



St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

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

Holy Days: As announced

<p>TrusteesSandra Hooge Frank Zeffiro, Jr. SecretarySue Cummings Business ManagerEleanor Cox Parish Council President..Theresa White Director of Religious EducationKathleen Brachmann Youth MinistryKeith Dash RCIA.....Needed Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash</p>	<p>Music MinistrySharon Valites Mike Cerabone Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Coordinator.....Marcia Ernst LiturgyDonna Roof Parish Advocate for the Disabled..... Sharon Valites Children's Liturgy of the Word...Michele Baumgarden "Witnesses for Christ"</p>	<p>Family LiturgyTheresa White Parish Vocation Coordinator.....Kris Dash Spiritual Life & Worship.....Needed Respect Life.....Legion of Mary Buildings & Grounds.....James Hooge CustodianGeorge Cordia Cemetery SextonCharles Walker Scout Troop #421 Wayne Ames Marriage Preparation.....Keith & Kris Dash</p>
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 16, 2018

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn from their sins and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. If God is calling you to priesthood or religious life, what can you turn from in order to hear the call more clearly and answer more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovoactions.org.

December 16, 2018

DAILY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Mon.	12/17	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Tues.	12/18	9:00AM	All Souls
Wed.	12/19	9:00 AM	Lucille Gradl-Schifano requested by Marla & Doug Schifano
Thurs.	12/20	7:00 PM	All Souls requested by St. Philip the Apostle Church
Fri.	12/21	9:00 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Sat.	12/22	4:00 PM	Jane & Barney O'Donnell requested by O'Donnell Family
Sun.	12/23	9:00 AM	All Souls
		11:30 AM	Mary Ann Jordan requested by Family

If the Mass is being offered for your loved one, or for your intention, and you would like to carry the Offertory Gifts, please tell an Usher before Mass. ~Intentions are \$15, and a Mass card is available - please call the office or stop by the rectory. Many week day Masses Available! Dedications to your loved one can be offered by signing up for a Memorial Flower Vase, or Wine~Host~Candle offering. The available dates and sign-up sheet are located on the bulletin board near the Children's Room.

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22, 2018 4:00 PM

LECTOR Keith Dash

MINISTERS Kris Dash, Erik Dash, Jill Pallante,
Mary Fran O'Connell

ALTAR SERVER Needed

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018 9:00 AM

LECTOR Tom Postle

MINISTERS Rose Cerabone, Mary Jayne
Ginnitti, Marcia Ernst, Kathy
Barreca

ALTAR SERVER Jonathan Pilski, Ryan Kief, Shane
Friend

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018 11:30 AM

LECTOR Mary Hurley

MINISTERS Dawn Csati, Colleen Roberts,
Linda Andrzejewski, Mary
Matthews

ALTAR SERVER Tyler Mitchell

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Sunday Dec. 16	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass <i><u>Wine ~ Hosts ~ Candles</u></i> In loving memory of Charles Sperrazza Donated by Lauren Bonnie Rel. Ed. 9:45-11:00 AM / Youth Ministry 12:15-1:30 PM 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday Dec. 17	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 11:00 AM 7:00-7:30 PM Confessions
Tuesday Dec. 18	9:00 AM Mass 7:00-7:30 PM Confessions Boy Scouts 7:00 PM (Christmas Party)
Wed. Dec. 19	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM
Thursday Dec. 20	6:00-6:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM Mass
Friday Dec. 21	9:00 AM Mass <i>St. Peter Canisius – Optional Memorial</i> <i>First Day of Winter</i>
Saturday Dec. 22	3:00-3:30 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
Sunday Dec. 23	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass Decorate Church after 11:30 AM Mass 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

