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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

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 10, 2019

Not long ago we heard about Jesus' vocation as foretold by Isaiah. Today we hear of St. Paul's vocation to spread the good news of Jesus to people far and wide. What is your vocation? 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.

February 10, 2019

DAILY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Mon.	02/11	9:00 AM	Anthony Villa requested by Marie W.
Tues.	02/12	9:00 AM	Gerry Gigliotti (Living) requested by Grupp Family
Wed.	02/13	9:00 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Thurs.	02/14	7:00 PM	To End Abortion requested by Legion of Mary
Fri.	02/15	9:00 AM	Russell Battaglia Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) requested by Jo Battaglia
Sat.	02/16	4:00 PM	Phyllis Muscato (First Anniversary) requested by Family
Sun.	02/17	9:00 AM	Dolores Brachmann requested by Jim & Sandie Hooge
		11:30 AM	People of the Parish

*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 END AND 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 FEBRUARY 16, 2019 4:00 PM

LECTOR Theresa Boatner
 MINISTERS Jill Pallante, Keith & Kris Dash, Mary Fran O'Connell
 ALTAR SERVER Needed

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2019 9:00 AM

LECTOR Tom Postle
 MINISTERS Kathy Barreca, Rose Cerabone, Tony Cerabone, Shirley Szcublewski
 ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Alexis Serio

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2019 11:30 AM

LECTOR Tony Montoro
 MINISTERS Colleen Roberts, Kim Zukowski, Mary Matthews, Eileen Brittain
 ALTAR SERVER Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Sunday Feb. 10	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass Rel. Ed. 9:45-11:00 AM / Youth Ministry 12:15-1:30 PM
Monday Feb. 11	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 11:00 AM <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Optional Memorial</i> WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
Tuesday Feb. 12	9:00 AM Mass Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 PM (<i>Personal Management</i>) ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Wed. Feb. 13	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM
Thurs. Feb. 14 ♥	6:00-6:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM Mass <i>St. Cyril & St. Methodius – Memorial</i> VALENTINE'S DAY
Friday Feb. 15	9:00 AM Mass
Saturday Feb. 16	3:00-3:30 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Mass <i>Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial</i>
Sunday Feb. 17	9:00 & 11:30 AM Mass Rel. Ed. 9:45-11:00 AM / Youth Ministry 12:15-1:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

February 18 – Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM
 February 23 – Spaghetti Dinner with Wine Tasting
 March 2 – First Penance Class, 2nd Grade, 9:30 AM
 March 2 – Coffee House 7:00 – 10:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Adams, Mayme Barone, Eileen Barry, Andrea Battaglia, Laura Bley, Robin Block Sr., Michael Bolistrieri, 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, Orin Kelkenberg, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Marke Lantry, Kathy Leiker, Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebbeca 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, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, LouAnn Stevenson, Brett David Sturble, David Tackley Sr., 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

February 3, 2019 Weekly Offertory \$ 3,138.00
Monthly Offertory \$ 1,286.00

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Belzer, whose soul has returned to the care of God. We pray that the Lord will grant eternal rest and peace to his soul and bring comfort and consolation to his family and friends.

Reflecting on the Gospels with Sister Janet—Feb. 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After the disciples have fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus tells them to put their nets out again. Although not sure they should, but trusting Jesus, they do it – and catch an overflow of fish! Then Jesus tells them he has a bigger job for them: to be his disciples and reach out to people.

PARISH NEWS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED! Please prayerfully consider your gifts and how you are being called to use them. We need Eucharistic Ministers. St. Anthony's will offer training, or there is training available at SS Peter & Paul Parish, 66 East Main Street, Hamburg in the Social Center/Gym on Saturday, February 23rd, 9AM-3PM. RSVP by Feb. 11th at 648-1725.

FRUIT OF THE VINE – WINE TASTING 'FUN' RAISER AND SPAGHETTI DINNER! Saturday, February 23, 2019, 4:30-7:30 PM, St. Anthony's Church Hall, 417 Commercial St. Wine tasting and Spaghetti Dinner, featuring premium Finger Lakes wines hand-crafted by O-Neh-Da and Eagle Crest Vineyards. Wine tasting is free with a paid Adult Dinner for \$10. Sealed bottles of wine will be available to purchase! Dinner includes a plate of Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread/butter, *Dessert and Beverage! Adult Dinner \$10; Child 6-12 \$5; Under 5 are Free! (*Wine tasting for 21 yrs. and older*) *DESSERT DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

COFFEE HOUSE: We've been pretty lucky so far, eh? But you know that colder weather is coming! You know that hibernation mode will kick in! You also know, at some point you'll want to escape hibernation! **THE COFFEE HOUSE IS BACK!** Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2nd, 7:00-10:00 PM. We're looking for Artists, Musicians, Poets, Storytellers, Bakers and Servers - Anyone who can contribute to the Fun! Please contact Mike Cerabone 698-4565.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: NEW DATE! Saturday, March 23, 2019 after the 4:00 PM Mass in the Church Hall. There will be Spaghetti, Pizza, and many more traditional meatless dishes. Free to everyone! Please plan on joining us for this wonderful celebration. Monetary donations, meatless dishes and desserts are happily accepted! As the event draws closer, meatless recipes will be available at the doors of the Church.

