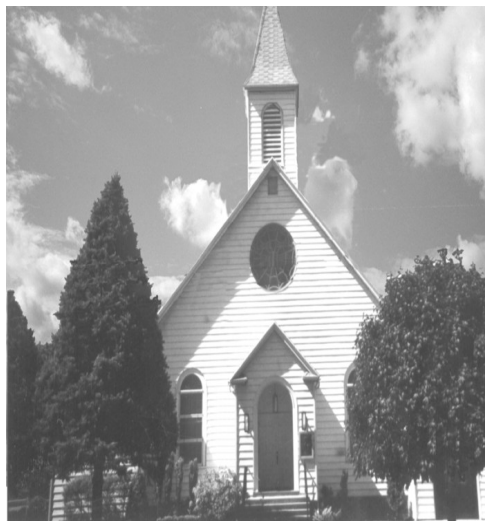


# Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



## ***St. Anthony's Church***

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

PASTOR EMERITUS -- Rev. James Fliss

### PAROCHIAL VICARS

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

### ***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 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

**Monday, October 14**

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

**Tuesday, October 15**

9:00 AM - Ron Simchick - by Family

**Wednesday, October 16**

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

**Thursday, October 17**

9:00 AM - Harold & Norma Hamberger

**Friday, October 18**

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood

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

**Saturday, October 19**

**Vigil: Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 PM - People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 20- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 AM - Julie Muscato - by Eileen & Larry Kelderhouse

**This Week at St. Anthony's**

Saturday, October 12

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, October 15

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, October 19

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

9:00 a.m. - WINGS

Sunday, October 20

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

**Stewardship -- September 29, 2024**

Weekly Offering.....\$1,067.00

Monthly Collection.....\$473.00

**Thank You for Your Generous Support.**

**Ministry Schedule -- October 19 & 20**

**Lector**

**Ministers**

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone

M. McSkimming

10:30 a.m. - S. Kief

K. Barreca, L. Andrzejewski

**From the Pastor**



*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Wisdom and Riches*

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know -- how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation, but it can only get us so far. The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person -- Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Second Reading. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation to give up everything to follow Him. Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Second Reading. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives.

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to -- material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel? Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us." For our involvement in this "new community" is, one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. And, that personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

## 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](http://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 **Barbara Brinkhus**, ticket number 064. 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.

Information about the November 9 reception and final drawing was mailed to all ticket holders with an RSVP date of October 28. **Please call the Parish Office (716-549-0420) if you plan to attend.**



*MPB Rosary & Altar Society*

## TOWEL PARTY

Sunday, October 27 -- 1:00 p.m. -- Parish Hall

Admission: \$3 -- Extra Boards: \$1

50/50 -- Gift & Theme Basket Raffle

Dessert/Beverage -- Pizza for purchase

**Doors Open at Noon**

## Road to Renewal

With the Hurricane Season we have landed in, I ask you to pray for all those affected, and if you would like to support, we will direct those funds through Catholic Charities National into the Region.

Fyodor Dostoevsky once wrote, "It seems, in fact, as though the second half of a man's life is made up of nothing, but the habits he has accumulated during the first half." He was referring to the Reign of Alexander I and The Russian War in 1801 that watched at the time the dwindling of a great Empire away from his youthful dreams and ambition. Of course, it was influenced by the World around it and the tempest of its Society.

I've been reflecting on my experience with hurricanes and some other disasters in my life. Because of my position, I evacuated for a few and stayed for a few often to assist family members who had difficulties evacuating. I observed several people who lost their homes and property. I noticed that as important as the home itself was, what they truly treasured were the mementos they would always go back inside to get. The essence of a life.

In all my moving, and assignments overseas and on ships and not having a place to move into at the next assignment, my dearest belongings would have to be put into storage until I could retrieve them in that next home. They were my gifts and talents, my dreams. Long story short, at the end of one assignment, they were all gone. I still weep over my loss, but it was God who was always most important. And those memories in my heart, the stories I can tell and the pictures I can describe that have challenged me to not rest on or simply accumulate habits from my early priesthood, I'm empowered to grow and create me.

The Road to Renewal process stretches far beyond the present moment. These decisions will affect the generations of faithful Catholics who come long after we have passed away. Our careful consideration to every detail will give us the best opportunity to leave behind a Church that brings Christ to every corner of the world. A Church filled with vocations to single life, married life, religious, and the priesthood. A Church devoted to the most Holy Eucharist and glorifying God by the way, we live. So how do we get there? We place it in God's providence, guided by the Holy Spirit. We honor and value those traditions, programs, and current understandings but we let go for what is to come. We empower the children of God to make the second half of their life their own, not merely an accumulation of habits from their childhood experiences. Pray for the Renewal. Choicest Blessings.

*Fr. Tim*

## A Vocation View

Your faith is worth more than gold, precious gold -- or bitcoin. Faith is the only investment that lasts for eternity. How are you managing this precious commodity of grace? If God is calling you to a Church vocation contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**Meat Raffle**

St. Mary of the Lake Parish is having its annual fall Meat Raffle Saturday, October 12 in its Social Center 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the first spin at 7:00 p.m. Meat products, provided by Latina Foods, include: Mineo & Sapio Italian Sausage, Breaded Chicken, Racks of Ribs, Sahlen's Hot Dogs, Hams, Top Rounds, Pork Loins/Chops, Rosina Meat Balls, as well as Steaks/Shrimp specials.

**SMOL Parish to Host Chiavetta BBQ**

A Chiavetta Barbecue will take place at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Sunday, October 27 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Included are a chicken dinner (\$16), full rack of ribs (\$30) and 1/2 rack of ribs (\$19).



**Trunk & Treat**

St. Anthony Parish invites all to its Trunk & Treat celebration of the Halloween season Sunday, October 27 in the parking lot from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Come and decorate your car and bring the kids for trick and treat.

**'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...**

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistriero, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Joe Campbell, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyn, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino,

Lenore Doetterl, Lorraine Dunkel, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Pierce Foley, 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,

**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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from Buffalo to Erie, PA**

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.  
9:30 a.m. -- Noon      Everyone is welcome.