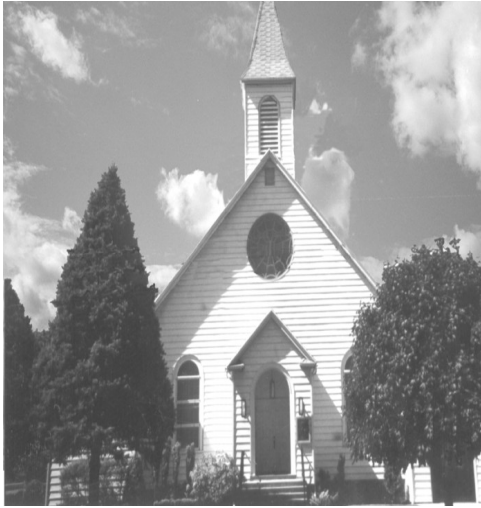


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



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.
Business Manager.....Eleanor Cox
Parish Council Chairperson.....Theresa White
Faith Formation Director.....Kathleen Brachmann
Youth Ministry.....Keith Dash
RCIA.....Scott Schaefer
Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash
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& Theresa White
Parish Vocation Coordinator.....Kris Dash
Respect Life.....Legion of Mary
Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard
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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, March 9

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM - All the Faithful Departed

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM - Father's Day Intentions

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 AM - Members of Cribs Donor Guild

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

9:00 AM - Dolores Brachmann - by Brachmann
Family

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM - Rev. Walter Matuszak - by Rev. Michael
Parker

Sunday, March 17

10:30 AM - Rev. Edward Czarnecki - by Ron &
Anne Haak

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, March 9

9:15 a.m. - WINGS - Church Hall
5:30 p.m. -- Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 10

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
9:15 a.m. -- Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship

March 3, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,812.00

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Ministry Schedule -- March 16 & 17

Lector

5:30 p.m. - Donna Roof
10:30 a.m. - Deacon

Ministers

Sue Cummings
Steve Smith



From the Pastor...

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Living in the Light

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history: God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah, His promises to Abraham, the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant, the covenant with David.

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple.

God is rich in mercy, as today's Second Reading teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations. In Jesus, God keeps that promise. Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation. Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself. Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves, as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

Do note that in John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News. It is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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:

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. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church:

March 12 - St. Mary of the Lake; March 19 - St. John Paul II.

'Synod on Synodality' Listening Session

All are invited to the Synod on Synodality Diocesan Listening Session Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish Center, 130 Como Park Blvd., Buffalo.

The evening will walk through the synthesis from the first general assembly in Rome and offer an opportunity to have your voice heard on a variety of discussion topics that will be presented.



Please Remember in Your Prayers...

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiappararo, 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, Angela Jones, 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



Traditionally, the month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. We celebrate the feast day of the earthly father of Jesus on Tuesday, March 19 this year. We draw special attention to Saint Joseph in the Diocese of Buffalo because he is our patron.

Although we do not hear a lot about Saint Joseph in scripture, what we do read tells us that he was a just and devout man. His life was taken in a direction he could have never imagined, finding out his wife to be with child and receiving a vision from an angel of God. Throughout it all, Saint Joseph remained steadfast in his faith. He knew in his heart that God was in control and had great trust in Him.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard wrote, "Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint." Brother Andre Bessette exemplified that.

In these unique and challenging times, full of change and new beginnings, let us ask Saint Joseph for his intercession. Let us strive to emulate his faith by careful devotion to his model of faith, hope and love. I invite you to consider invoking St. Joseph to pray for us every time we gather in community. And consider between March 11 through March 19 to commit to praying the novena to Saint Joseph, asking him to pray to our Father in Heaven that our Church, our Diocese, our Family, our Parishes will be renewed and flourish through our embrace and working in our renewal process.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



St. Joseph Table

Most Precious Blood Parish will have its annual St. Joseph Day Dinner Tuesday, March 19 in the Hall from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All are invited to partake of the traditional Sicilian meal which

features a meatless cuisine.

Beginning with lentil soup, diners will select a pasta dish topped with a tomato sauce (with or without the sardine/fennel mixture), vegetable omelets, fish, eggplant, dandelions and other vegetables breaded and fried. Desserts will include sfinge and cannoli. Various beverages will also be served.

-- Holy Week --
Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Holy Thursday - (March 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
St. John Paul II

Altar of Reposes - until 10:00 p.m.
St. Mary of the Lake, St. John Paul II,
Most Precious Blood

Good Friday - (March 29)

Stations of the Cross - 8:30 a.m. - St John Paul II

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. - St. Francis

Good Friday Services - 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake and Most Precious Blood

Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m. - St. Francis

Holy Saturday - (March 30)

Basket Blessing

10:00 a.m. - St. John Paul II (SCS Gym)

12:00 p.m. - St. Francis (Social Center)

1:00 p.m. - St. Anthony (Parish Hall)

Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. - St. Francis and St. Anthony

Easter Sunday - (March 31)

8:00 a.m. - Most Precious Blood

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - St. Francis

9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. St. John Paul II

10:30 a.m. - St. Anthony

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Lake

Lenten Events at St. Anthony's

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.

Catholic Charities

HOPE when hope feels lost

Asking for help can be difficult. That's why the Catholic Charities staff works to create a welcoming environment in order to serve others with dignity and respect. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, you support this level of care. Give today and help provide HOPE to those in need. Visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Chiavetta's Drive-Thru Barbecue

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will host a Drive-Thru Barbecue Dinner by Chiavetta's Sunday, March 17 from Noon until 6:00 p.m. Menu choices are: 1/2 Chicken Dinner (\$15); 1/2 Rack of Ribs Dinner (\$18); Full Rack of Ribs Dinner (\$29).

A Vocation View

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light," Jesus told Nicodemus. Step into the light of Jesus and hear His calling in your life. If it involves a Church vocation, visit buffalovocations.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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Patty Friend - Town Historian

**Thomas G. walker, his wife (Clara) and two daughters
(Edith and Dorothy) all served as Farnham postmasters (1915-1981).**

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.