ABORTION EXPANSION BILL: Contact your state legislator and express your view of their vote on the abortion expansion bill. <https://www.nyscatholic.org> and click on Action Center.

"SOUPER" BOWL: Thank you to those who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring last weekend for the local food pantries. We collected a total of \$550.00!

FACEBOOK: St. Anthony's now has a Facebook page. Please like us on Facebook.

LEGION OF MARY

February 12th is Abraham Lincoln's birthday; President Lincoln was deeply conscious that if a nation was to expect God's blessings, it should walk in His way. On April 30th, 1863, he proclaimed a day of prayer and fasting in intercession for an end to the Civil War ..." ~*Curates Diary*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: "I am safe, my child is safe and we have a whole new beginning." That is what one mother shared after being helped by basic emergency services and the Rapid Rehousing Program at Catholic Charities. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal keeps mothers and children safe, stable, and together. Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at www.ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. Help your neighbor find hope.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Today's readings show us that those called to do God's will don't always feel up to the challenge. Isaiah, Paul and Peter all express some sense of inadequacy, accepting that they don't measure up to what God wants. But here is the key lesson. They all take the risk and willingly embrace God's call, giving whatever they have. Because they know God is with them as they turn in a new direction to follow Him. We may not be called to make such radical changes as quitting a job or moving to another country for God. But He does constantly call us to change, to continuously improve – to follow the example of Jesus and give of ourselves for the benefit of others. Don't be concerned that you may not measure up to what God wants. Break out of your comfort zone and answer His call. Rest assured that when God calls, He will be with you. *Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930AM, WLOF101.7FM or at www.faithmomentsonline.org*

BIBLE STUDY: "Follow Me", an eight week Bible Study on the Gospel of John, will be offered by the Southtowns Catholic Bible Study at the Our Mother of Good Counsel Campus in Blasdell beginning on February 19th. Participants may attend a morning session (10:30-11:45am) or evening session (6:00-7:15pm). Cost is \$20 for a workbook. Information to register, call Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476.

BEREAVEMENT PACKET: St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans of many comforting words. During times of loss, loneliness and grief, we may not feel or recognize God's presence in our lives. Though we can only imagine all the thoughts and feelings you are experiencing right now, we do understand a bit about grieving and that, above all, it is a process. The Office of Family Life Ministries offers a free Bereavement Packet of materials designed to provide support, especially during the initial stages of grief. For a free packet, call 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.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 !!

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! **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.

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, 6:00 PM ,also offering Eucharistic Adoration the same day following 8am morning Mass. 941-3549.

BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED: Our Lady of Victory National Shrine is looking for a full time Business Manager. More info and to apply, www.ourladyofvictory.org

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ST. FRANCIS PIEROGI TEAM: The Pierogi Team is diligently working for the Spring Sale Session of Farmers Cheese, Sauerkraut, and Potato/Cheddar Pierogis to be on sale beginning Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Place orders/pick up at the Social Center, 4263 St. Francis Dr. 10am-Noon on Wednesday and Saturdays. Donation is \$5 per half dozen, \$10 per dozen. Info or place order – Bernadette Sikorski 822-1599.

DONATE ELECTRONICALLY: Online you can make a donation on our website: www.stanthonyfarnham.org.

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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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Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. **Invite God In:** Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”ⁱ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.
2. **Listen:** Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.
3. **Inform Yourself:** Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatmentⁱⁱ—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”

4. **Be Steadfast in Compassion:** As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”ⁱⁱⁱ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”^{iv} The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.
5. **Help Them Achieve Closure:** Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.
6. **Provide Opportunities for Resolution:** Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*** how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum^v and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.
7. **Reminisce:** Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. **Provide a Peaceful Presence:** There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.
9. **Show Tenderness:** Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.
10. **Bear Their Transition Patiently:** Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, "I love you. It's okay to go home now."

11.

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, "[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."^{vi}

*As our bishops teach, "Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome."^{vii} At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

**References do not indicate endorsement.

ⁱ Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae: Choosing the Better Part, 8 October 2013*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

ⁱⁱ More information: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed. (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009). United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).

ⁱⁱⁱ Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 27, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

^{iv} United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

^v Viaticum is "the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one's 'passing over' to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the 'last sacraments' of the Christian." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Glossary.) See also *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1331, 1392, 1517, 1524-25.

^{vi} Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

^{vii} United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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