

St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community"

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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.

Regular Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 PM: Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

<u>Regular Mass Schedule</u>: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM <u>NEW Regular Mass Schedule effective November 4th</u>: 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"

Family Administrator....MaryLou McEvoy
Business ManagerEleanor Cox
Parish Council President..Theresa White
Director of Faith Formation.......Kathleen Brachmann
Youth MinistryKeith Dash
RCIA.....Scott Schaefer
Sacramental Program....Kris Dash
LiturgyDonna Roof

Trustees: Sandra Hooge, Frank Zeffiro, Jr.

Music MinistryMike Cerabone
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Coordinator.....Steve Smith
Parish Advocate for the Disabled.....
Robin Sarvas
Children's Liturgy of the
Word.....Michelle Baumgarden
Renewal & Development: Stephen (Bud)
Brachmann & Theresa White

Parish Vocation Coord	inatorKris Dash
Respect Life	Legion of Mary
Buildings & Grounds	Larry Leonard
Custodian	George Cordia
Cemetery Sexton	Frank Zeffiro
	& Charles Walker
Scout Troop #421	Wayne Ames
Marriage Preparation	Keith & Kris Dash

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

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

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*

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.

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.

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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 29, 2023
They asked "which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
What would it be like to immerse yourself in an intense study of God's Holy Law in the seminary?
Find out by calling Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org
October 29, 2023

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

Sat. 10/28 4:00 PM Ron Simchick (birthday) by Wife & **Daughters**

Sun. 10/29 9:00 AM For the People of the Parish 11:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Mon. 10/30 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious

Tues. 10/31 9:00 AM Ted & Catherine Gomoka by Family

Wed. 11/1 9:00 AM Letty & Carl Harrington by O'Donnell **Family**

Thurs. 11/2 9:00 AM Joseph Prenevau & Patrick M. by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Mandell

Fri. 11/3 8:00 AM Mass at Most Precious Blood, 8:30 AM Mass at St. John Paul II

Sat. 11/4 5:30 PM Mother's Day Intentions

Sun. 11/5 10:30 AM MaryAnn Jordan (birthday) by Lori **Dunkel**

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

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 4, 2023	5:30 PM
LECTOR	Keith Dash	
MINISTERS	Eileen Brittain	
ALTAR SERVER		

SUNDAY **NOBMEBER 5, 2023** 10:30AM

LECTOR Sara Kief

MINISTERS Steve Smith, Linda Andrzejewski ALTAR SERVER Rvan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Oct. 22, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 2,888.00 **World Missions** \$ 412.00

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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. 28	Confessions 3:00-3:30	
	4:00 PM Mass	
	SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast	
Sunday	9:00 & 11:30 Mass	
Oct. 29	Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Class 9:45-11AM	
	Family of Parishes Celebration 12:00 Mass at JP2	
	Trunk & Treat, Parking Lot, 3:00 PM	
	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday	Legion of Mary 9:30 AM	
Oct. 30	Legion of Mary 9:30 AM	
Tuesday	9:00 AM Mass	
Oct. 31	Boy Scouts 6:30 PM	
0 0	Halloween	
Wed.	9:00 AM Mass	
Nov. 1	AA Meeting 8:00 PM	
	ALL SAINTS – Solemnity	
	Holyday of Obligation	
Thursday	9:00 AM Mass	
Nov. 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	
	All Soul's Day	
	Mass of Remembrance 6:00 PM JP2	
Friday		
Nov. 3		
Saturday	5:30 PM Mass	
Nov. 4	St. Charles Borromeo – Memorial	
	First Saturday	
Sunday	Faith Formation Class 9:15 AM	
Nov. 5	10:30 AM Mass St. Anthony's Mass of Remembrance	
	Opening of Little Lambs Boutique	
	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

October 29 - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 9:45-11AM

October 29 - Family of parishes Mass UP2 at noon. All are welcome

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

October 30 - New Mass Schedule Begins

November 1 - All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation, 9:00 AM Mass November 5 - Faith Formation Classes NEW TIME (9:15 -10:30 AM)

November 5 - Mass of Remembrance 10:30 AM Mass

November 11 - WINGS 9:00 AM

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, 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 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, Marge Puntillo, 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, Chervl 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

<u>FAMILY OF PARISHES CELEBRATION:</u> Fr. Tim is inviting all the parishioners of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community to join in celebrating mass today at 12:00 noon at Saint John Paul II Parish. Hope to see you there!

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</u> Faith Formation and Youth Ministry classes, Sunday October 29th, 9:45-11:00 AM.

TRUNK AND TREAT: Please join us for our 2nd St. Anthony's Trunk and Treat, this Sunday October 29th 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM in our church parking lot. Join in the fun and be a part of the spirit of the season!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Everyone is invited to St. John Paul II parish on Thursday, Nov. 2nd for our family Mass of Remembrance beginning at 6:00 P.M.

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

LITTLE LAMBS BOUTIQUE: Our Faith Formation family has established a boutique that will be selling religious items once a month at the entrace of the church. Our opening will be Sunday, November 5th following the 10:30 Mass.

WE REMEMBER: Next Weekend, November 5th, at the 10:30 AM Mass, the deceased of our Parish Community will be remembered with their name and a flower being placed on the windowsill. If you would like to participate in the placement, please attend.

Santa Marie Baumea Madelyn R. Borosky Arica Ann Clear James V. Cox, Jr. Raymond H. Dunkel Jacqueline Hauri Kevin B. Heineman Geraldine Jacobs

Patricia M. Latimore John McDowell Michelle McSkimming Donna J. Mumm Anthony F. Muscato Andrew J. Smith, Jr. Tina M. Snyder Debra A. Timm Sharon Valites

Families are welcome to place a photo of their loved one near their name located on the window sills.

FROM THE PASTOR

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Love Commanded

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection. The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it. And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love, of God and of neighbor, is the fulfillment of the whole of the law. Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments. The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery. Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can.

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God, loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us. As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death. We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise.

Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal Update

We are commanded to Love! As you have seen and will hear, the Diocese has put out some important information this week concerning the Litigation and Chapter 11 process. There is more unknown than known, but it is an important update. The timing for us is yet another challenge for our Road to Renewal.

In all things at this time the more we know reveals the more we don't know. I was hoping the hardest part of the Road to Renewal was behind us, but I'm guessing for many that may not be so either. I've tried to remain as consistent as possible and put out as much information as we have moved along, I understand for some that seems not enough, or maybe we all hear things from our own experiences and emotional state.

This is all to say: God is with us! We strive to follow God's Way. How we look at all things depends on our perspective. The term I keep coming back to is Love. God's love – how we look for it, how we look at it, and how we live it.

A lot of planning and dedication has brought us to today. We are officially launching our family of parishes, centered on the celebration of the Eucharist. The closest thing to heaven on earth; the core and center of our love, God's Love. We embrace and live through the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Tomorrow we begin our new Mass schedule. I hope all can take this opportunity to explore the other parishes in our family, look to the new opportunities to expand our faith and worship and continue to develop and grow relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. On Thursday, November 2nd we will celebrate All Souls Day as a family during our morning weekday schedule for Thursday and in the evening a special Service at our central Church, Saint John Paul II Church at 6:00 PM.

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Known as All Souls Day; we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All-Holy Presence of God. As Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in." I hope you are able to join us for a beautiful and prayerful liturgical experience. 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.

<u>RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE</u> 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.

<u>FEED THE HUNGRY:</u> Please remember to support those in need in our community by donating <u>NON-PERISHABLE</u> 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! <u>OPERATION GOOD NEIGHBOR</u>: 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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Meetings are the 3rd Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!