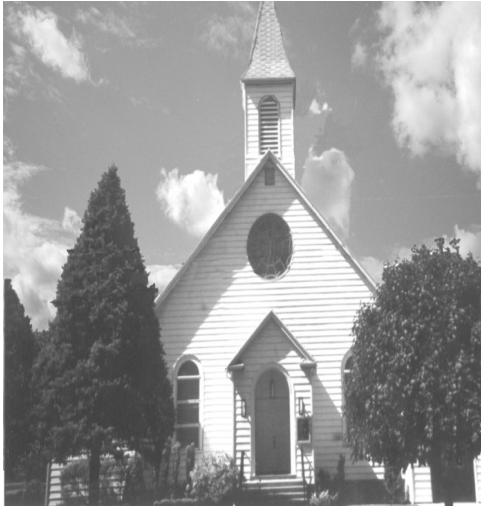


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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Rev. Ross Syracuse
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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.

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.

Bulletin Updates

In an effort to update information in the bulletin, names in some continuing articles have been deleted. This has occurred on the cover page and in prayers for the sick. If an error has been made, please report it to the parish office.

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 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

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM - Carol Montford - Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

9:00 AM - Mother's Day Intention

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:30 PM - Reid Scout Hamilton - by Family

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Of the Lord

10:30 AM - All Faithfully Departed



From the Pastor...

Fifth Sunday of Lent: The "Hour" Comes

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Now in Chapter 12 is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus, in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world. Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God. But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father, to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion. Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted. Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects.

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Second Reading, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross, as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth. Where He has gone, we can follow, if we let Him lead us.

To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience; confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, March 16

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

5:30 p.m. -- Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 17

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 p.m. -- Penance Service

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship

March 10, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,812.00
 Black & Native American Missions.....\$200.00
 Easter Flowers.....\$387.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the recently deceased of the parish and community, especially for

Renee McMullen

Decorating for Easter

In preparation for Easter, decorating St. Anthony's Church will take place Holy Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Ministry Schedule -- March 23 & 24

Lector

Ministers

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone

K. Zukowski

10:30 a.m. - S. Kief

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 below:

St. Anthony's - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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.

A LENTEN REFLECTION

Join Fr. Timothy Koester, Pastor, as he reflects on the Family's journey. You are invited to attend the last session March 19 which begins at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Paul II in the church.

FAMILY PENANCE SERVICE

A Penance Service for all parishes of the Lakeshore Faith Community will take place at St. Anthony's Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the following members of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St. Anthony's Church March 2: Amelia Clark, Reagan Hamilton, Logan Kwilos, Riley Leonard, Klayton White, Terrence White and Mason Williams.

Rev. Timothy Koester, pastor of the Family of Churches, delivered the opening prayer and distributed certificates following the First Confession event.



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, Glenn Cummings, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lorraine Dotterel, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Inez Hacker, Carol Hoppa, Darlean Jewell-Morales, Angela Jones, Kerry, Stanley Kowal,

Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, 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, Kira Palermo, Alicia Parisio,

Michael Pawelek, Rylee Pierce, Nina Reghetti, Eugene & Mary Rigby, Joyce Rogers, Jim Ross, Jean Marie Sadowy, Robert S. Sciandra, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, Kathy Solly, James Spano, LouAnn Stevenson,

Elisabeth Stoklosa, Ruth Taggart, Elizabeth Valvo, BethAnne Van Horn, Don Waite, Laure Weidner, Gene Welty, Gregory Winger Jr., Matthew Young, Chris Zgoda.



Road to Renewal

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which takes precedence over the memorial of Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick left us a model of immeasurable value. He was not Irish, but he found his faith while being held prisoner by a group of Irish raiders.

At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner, transported to Ireland and held captive for six years. He worked as a shepherd, away from people, lonely and afraid. He turned to his religion for solace, became a devout Catholic and upon release, was educated and prepared for the priesthood.

Upon ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland to minister to Catholics already living there and to convert the Irish who were practicing pagan religions. He is known as the patron saint of Ireland.

After becoming a priest and helping to spread Christianity throughout Ireland, Patrick was likely proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim. In the face of challenge and adversity, Patrick put his faith and trust in the Lord to return to those souls in need of Christ. His journey was full of uncertainty, challenges, and people who wanted to do wrong by him. He did not retreat or give in to pagan practices.

Patrick is a wonderful example for us in Lent but maybe at this time in our Renewal, Lawsuits and Chapter 11, even more so. Let us also call upon Saint Patrick to intercede for us, to make us better missionary disciples on our journey.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Diocese Honors 5 in Lakeshore Family



Congratulations to five members of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community who were among those from throughout the Diocese receiving the Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker last Saturday at the Cathedral.

Honored were **Phillip and Cheryl Waterman** (St. Anthony), **Spencer Vail** (Most Precious Blood), **Roger Nicol** (St. Mary of the Lake) and **Nancy Whytas** (St. John Paul II).

Bishop Michael W. Fisher, who presided over the day's Mass, said, "With gratitude for the generosity and ministry and the work that you do for our parishes, our pastors and our people, we honor you this day."

And the Lakeshore Family adds, "Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You make a difference."



St. Joseph Table at St. Anthony's

A dinner to honor St. Joseph will take place at St. Anthony Parish Saturday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m., prior to the weekend Vigil Mass.

The traditional meatless meal will feature pasta dishes, vegetables and fish with other side items, as well as desserts and beverages. Although there is no admission charge, a free-will offering will be accepted. All are invited.

-- 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

Catholic Charities

Did you know that St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Catholic Charities2024 Appeal?

St. Patrick is known for his unwavering faith and tenacious drive to spread the Gospel. Celebrating his feast day this Sunday, we pray that we, too, can be steadfast in our mission and have the same zeal for Christ's work through us as St. Patrick did. May we follow his example. St Patrick, pray for us!

Make an Appeal donation at www.cwny.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

We are the people of God's New Covenant, and the Covenant is renewed at every Mass. Who will continue to lead this profound act of worship? If God is asking you to consider the priesthood, 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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Patty Friend - Town Historian

The Farnham Hotel, once operated by Pius Schwert as a saloon, was the only building left when the Village of Farnham burned in 1899.

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.