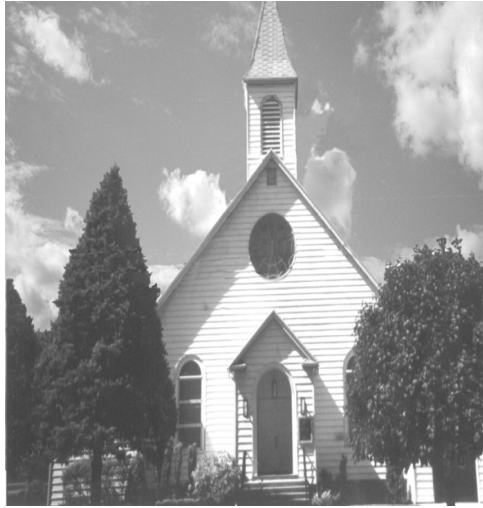


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



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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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 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

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 AM - All Faithfully Departed

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

9:00 AM - Cribs Donor Guild

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM - Carol Montford - Estate

Sunday, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM - Arthur & Lillian Hilman - Estate

Stewardship

February 18, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,541.00

Church in Eastern Europe.....\$181.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, February 24

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 25

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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

Tuesday, February 27

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

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting



From the Pastor...

Second Sunday of Lent: Bonds Loosed

On the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This year, in Mark's report, the Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. There is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship. The Lenten season continues today with another story of testing.

Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test. The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son. In today's Second Reading, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross.

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son" as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son. These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see. In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God, raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority. Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud. He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return. And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins.

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death. His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father, as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection; Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death.

We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows as His servants and faithful ones.

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim

Ministry Schedule -- March 2 & 3

Lector

5:30 p.m. T. Cerrabone
10:30 a.m. S.Kief

Ministers

E. Britain
S. Smith, L. Andrzejewski



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 sessions, as each is unique. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church:

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. Scindra, 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

Southtowns Catholic School is doing well and open for registration. Invite a friend.

It appears rumors have arisen on Social Media and even from pulpits that "our school was closing." Our Vicar Foraine asked us to stop the rumor. "There are no schools closing in our Vicariate." Then on Friday the Diocese released the news that a parish and school were closing in the North Towns, and the rumors twist a little and then persist.

In our modern times rumors rule. People can only hear what they are able to hear; what mindset they are in is how they filter everything they hear. So if you deny a rumor and the slightest or similar aspect appears to come true, you are a liar; if you don't deny a rumor, it is automatically true because you did not deny it. Either way we find it easier to believe all rumors and be skeptical of everyone and all authority, then constantly question everything or demand explanations diverting us from the path we are on.

In his memoirs, *A Moveable Feast*, when he was having difficulty writing, Ernest Hemingway once explained: "I would stand and look out over the roofs of Paris and think, 'Do not worry. You have always written before and you will write now. All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know.' So finally, I would write one true sentence, and then go on from there. It was easy then because there was always one true sentence that I knew or had seen or had heard someone say."

The Church has always and will always proclaim the truth as given to us from Jesus Christ. Sometimes we believers find ourselves in a position where our world and our life make it hard to see this; or we become burdened and overshadowed by chaos and rumors or even mishandlings of what we expect from others and even the Church.

The Road to Renewal is ripe for this and even infuriating some. I have tried to anticipate and put out here what we are doing, taking into account people's input, the Diocese Guidance and the Church's Mandate. We are working out of one true sentence. I invite each of us during this Lenten Season to not worry, proclaim one truth of Jesus Christ to someone else, and allow the Holy Spirit to continue to pour out truth through us.

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.stfrancishigh.org or through the main office of the school (716-627-1200). All seats are reserved. Visit or call early for the best selection.



Southtowns Catholic to Host Gala

Southtowns Catholic School of the parish of St. John Paul II will host its annual charity event, which this year has as its theme *A Night at Gatsby's*. It will take place Friday, April 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Michael's Catering and Banquets, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg. All are invited and encouraged to dress in the style of the '20s. Tickets are \$125 and may be reserved at the school office or on the website (www.southtownscatholic.org).

The evening will feature entertainment, games, food, beverages, auctions and Best Dressed award. The grand prize is a trip to a European place of your choice with \$1500: Paris, Madrid, Prague, Vienna or Rome. Second prize is your choice of Key West, Cancun, Jackson Hole or Lake Tahoe with \$500.

Catholic Men's Conference

The 2024 WNY Catholic Men's Conference will take place Saturday, March 9 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd. Tonawanda. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the conference begins at 9:00.

The conference offers a day of prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth. Fr. Brian Zielenieski and Deacon John Gaulin are the speakers along with a presentation by Mark Price who will talk on his role as St. Peter. Lunch will be provided. Register at www.cmfofwny.org

St. Francis HS Announces Events

Upcoming events announced by St. Francis High School are designed for those interested in applying to the school in fall 2024.

- **Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m.** - practice exam for 7th grade boys.
- **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.**- STEM Night - open to boys currently in grades 6, 7 or 8. Fun activities for everyone.

Register for both events at www.stfrancishigh.org For more information, call 716-627-1200 or email mail: admissions@stfrancishigh.org . St. Francis High School is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg.

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>

Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Friday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Church of St. John Paul II. All are invited.

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

Peter, James and John hiked up a mountaintop with Jesus, and so do those who are called to follow the Apostles' footsteps in the priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 - 847 -5535 or visit buffalovocation.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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Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month
9:30 a.m. -- Noon
Everyone is welcome.