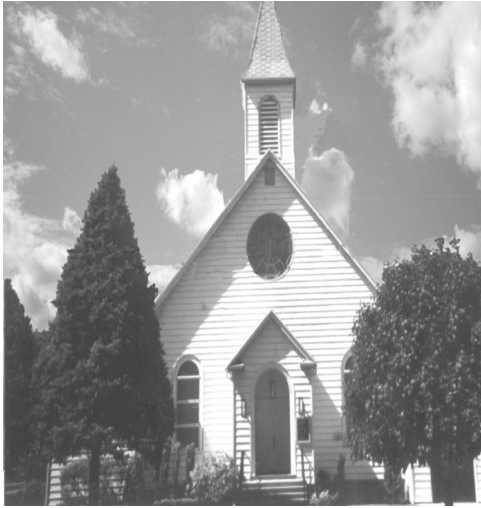


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



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 Steve 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.

Additional Masses

All Saints, Thanksgiving --9:00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday -- 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's Staff

TrusteesSandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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RCIA.....Scott Schaefer
Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash
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& Theresa White
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Respect Life.....Legion of Mary
Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard
Custodian.....George Cordia
Cemetery Sextons.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker
Scout Troop #421.....Wayne Ames
Marriage Preparation.....Keith & Kris Dash
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.

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, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; St. John Paul II - Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Arrangements are to be made with the parish priest. Parents should be registered in the parish and attend Baptismal classes. Call the rectory one week in advance.

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).

Parish Membership

New members are always welcome into the parish family. Please contact the parish priest or the rectory.



Daily Masses & Intentions

Saturday, February 10

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Father's Day Novena

Sunday, February 11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Vollmar & Fraser Families - Estate

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 AM - Don Mogavero - by Pat Noga

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 PM - All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, February 15

9:00 AM - Russell Battaglia, Sr. - by Jo Battaglia

Friday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 17

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM - Linda Andrzejewski - by American Legion Auxiliary, Derby (928)

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM - Brian Brachmann - by Parents

Please pray for the recently deceased of the parish and community, especially for **Bryan Richards.**

Stewardship

February 4, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$3,017.00

Monthly Offering.....\$850.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, February 10

9:15 a.m. - WINGS - Church Hall

10:00 a.m. - 1st Reconciliation Sacramental Class - Children's Room.

5:30 p.m. -- Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 11

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

9:15 a.m. -- Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday - Mass

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting



From the Pastor...

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Cleansed in His Love

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community.

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands. Considered "unclean" - unfit to worship or live with the Israelites - lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading - rent garments, shaven head, covered beard - are signs of death, penance, and mourning.

When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel. Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet: He is God visiting His people. Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin, and only God has the power to bring about what He wills.

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand as God and by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word "Be made clean." And, like God's word in creation "Let there be," Jesus' word "does" what He commands.

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved. We live His love in our world today.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The following is a schedule of Masses on Ash Wednesday (February 14) in the parishes of the Lake-shore Catholic Faith Community:

- 8:00 a.m. -- St. Francis & Most Precious Blood
- 8:30 a.m. -- St. John Paul II
- 12:00 p.m. -- St. Mary of the Lake
- 7:00 p.m. -- St. John Paul II & St. Anthony



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
IN THE FAMILY OF PARISHES

The celebration of the Stations of the Cross will take place in all parishes of the Family during Lent following the schedule shown below:

- St. Francis* - Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Lake* - Fridays at 12:00 p.m.
- St. John Paul II* - Fridays at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Most Precious Blood* - Fridays at 5:00 p.m.
- St. Anthony's* - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Change in Holy Hour Schedule at MPB

Effective February 14 (Ash Wednesday), The weekly "Holy Hour" at Most Precious Blood Church will be changed from "1:00 p.m." to "immediately following morning Mass." It will last for one hour.

A LENTEN REFLECTION

Join Fr. Timothy Koester, Pastor, as he reflects on the Family's journey. You are invited to attend all five sessions, as each is unique. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church:

February 20 - Most Precious Blood; February 27 - St. Francis; March 5 - St. Anthony; March 12 - St. Mary of the Lake; March 19 - St. John Paul II.



Please Remember in Your Prayers...

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



Road to Renewal

Today is the 32nd World Day of the Sick, an observance introduced by Pope Saint John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

As our family of faith continues to grow, our responsibility to care for each other increases. As the people around you in the pew on Sunday morning might look different, we never know what someone is struggling with or suffering from. A uniting practice is to offer a simple prayer for those to your left and right, in front and behind during Mass. We have been hearing the past few weeks about God's love, and how we are that expression of Love today. Please make a conscious effort to be the face of Christ to everyone we encounter, that through us, the Holy Spirit will work to help those suffering.

As you have seen by now, Lent and Holy Week look a little different from what may have been the previous practice in each parish. We as a Family will have a complete Triduum celebration through our members gathered:

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, will be held at Saint John Paul II. Good Friday, the Lord's Passion, will be celebrated at Saint Mary of the Lake and Most Precious Blood. Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, will be celebrated at Saint Francis and Saint Anthony. Each parish will have Masses on Easter Sunday.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. However, chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. I encourage all to join us each day of the Triduum. But don't forget our Great Season of Repentance and Reconciliation! Embrace LENT.

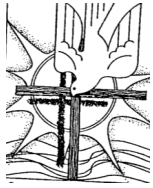
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Fr. Tim

Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will take place Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Columba/Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo.

Ministry Schedule -- February 17 & 18

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers</i>
5:30 p.m.	Keith Dash	Sue Cummings
10:30 a.m.	Sarah Kief	Rose & Tony Cerabone



THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is ordered to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery, both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism, do penance.

The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but not excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper. From the beginning of Lent until the Paschal Vigil, the Alleluia is not said or sung.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season (First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday), unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 18, 2024 (First Sunday of Lent) and May 26, 2024 (Trinity Sunday).

Mission 2024

All are invited to register for the 2024 Mission at St. John Paul II, a seven-day Lenten retreat that takes place March 3-9.

Each session features a speaker, discussion groups, music, a liturgical service and fellowship. Register online at:

Events at St. Anthony's in Lent

- February 14 -- Ash Wednesday - Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5 -- Reflections with Fr. Tim - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20 -- Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23 -- St. Joseph Table - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays -- Stations of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

A Vocation View

Today St. Paul tells us to "do everything for the glory of God." Most people serve God with their leisure time. Some are called to a full-time life of service to God, Church and neighbor. If you feel that calling, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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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