January 5 – Altar Server training 11:00 AM
 January 6 – Rel. Ed. 9:45-11:00 AM / Youth Ministry 12:15-1:30 PM
 January 12 – Altar Server training 11:00 AM
 January 13 - Family Liturgy during 9:00 AM Mass, Gr. 5 & 6
 - Un-decorate Church at 12 Noon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Adams, Mayme Barone, Eileen Barry, Andrea Battaglia, Laura Bley, Michael Bolistriero, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Victoria Busch, Theresa Campisi, Daniel Carriero, Penny Carriero, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Gene Ciminelli, Jerry Clark, Arica Clear, Michael Collopy, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Amy Crawford, Rev. Edward Czarnecki, Jonah Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Dave Dudek, Raymond Dunkel, John Durusky, Jack Fescio, Joe Ficialiano, Emily Gibbs, Debbie Godfrey, Dorothy Govenetto, Megan Granich, Sue Hall, Harold Green, Fred Gugino, Rose H aak, Billy Hamm, Martha Hunt, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Marke Lantry, Kathy Leiker, Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebecca Hall Marshall, Mary Mazur, Barbara Morin, Sheri Niedermeier, Julie Ortel, Kira Palermo, Michael Pawelek, Rylee Pierce, Gabriel John Polizzi, Carol Privitera, Nina Reghetti, Jim Ross, Marie Ann Scalise, Justin Schmidle, Robert S. Sciandra, Eric Schultz, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, LouAnn Stevenson, Brett David Sturble, Ruth Taggart, Robert Tamulski, Lisa Thompson, Shirley Trask, Sharon Valites, BethAnne Van Horn, Don Waite, Jo Ann Waterman, Gene Welty, Gregory Winger Jr., Ed Wroz, Matthew Young, Chris Zgoda, Judith Zielinski, Doreen Zimpfer.

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.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

December 9, 2018	Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,672.00
	Holy Day	\$ 446.00
	Religious Retirement Appeal	\$ 645.00

Reflecting on the Gospels with Sister Janet–Dec. 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel continues with the story of John the Baptist as he tells the people what they need to do to be followers of Jesus. As they listen, they wonder if he is the Messiah who is to come. John quickly tells them that "one mightier than I is coming."



PARISH NEWS

DECORATING THE CHURCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AFTER THE 11:30 AM MASS – PLEASE JOIN US!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Confessions 12/17, 12/18 7PM; 12/20 6PM)

Monday, December 24th – 4:00 PM Children's Mass
10:00 PM Mass
Tuesday, December 25th – 10:30 AM Mass
Monday, December 31st – 4:00 PM Mass
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 11:00 AM Mass



CHILDREN'S MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE:

Parents...Children are needed to participate in the procession at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:00 PM. We are encouraging children to dress up as angels, shepherds, stars, or even barn animals - costumes can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. We are requesting that all children participating meet in the church hall promptly at 3:30 PM to prepare for line-up. Once the procession is completed, the children will be dismissed to sit with their families, so please make sure you are easily accessible to them. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Theresa White at 984-2593. We pray for your support and involvement, and hope to see many of the children participating! Thank you!

MITTEN TREE: Thank you to everyone for donating to the Mitten Tree! Many people will have a Happy and Warm Christmas because of your generosity!

TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY: Thank you to all the wonderful and caring parishioners for your love and support for donating to Teddy Bear Sunday! We collected 260 Teddy Bears! The Teddy Bears were given to Father Baker Manor, North Collins Police Department, Evans Police Department, Operation Good Neighbor, St. Columban's Retirement Home, and to needy families in the local area. Special thanks to the Kief Family for all their help! St. Anthony's is a very special caring Parish! Much love and God Bless! ~Kathie Barreca and Family

RELIGIOUS ED. AND YOUTH MINISTRY: WE ARE USING "REMIND" to keep parents aware of the events going on in our program. Please stay connected by entering this number on your cell phone 81010. Next text this message - @kbrachm. That is all you need to do and we will keep you up to date on all important events with Faith Formation/Youth Ministry and any other happenings at St. Anthony's.

ST. ANTHONY'S APPAREL: T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. Apparel is immediately available in certain styles and sizes.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS: The Holiday sign-up sheet for Christmas and New Year is now posted in the sacristy. Please take a few minutes after Mass to sign up for the day(s) of your choice.

ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS! See back page for more information!

OPERATION GOOD NEIGHBOR: Operation Good Neighbor has two locations – one in Evans at 2030 South Creek Rd., Evans NY 14112, Food Pantry on Tuesdays 1-2,7-8pm and Clothing on Tuesdays 12-2, Fri 10-2, Sat. 10-1pm.; and at Most Precious Blood School, 22 Prospect St., Food Pantry on Tues.1-5pm. See posters on bulletin boards for eligibility guidelines.

