connell
ALTAR SERVER		

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 22, 2023	9:00AM
LECTOR	Mary Jayna Cinnitti	

**MINISTERS** Rose Cerabone, Tony Cerabone Rvan Kief, Jonathan Pilski ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 22, 2023** 11:30AM

Sandie Hooge **LECTOR MINISTERS** Kate Wattie

ALTAR SERVER Nico and Isabella Orlando

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Oct. 8, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 1,879.00 **Respect Life** 400.00

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### ST. ANTHONY'S NEW MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM Weekday Masses: Tuesday's and Thursday's 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day, All Saints Day, Holy Days of Obligation 9AM,

Ash Wednesday 7PM

	THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S
Saturday	WINGS 9:00 AM
Oct. 14	Confessions 3:00-3:30
	4:00 PM Mass
	St. Callistus I, Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial
Sunday	9:00 & 11:30 Mass
Oct. 15	Rite of Calling, Confirmation students at 9AM Mass
	Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Class
	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9:00 AM Mass
Oct. 16	Legion of Mary 9:30 AM
	Parish Council 6:30 PM
	St. Hedwig, St. Margaret – Optional Memorial
Tuesday	9:00 AM Mass
Oct. 17	Boy Scouts 6:30 PM
	St. Ignatius of Antioch - Memorial
Wed.	9:00 AM Mass
Oct. 18	AA Meeting 8:00 PM
	St. Luke, Evangelist - Feast
Thursday	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM
Oct. 19	7:00 PM Mass
	SS. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions -
	Memorial
Friday	9:00 AM Mass
Oct. 20	St. Paul of the Cross – Optional Memorial
Saturday	Confessions 3:00-3:30
Oct. 21	4:00 PM Mass
	Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial
Sunday	9:00 & 11:30 Mass
Oct. 22	Faith Formation Class
	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
	World Mission Sunday

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

October 15 - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

October 15 - Rite of Calling, Confirmation students, 9AM Mass

October 22 - Faith Formation October 28 - WINGS 9:00 AM

October 29 - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

October 29 - Trunk & Treat, Parking Lot at 3:00 PM

#### 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, Theresa Campisi, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Jonah, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Dave Dudek, Lorraine Dunkel, John Durusky, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Joe Ficialiano, Mary Flis, Rev. James Fliss, Ellen George, Emily Gibbs, Debbie Godfrey, Dorothy Govenettio, Megan Granich, Harold Green, Fred Gugino, Ron 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, 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, Vinnie Puntillo, 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 Wesolowksi, 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**

**RITE OF CALLING** will be celebrated at our 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our youth as they finish their final year of preparation for Confirmation.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, will meet on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (new time).

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** WINGS will meet Saturday morning at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall.

TRUNK AND TREAT: Please join us for our 2nd St. Anthony's Trunk and Treat, Sunday October 29th 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM in our church parking lot. Come decorate your trunk and hand out candy to our Halloween visitors! Join in the fun and be a part of the spirit of the season!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** A family letter along with a revised calendar was sent home with students today explaining adjustments in our program due to the revised mass schedule. Beginning November 5th and for the remainder of this year, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry classes will begin at 9:15 in our Church Hall. This way our families will have the opportunity to participate in the 10:30 AM Sunday liturgy. We will still continue Liturgy of the Word for Children at this mass. We thank our families for their continued support.

**INVITATION TO ALPHA:.** Alpha is currently running at St. Mary's on Saturday mornings at 10:00 until Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more info, contact Jonathan Molik at <u>imolik@jp2parish.org</u>.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Most Precious Blood Fall Bible Study held at the Parish Annex Building next to the school. "The Holy Spirit in the Bible". Registration required, \$20 per participant. Call 716-549-0420. Six week program begins on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, two sessions, 10AM and 7PM. Specify which session you will be attending.

**MEAT RAFFLE**: St. Mary of the Lake Meat Raffle held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**: Looking for ways to give back and stay busy this Fall and Winter? Try volunteering! The Catholic Charities' Immigration & Refugee Assistance Program has many opportunities for volunteers, including: English language tutoring, drivers and transportation guides, organizing donations and more! www.ccwny.org/volunteer.

**SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is in need of a part-time nurse for Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. For more specific information, please contact school Principal, Barb Manley, bmanley@southtownscatholic.org, or 716-627-5011.

### FROM THE PASTOR

**Dressed and Prepared** 

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in <u>last Sunday's Gospel</u>, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests.

Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable.

The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

Again our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king! Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people (good and bad alike) to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad.

In today's First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah and in today's Psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ.

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

### **Road to Renewal**

I pray you have noticed there was great care and concern that went into our Family Mass Schedule. We really did try to consider all possibilities and anticipate our communal needs within the framework given. If we have missed anything or we have not clearly explained something, please do reach out to us so we can have good discussions going forward in our Committees.

Our new Liturgy Schedule goes into effect on Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. The day before, Sunday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, we will Celebrate our commitment to and full functioning as our Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community; our waterfront Family of Catholic Parishes.

