



# 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.*

NEW Regular Mass Schedule effective November 4th: 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><i>Trustees: Sandra Hooge, Frank Zeffiro, Jr. Family Administrator....MaryLou McEvoy Business Manager .....Eleanor Cox Parish Council President..Theresa White Director of Faith Formation.... .. .....Kathleen Brachmann Youth Ministry .....Keith Dash RCIA.....Scott Schaefer Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash Liturgy .....Donna Roof</i></p>	<p><i>Music Ministry .....Mike Cerabone Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Coordinator.....Steve Smith Parish Advocate for the Disabled..... Robin Sarvas Children's Liturgy of the Word.....Michelle Baumgarden Renewal &amp; Development: Stephen (Bud) Brachmann &amp; Theresa White</i></p>	<p><i>Parish Vocation Coordinator.....Kris Dash Respect Life.....Legion of Mary Buildings &amp; Grounds.....Larry Leonard Custodian .....George Cordia Cemetery Sexton.....Frank Zeffiro &amp; Charles Walker Scout Troop #421 ..... Wayne Ames Marriage Preparation.....Keith &amp; Kris Dash</i></p>
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## 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.



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2023

Psalm 131: “In you, Lord, I have found my peace.”

There is incredible peace in surrendering to God's will for your life.

If Jesus is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

November 5, 2023

**DAILY MASSES & INTENTION**

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

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

Mon. 11/6 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood

Tues. 11/7 9:00 AM Jane O'Donnell by O'Donnell Family

Wed. 11/8 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood

Thurs. 11/9 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Fri. 11/10 8:00 AM Mass at Most Precious Blood,  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John Paul II

Sat. 11/11 5:30 PM Jean & Henry Sommer by Lori Dunkel

Sun. 11/12 10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

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

\*November 11/12: **MEMORIAL FLOWER VASES** – In Loving Memory of Angelo Orlando & Charles Ganger donated by Nicholas & Alyssa Orlando.

**NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11, 2023</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
LECTOR	Donna Roof	
MINISTERS	Kim Zukowski, Marlene McSkimming	
ALTAR SERVER		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 12, 2023</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
LECTOR	Tony Cerabone	
MINISTERS	Steve Smith, Noreen Crane	
ALTAR SERVER	Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski	

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**ST. ANTHONY'S NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

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		9:00 AM
Ash Wednesday		7:00 PM

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S**

Saturday Nov. 4	5:30 PM Mass <i>St. Charles Borromeo – Memorial First Saturday</i>
Sunday Nov. 5	Faith Formation Class 9:15 AM 10:30 AM Mass; Mass of Remembrance Opening of Little Lambs Boutique <i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday Nov. 6	Legion of Mary 9:30 AM
Tuesday Nov. 7	9:00 AM Mass Boy Scouts 6:30 PM <i>Election Day</i>
Wed. Nov. 8	
Thursday Nov. 9	9:00 AM Mass <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast</i>
Friday Nov. 10	<i>St. Leo the Great - Memorial</i>
*Saturday Nov. 11	9:30 Patriotic Rosary 5:30 PM Mass <i>St. Martin of Tours – Memorial Veterans Day</i>
*Sunday Nov. 12	Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Class 9:15 AM 10:30 AM Mass <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

November 5 – Faith Formation Classes NEW TIME (9:15 - 10:30 AM)  
November 5 – Mass of Remembrance 10:30 AM Mass  
November 11 – Patriotic Rosary 9:30 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 Cxyz, 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, 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**

**WE REMEMBER:** This 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Faith Formation classes, Sunday November 5th, 9:15-10:30 AM. Liturgy of the Word for Children will take place during our 10:30 AM mass.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** St. Anthony's Youth Ministry is holding a toy drive during the weeks of November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider donation a new unwrapped toy for those children who are unable to experience the joy of Christmas. We will be working with Toys for Tots again this year. Red tote collection bins will be at the entrances of the church for your donation. Any questions, please contact Keith Dash 716-867-9198

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

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

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Calling the Fathers

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, making their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people. Like the priests Malachi condemns in today's First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God. In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual fathers of God's people. Moses was a humble father figure, preaching the law but also practicing it; interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins.

Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood, in the family or in the people of God, comes from the Father in heaven. He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He Himself referred to Israel's founding fathers; the Apostles taught about natural fatherhood and described themselves as spiritual fathers.

The fatherhood of the Apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in Baptism and feed us the spiritual milk of the Gospel and the Eucharist. That's why Paul, in today's Second Reading, can also compare himself to a nursing mother.

God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care. His only Son has shown us the Father coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young. We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us today. And all of us, even our spiritual fathers, are to trust in Him, humbly, like children on our mothers' laps.

My ardent desire is to humbly preach the law and practice it; May our prayer be to walk in God's Way as His children. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

## **ROAD TO RENEWAL**

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was quoted saying, "We must often draw the comparison between time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean." Reflecting on this quote in our current time has brought me comfort. With wars in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, tensions around the Dining Room table, the bankruptcy announcements, lawsuits, and abuse, and even the Road to Renewal, all of us have been dealing with our troubles." However, how great will the day be when we rejoice in the glory and splendor of God in our eternal reward. For that is what our souls long for, how in comparison the things of this world seem so small and manageable. God's Way.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. I am grateful for you of our family who are open to apply your time, talents, and energy into our family of parishes. We have begun to unravel the chaos and expose is the beauty at the center. The beauty of God's love for each one of us, the love we are called to share with each other.

We will see shortly a united bulletin for all. An inclusive structuring of the family to help us minister to and care for our new and renewed members more efficiently. I humbly request your continued prayer and patience, as we endeavor to listen to and love all as we journey forward together.

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~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

**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](http://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.nvscatholic.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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**PLEASE NOTE: Any articles to be published must be submitted by Wednesday 10:00 AM to be included in the weekend bulletin Pulpit announcements will be limited to emergency announcements only. Please plan ahead. Thank you.**

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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!*