LEGION OF MARY

{Curate's Diary} "Dear God, What Can I Do?": I am concerned about the hungry in the world, millions who are starving and ask, What can I do? FEED ONE. My heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned, and I ask, What can I do? LOVE ONE. I feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair, and ask, What can I do? COMFORT ONE.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection help hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER: Sponsored by Lakeshore Assoc. of Christian Churches, Tuesday, Dec. 25th, 1-3 PM at Most Precious Blood Church Hall, 17 Prospect St., Angola. Free and open to all. More info call 549-0420, 549-4281, 848-8400.

LESSONS & CAROLS. The St. Joseph Cathedral Choir will present a concert of Christmas Lessons & Carols on Monday, December 17 at 7:30 pm, under the direction of Organist-Choir Director Tim Socha. They will be joined by the West Seneca West Vocal Jazz Singers, under the direction of Keith Ersing and the Bell Choir of the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo. Also performing are Diane Dick, solo handbells; Paul Schlossman, English horn; and Sandy Consiglio, oboe. Music will include traditional carols and newly composed choral works. St. Joseph Cathedral is located at 50 Franklin St. (between Church & Swan Sts.), downtown Buffalo. There will be a free-will offering. For more information, call 716-854-5855.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Rejoice! Be filled with expectation! The readings today are filled with joy. And they tell us that we should be, too. Because the Lord is near. For Christians, this is a season of happiness. But the scriptures are describing an unimaginable joy that surpasses our understanding. They tell us God sings joyfully because of us, His children. And He wants every one of us to share in that joy. In the life and example of Jesus Christ, He shows us how. We share in God's joy when we give to others, when we feed the hungry, visit the lonely, comfort the sick, and tend to those in need. God's joy, peace and love are not limited to one season. They are timeless and eternal gifts to be shared every day of our lives. Let's follow the example of Jesus and bring joy to the world. *Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org*

SHOP AT HOME AND EARN MONEY FOR ST. ANTHONY'S: Visit <http://shop.com/stanthonyvsfarnham>, set up your account, and use the referring email: emaycee195@gmail.com

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Needed – Someone who would like to share their Catholic faith with those who want to learn about it! Please speak to Father Jim for information and further details.

ST. ANTHONY'S SHIRTS: T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. They are here at St. Anthony's! If you would like to purchase or order a non-stock item, please fill out an order form (at Church entrances). Great Christmas Gifts !!

'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS' CAR MAGNETS can be purchased for \$3 each or two for \$5. If you would like to purchase, please call or stop by the Church Office. **ST. ANTHONY'S COOKBOOK** can be purchased for \$3 each or two for \$5. If you would like to purchase, please call or stop by the Church Office.

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. Your support helps fight hunger 365 days a year!

ST. PADRE PIO Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass at St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, 6895 Boston Cross Rd., generally held the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM, also offering Eucharistic Adoration the same day following 8am morning Mass. 941-3549.

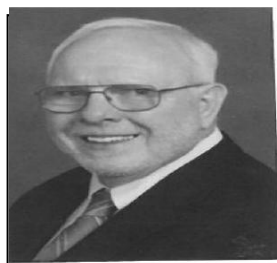
CHRISTMAS MAGIC & MIRACLES: Cory James Gallagher & Amy Gallagher, 12/20 7pm at Blessed Sacrament, 1029 Delaware, Buffalo; 12/21 7pm at St. Michael's, 651 Washington St. Buffalo.

ST. FRANCIS H.S. CONCERTS: Alumni Hall Theatre; 12/18/18 Instrumental Christmas Concert, 7PM. All Free

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP: If you missed the one here at St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Silver Creek will be hosting on Monday, January 14th from 6-9:30pm in the Parish Hall. Call Parish Office to register 934-2233.

TRIP TO CATHOLIC SPAIN: Msgr. Richard Siepka, Spiritual Director of Christ the King Seminary is leading a trip in June to the Best of Catholic Spain. June 10-21, 2019, include stays in Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Valencia, Barcelona, w/stops in Avila, Segovia, Toledo, Montserrat. Cost is \$3,899 includes airfare from Buffalo, 1st class hotel, sightseeing, most meals, departure, taxes. More info email moates@cks.edu, or call Nadine Oates at 716-655-7092.

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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