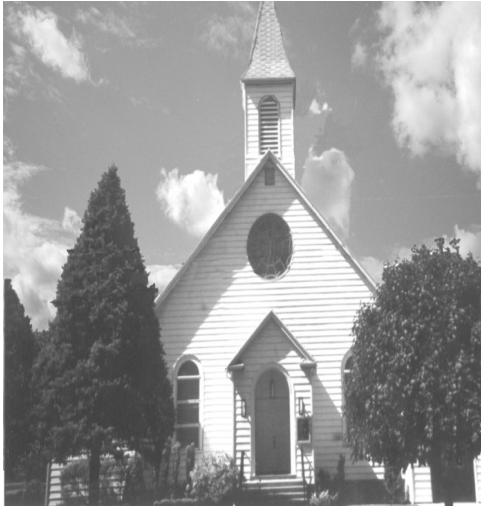


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

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PERMANENT DEACONS

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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

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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 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

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 AM - Irene Hall - by Family

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

9:00 AM - Rev. Walter Matuszak - by Rev. Michael Parker

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Vollmar & Fraser Families - Estate

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM - Mother's Day Novena

Stewardship

February 11, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,767.00

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This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, February 17

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 18

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting



From the Pastor...

First Sunday of Lent: The New Creation

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This year we read Mark's account of this event. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit.

Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Second Reading. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam, the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness, a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness. We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior, the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows to repent and believe the gospel, to Renew our relationship with God.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
IN THE FAMILY OF PARISHES**

The celebration of the Stations of the Cross takes 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.

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.

St. Patrick Day Party at MPB

MPB's St Patrick Day Party will take place Sunday, March 3 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 17 Prospect St., Angola.



A corned beef dinner or a Reuben sandwich will be served with desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks. A cash bar will also be available.

Live entertainment will consist of music by the Panfil Brothers and a performance by the Rince na Tiarna Irish Dancers. Ticket donations are \$25 and tables of eight or more may be reserved. For tickets or more information, call the Parish Office at 716-549-0420.



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, 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

As we begin our journey through Lent, it offers us a great opportunity for a time of reflection, a time to look at ourselves to see how we can better serve God and live out His commandments.

I have tried to express how I struggle with the new structure we find ourselves developing. Most difficult for me is not interacting directly with the flock every week. I personally have been looking at myself and trying to see more clearly what God is calling me to now. I've discovered a major part of my development is a story that only a few might comprehend or even want to hear. So for five nights in Lent I would like to share what I have often called "war stories," some of the things I have actually experienced, and reflect on how I see them active in my life and thus in those around me today.

I will be hosting one session at each of our five parishes beginning February 20 and ending with my buddy, St. Joseph's Day, March 19. The sessions will be on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the respective churches. If it's for you, I hope you will be able to join me for all five sessions.

If it hasn't been clear, we are in the midst of a Eucharistic Renewal. Some had the opportunity last year to go to the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville, NY for the state gathering. This summer the National Gathering will be in Indianapolis, IN. Over the last year and a half we were invited to send people to training sessions in the Diocese to help form a time of local reflection on the Eucharist. By the end of this week, all five of our parishes will have formed their Life in the Eucharist committees.

This five-session retreat will run for five Wednesdays in May. Each parish in our family will host one of the sessions. This will offer the opportunity for each parish to showcase itself and make the evening unique to the gifts and talents of that community. I encourage you to put these five dates on your calendar and join us for what will be a great encounter with Jesus, present to us in the most Blessed Sacrament.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

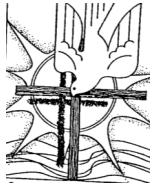
St. Francis HS to Present 'Mamma Mia'

This year's musical production at St. Francis High School is *Mamma Mia*. It will be presented March 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. and March 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 each and are available online at www.stfranchishigh.org or through the main office of the school (716-627-1200). All seats are reserved. Visit or call early for the best selection.

Ministry Schedule -- February 24 & 25

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers</i>
5:30 p.m.	Donna Roof	Kim Zukowski
10:30 a.m.	Tony Cerabone	Steve Smith



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 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:

<https://www.jp2parish.org/mission-2024.html>

Events at St. Anthony's in Lent

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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, visit buffalovocation.org or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 - 847 -5535.

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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*Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month
9:30 a.m. -- Noon*

Everyone is welcome.