I invite all the Faithful of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community to join me in celebrating Mass at 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Saint John Paul II Parish. This will give us time to celebrate our family coming together as well as for you to meet your brothers and sisters in Christ from all five of our parishes.

This Tuesday, the universal church celebrates Saint Ignatius of Antioch, he said, "Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith." Do come together to give thanks and praise to God for the gift of our Family.

Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

#### ~ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: OUR LADY OF MARTYRS SHRINE, AURIESVILLE NY, OCTOBER 20-22, 2023. Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born. Great Speakers, Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Procession. Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Coliseum, the largest church in North America! To register and find out more, visit nysecharisticcongress.org.

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE is currently looking for volunteers by driving, dispatching or becoming a driver aide. We will work with your schedule; call today to find out how you can begin your new adventure volunteering with us! NEED A RIDE? We are a non-profit transportation organization servicing seniors, disabled and income eligible residents in selected areas of Erie County, 716-549-5098; www.ruraltransitservice.org

STAY CONNECTED with all the latest information and events in our parish by signing up on our Facebook page. We share bulletin announcements, pictures of events that happen at St. Anthony's, and meditations to enhance spiritual growth.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Please remember to support those in need in our community by donating NON-PERISHABLE food OR clothing to Operation Good Neighbor. Collection boxes are at the entrances of our church. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FRESH FOOD IN THE COLLECTIONS BINS AT CHURCH. Your support helps fight hunger 365 days a year! OPERATION GOOD NEIGHBOR: Operation Good Neighbor in Evans at 2030 South Creek Rd., Evans NY 14112, Food Pantry 12:30-5:30PM. 716-627-5194

ABORTION EXPANSION BILL: Contact your state legislator and express your view of their vote on the abortion expansion bill. https://www.nyscatholic.org and click on Action Center OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES - TELEPHONE HOTLINE NUMBERS. Unplanned Pregnancy, Abortion Alternatives & Healing: 716-847-2205. St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, helping mothers and fathers in need: 716-842-BABY (2229) Buffalo, 716-203-7593 Chautauqua County, 716-284-BABY (2229) Niagara County, Project Rachel, post-abortion reconciliation: 716-847-2211

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Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend

Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!

# ST. ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FARNHAM, NEW YORK

October 15, 2023

Dear Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Families,

As we continue on the Road to Renewal journey, mass times have been revised in our family of parishes. Beginning the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th masses at St. Anthony's will be Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM. Religious Education programs will begin at 9:15 AM. Classes will end prior to the 10:30 AM mass so you and your family can participate in the Sunday liturgy.

Nothing else within our highly successful programs will change with the exception of our new start time. Please refer to the attached calendar for our schedule of classes and events for the 2023-24 Catechetical year.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, support and cooperation as we proceed together in our journey of faith.

Sincerely, Kathy Brachman and Keith Dash

### St. Anthony's Religious Education Program Faith Formation/Youth Ministry 2023-2024

Come to Me, Always!



Faith Formation Grades Pre School – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Ministry 6 – 11<sup>th</sup> grade

\*\*\*Beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> classes will meet at 9:15 AM so families can participate in 10:30

AM Mass on Sunday mornings

### Sept.

- 17 Catechetical Sunday Faith Formation & Youth Ministry parent meeting
- 24 Faith Formation

### Oct.

- 1 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 8 No Class Columbus Day weekend
- 15 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Rite of Calling – Confirmation candidates Mass time 9:00 AM
- 22 Faith Formation
- 29 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Trunk and Treat Parking Lot 3:00 PM

### Nov.

- 5 Faith Formation New Start time 9:15 AM
- 12 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 19 Faith Formation
- 23 Thanksgiving Mass Youth Ministry Confirmation Class Mass time 9:00 AM

### Dec.

- 3 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 8 Road to Bethlehem 7:00 PM
- 10 Faith Formation
- 15 Barn Mass 7:00 PM Frank Zeffiro's home; 1165 Milestrip Rd., Irving NY
- 17 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 24 Christmas Eve Children's Mass TBD
- 31 No Class Christmas Break

### Jan.

- 7 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 14 No class Martin Luther King holiday
- 21 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 28 Faith Formation

### Feb.

- 3 Sacramental Parent Meeting 10 11:00 AM
- 3 Sacramental Class 1st Penance 10 11:30 AM
- 4 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 10 Sacramental Class 1st Penance 10 11:30 AM
- 11 Faith Formation
- 18 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 25 No class Winter Break

### Mar.

- 2 First Reconciliation Celebration 1:00 PM
- 3 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 9 Sacramental Class 1st Eucharist 10:00 11:30 AM
- 10 Faith Formation
- 16 Sacramental Class 1st Eucharist 10:00 11:30 AM
- 17 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 24 Palm Sunday Faith Formation & Youth Ministry (Stations)
- 31 Easter Sunday No class

### Apr.

- 7 No Class Easter Break
- 14 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- 21 Faith Formation
- 28 Closing Mass 10:30AM; Breakfast following in Church Hall

### May

5 - First Communion 10:30 AM

Kathleen Brachmann, DRE Grades Pre School – 5th 716-553-6525 (cell)

Keith Dash, Youth Ministry Director Grades 6-11th 716-867-9199 (cell)