



St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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Merry
Christmas

REV. JAMES W. FLISS, PASTOR

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 23, 2018

Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? 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 23, 2018

DAILY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Mon.	12/24	4:00 PM	Grant Zajas requested by Angie
		10:00 PM	Daniel Bartels requested by Lauren Bonnice
Tues.	12/25	10:30 AM	Anthony Paternostro requested by Katie & Family
Wed.	12/26	9:00 AM	JoAnne Waterman requested by Marlene McSkimming
Thurs.	12/27	7:00 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Fri.	12/28	9:00 AM	Clarence G. Haak (50 year Anniversary of death) requested by Ron, Ann and Family
Sat.	12/29	4:00 PM	Mary Ann Jordan requested by Katie Paternostro
Sun.	12/30	9:00 AM	All Souls
		11:30 AM	Angelo Militello Jr. (First Anniversary) 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 29, 2018 4:00 PM

LECTOR Nancy Rodler
 MINISTERS Walter & Nancy Klyczek, Cheryl Waterman, Marcia Ernst
 ALTAR SERVER Needed

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018 9:00 AM

LECTOR Theresa Boatner
 MINISTERS Tom Postle, Bob & Carol Duhan, Shirley Szcublewski
 ALTAR SERVER Kayla Friend, Alexis Serio

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018 11:30 AM

LECTOR Sandie Hooge
 MINISTERS Mary Matthews, Gail Schwartz, Steve Smith, Mary Hurley
 ALTAR SERVER Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Sunday Dec. 23	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass <i>Wine ~ Hosts ~ Candles</i> In loving memory of Lucille Gradl-Schifano Donated by Jean & Dan Jasinski Decorate Church after 11:30 AM Mass 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday Dec. 24	4:00 PM Children's Mass 10:00 PM "Midnight" Mass CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday Dec. 25	10:30 AM Mass THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Wed. Dec. 26	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM <i>St. Stephen - Feast</i>
Thursday Dec. 27	6:00-6:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM Mass <i>St. John, Apostle Et Evangelist - Feast</i>
Friday Dec. 28	9:00 AM Mass <i>The Holy Innocents - Feast</i>
Saturday Dec. 29	3:00-3:30 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Mass <i>St. Thomas Becket – Optional Memorial</i>
Sunday Dec. 30	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - Feast

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 Govenettio, 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, Rebbecca 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, 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 16, 2018 Weekly Offertory \$ 3,653.00
Christmas Flowers \$ 1,212.00

Reflecting on the Gospels with Sister Janet–Dec. 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth recognizes that Mary is blessed because she trusted in the words of God.



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**

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!

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Dear God, What Can I Do? ‘Remember this my child...2,000 years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless called out to Me for mercy, I sent My Beloved Son. And hope began.’ It Began With Only ONE.
{Curate’s Diary}

LIVING HOSPITALITY: In the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth is recounted. Reading the account, we can see the joy each one feels at meeting the other. This holiday season, focus on the joy of meeting family and friends, and if your family stays with someone, or someone stays with your family, keep hospitality in mind by sharing positive stories of this holiday season.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Need a resolution for the New Year? Consider giving back by volunteering with Catholic Charities. Our agency has many different volunteer positions, from office work to helping out in one of our six food pantries. To browse our volunteer opportunities, visit www.ccwny.org/volunteer. Make 2019 be the year you make a mark in your community! For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org.

HOW CAN YOU FOCUS ON CELEBRATING WHEN YOU’VE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH LOSS LATELY? When we are in the midst of grief, the last thing we want to think about is the approaching holidays. The Office of Family Life Ministries would like to help support you during the holiday season. We now have a packet of prayers, articles, thoughts, and ideas to try to help you through your holidays after losing a loved one. Contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org to order one today.

ROE V WADE OBSERVANCE MASS will take place on Saturday, January 12 at 4 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Main celebrant – Bishop Richard Malone. During the Mass, the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities will present the 25th annual Pro-Vita Awards which recognize people who have labored tirelessly for the pro-life cause and to give them strength, encouragement, and support. This year’s recipients include: Maren Lelonek, Sarah Lindstrom, Fr. Michael LaMarca, Fr. Steven Jekielek, Fr. Daniel Young, Suzanne Lazzara, and Al Donius. Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance of the Roe v Wade anniversary by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Like a young child awaiting Christmas morning, our readings today fill us with great expectation and hope. In the first reading Israel is given God’s promise that He will care for and stand firm with His people. We learn that from Bethlehem shall come forth from God one who will shepherd His flock, that "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." In a similar way on Christmas we do much more than recall God’s gift – a gift that was not wrapped in bright paper but in dreary swaddling clothes; a gift that was not found under a tree but in Bethlehem. On Christmas we also place our hope in God’s promise to care for us and we trust that the promise once fulfilled in Bethlehem continues to be present with us today. Like both the Israelites of old and the young child of today we are also filled with a great expectation that we will very shortly find God’s great gift of peace in and for our lives. *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/stanthonyfarnham>, set up your account, and use the referring email: emaycee195@gmail.com

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.

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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*Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend
 Meetings the 3rd Wednesday each month at
 7:00 PM- Everyone is welcome!*

2019 ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES, COURTESY OF ADDISON FUNERAL HOME.