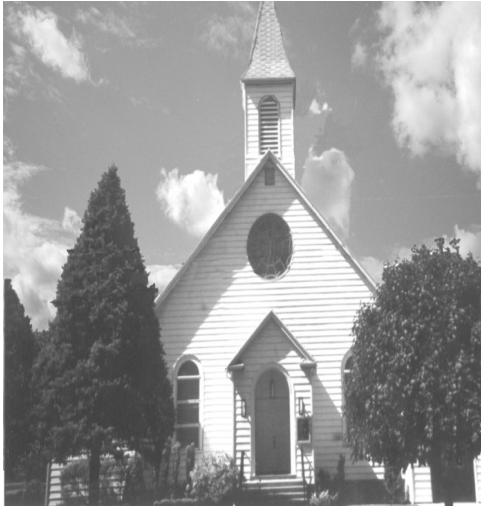


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

PASTOR EMERITUS -- Rev. James Fliss

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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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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 2
Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
 5:30 PM - Carol Montford - Estate

Sunday, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent
 10:30 AM - Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Estate

Monday, March 4 - St. Casimir
 8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood
 & at St. Francis

Tuesday, March 5
 9:00 AM - End Abortion - by Legion of Mary


Wednesday, March 6
 8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood
 & at St. Francis

Thursday, March 7- St. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs
 9:00 AM - Don Mogavero - by Carl & Luyen Dillon

Friday, March 1 - St. John of God, religious
 8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood
 & at St. Francis

Saturday, March 9
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 5:30 PM - All Souls - by St. John's RC Church

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10:30 AM - Father's Day Intentions



From the Pastor...
Third Sunday of Lent: Our Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. Now let's see if we can put it together, for our present Lent!

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it, to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come: to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples. The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands. Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves.

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices, only that Israel heed His commandments. His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love, perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross.

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today, the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Second Reading. Jesus' body, destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later, is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God.

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires. We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ, offering our bodies, all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others.

This Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this "sign" for us and for our world. We take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayer we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us in prayer and worship.

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, March 2
 9:15 a.m. - WINGS - Church Hall
 1:00 p.m. - First Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. -- Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 3
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 9:15 a.m. -- Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Tuesday, March 5
 9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary
 5:00 p.m. -- Soup Dinner
 6:00 p.m. - Reflections with Fr. Tim
 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
 6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 6
 8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship
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Ministry Schedule -- March 9 & 10

<i><u>Rector</u></i>	<i><u>Ministers</u></i>
5:30 p.m. - Keith Dash	Laura Nosbisch
10:30 a.m. - Sandie Hooge	Rose & Tony Cerabone

Lenten Events at St. Anthony's

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.



**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:

March 5 - St. Anthony; March 12 - St. Mary of the Lake; March 19 - St. John Paul II.

St. Patrick Day Party at MPB

Most Precious Blood Parish's St Patrick Day Party takes 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.

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 Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Bob Cummings, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Cxyz, 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 Zgodna, Judith Zielinski.



Road to Renewal

In these first three Sunday's of Lent we have experienced the temptation of Jesus in the Desert, experienced the Transfiguration, and now with the backdrop of Moses receiving the decalogue, we find Jesus overturning the Temple. In today's story we find that John places the context as soon after the first "Sign" or Miracle. This is intriguing and deliberate by the Church. I find all this saying to me that we must be rooted in the law and tradition, we must believe in the "real presence" of God in our lives, and we must return our love to God's, always. It is first and forever, God first! Trials and temptations and moral quagmire are real, but the endgame is us and how we engage.

If you haven't heard it, the Road to Renewal process was invoked by Pope Francis' call to Re-Evangelize our more recent losses, and to Evangelize the world in our time. It is designed to help us unite and grow stronger as the people of God. The particular model we are using incorporates the required reorganization put forth in the Chapter 11 process, and the Church's vision. Ultimately, we are forming our Church for the second half of the Twenty-first Century. Responsible to required State, Court, Church, and Diocesan Guidelines, our faith is at the core, rooted in scripture and tradition, passed down from Christ to the apostles and safeguarded and taught by the magisterium of the Church.

I have tried to listen to all, consulted with representatives and collaborated with the clergy. In the end, I am responsible to bring "Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community" and all its components through this process. I've tried to put forth things for the whole, and have done that through these vehicles (bulletin, web-page text and app). I will continue these and we are working on better ways as we go forward. I have learned from these first three weeks of Lent that we must be rooted in the law and tradition; we must believe in the "real presence" of God in your lives; and we must return our love to God's, always. For me it is first and forever, God first! Consider the same.

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim

'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.



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

STEM Night at St. Francis HS

St. Francis High School presents STEM Night Tuesday, March 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for boys currently in grades 6, 7 or 8.

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



Soup Dinner at St. Anthony's

All are invited to a dinner of soup and bread at St. Anthony's Tuesday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. prior to Reflections by Fr. Tim at 6:00 and Stations of the Cross at 7:00. There is no charge and no reservations are needed. You may bring a pot of your hot soup to share if you so wish.

St. Joseph Table

The Dentice Family invites you to its 38th annual St. Joseph Table Wednesday, March 9 from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 1419, Lakeview Rd., Hamburg. Although there is no admission price, a free-will offering will be accepted.

In addition to the traditional food, the evening will include music and raffles. Proceeds will benefit Operation Good Neighbor, Pancreatic Action Network, and Lake Shore Central Scholarship Fund.

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).

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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Everyone is welcome.