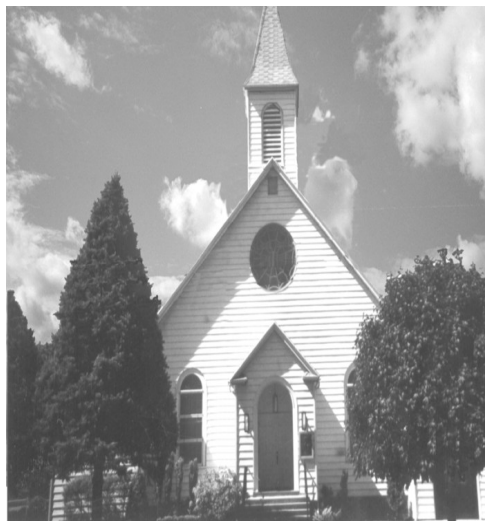


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

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Rev. Ross Syracuse
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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

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Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana

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.

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).



Daily Masses & Intentions

Saturday, October 5

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Edward Kaczmarczyk - by Daughters

Sunday, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Jean Elizabeth McCombs - by Brachmann Family

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 AM - John Maiorana - by Pat

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

9:00 AM - Deacon Joseph Kane - by Family

Friday, October 11

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood

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

Saturday, October 12

Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Harold G. & Norma M. Hamberger - by Family

Sunday, October 13- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Richard Mayer - by Brachmann Family

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, October 5

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 6

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Boy Scout Hot Dog Sale (Evans Ace Hardware)

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

11:30 a.m. - "Cheer-the-Bills" Tailgate - Parking Lot

Tuesday, October 8

6:00 p.m. -- Legion of Mary - Living Rosary

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, October 12

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Stewardship -- September 29, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,392.00

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Ministry Schedule -- October 12 & 13

Lector

5:30 p.m. - B. Brachmann

10:30 a.m. - T. Piazza

Ministers

E. Brittain

C. Busch, G. Busch



From the Pastor

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:
What God Has Joined*

Today we continue from the Gospel of Mark. The past three Sundays were conversations between Jesus and his disciples, offering greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Today's Gospel: Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. Crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them; Immediately, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it. But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart" -- their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands. Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family -- making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth.

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Second Reading hints, Jesus is the new Adam -- made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family. The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross.

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled. Eve was "mother of all the living." And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning. The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

The final part of today's Gospel might seem unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. However, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the family. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. Jesus offers the children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Parish Meeting Scheduled

All parishioners of St. Anthony Church are invited to a meeting Tuesday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the social center. The meeting is hosted by the Parish Council.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is the initiation process for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who were baptized in a Catholic or non-Catholic church and now wish to consider fully joining the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is a step-by-step process, with no pressure to commit to the Catholic faith, in which interested persons explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church over a period of several months or years, as needed.

Sessions take place at St. Mary of the Lake every Sunday morning, 9:00-11:00, with Deborah Keenan and at Most Precious Blood, 9:00-10:30, with Marie O'Connor. For more information, contact the Family Office at 716-549-0420.

Faith Formation / Youth Program

Registration for the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs is now open. The forms can be found at www.stanthonyfarnham.org or at the entrances of the church.

The first class session is October 20 at 8:45 a.m. and a parent meeting will take place in the church at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Kathy Brachmann at 716-553-6525 or Tiffany Parker at 716-341-0978.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 29 is **Denise Mecca**, ticket number 212. She 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.

Hot Dog Sale by Scout Troop 421

Scout Troop 421 will have a hot dog sale Sunday, October 6 from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Evans Ace Hardware.

Road to Renewal



In his Motu Proprio "Ubicumque Et Semper" meaning "Everywhere and Always," Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "It is the duty of the Church to proclaim always and everywhere the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He, the first and supreme evangelizer, commanded the Apostles on the day of his Ascension to the Father: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20)... Hence the mission of evangelization, a continuation of the work desired by the Lord Jesus, is necessary for the Church: it cannot be overlooked; it is an expression of her very nature."

The Church since her beginning has been tasked to evangelize the world. She was equipped to do so by the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Each of us at our Baptism and Confirmation was given this gift of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, Penance, and Holy Communion, we continue to nourish and discern the grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We all have an opportunity to bring someone the truths found in the Church. Evangelize. This is important in our increasingly secular society. Many say our young people are trending towards a more moralistic therapeutic deism ideology. Our role is more important than ever. Complicated by our reorganization and the emotional upheaval that it entails, we have the most important tools which we have been hearing about from the Book of Job -- our Faith and Prayer. We stay focused on our mission to evangelize by reflecting on our Faith and focusing on our Prayer.

The tools of our merging into our Family of Faith are available on our website; we will have an opportunity to contribute in weeks ahead. Our Pillar Groups are working on ideas and ways for us to support each other going forward. Please continue to embrace the good and helpful information we are putting out and be wary of the many opinions that are misleading. Praying that we all continue to format ourselves in the truths of the Church and heighten our awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives, let us continue forward in faith and love that God has won and left us the Church as a pathway on our pilgrimage. Let us not forget to bring everyone we encounter to this profound love of God. PRAY.

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day." (Pope Francis)

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



Living Rosary at St. Anthony Church

The Legion of Mary at St. Anthony Church will host a Living Rosary at the church Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass for a gathering following the rosary event.

A Vocation View

Jesus taught many things in the Bible that are hard to accept -- like today's Gospel -- things that society would rather not listen to. It takes courage to preach an unpopular message. If you feel that brave call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at buffalovocations.org or call 716-847-5535.



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Cheering for the Bills at St. Anthony's



You are invited to St. Anthony's Church parking lot Sunday, October 6, starting at 11:30 a.m., to help cheer on the Buffalo Bills as they play the Houston Texans. Hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided. If possible, bring a snack, dish to pass or dessert to share.

For more information, contact Matt and Judy Burke at 716-348-0703.

Alpha Sessions

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, through November 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the Little Church of St. John Paul II Parish (2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View).

Attend when you can. Alpha is a series of sessions in a welcoming environment where people can grapple with questions of life without judgment or expectation. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at (716) 381-7386.

'Gospel of John' Bible Study at SMOL

All are invited to St. Mary of the Lake for a 9-week faith sharing/bible study on the Gospel of John. It begins Monday, October 21. Attend either session: Monday at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Both will be held in the youth lounge.

A \$15 fee covers the cost of the sessions and workbook. For more information please call the rectory at (716) 627-3123 or Deacon Bill at (716) 725-4085.

To register, complete the form below, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail to: Saint Mary of the Lake, 4737 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg, NY 14075.

SMOL Bible Study
The Gospel of John

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mark X to indicate your session preference:

Monday 7:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m.

\$15 enclosed: Check # _____ Cash _____



Remember in Your Prayers...

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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,

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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9:30 a.m. -- Noon
Everyone is welcome.