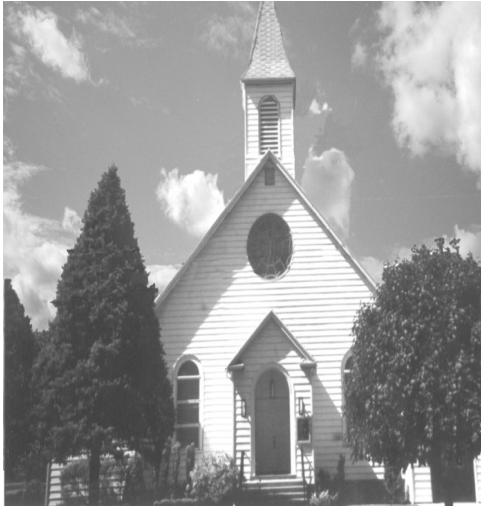


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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Rev. Michael Johnson

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Joe Gray
Deacon Neal Linnan
Deacon Steven 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

TrusteesSandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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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, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; St. John Paul II - Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism are to be made with the parish priest. Parents should be registered in the parish and attend Baptismal classes. Call the rectory to schedule.

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 30

Easter Vigil:

8:30 PM - Deceased Clergy of St. Anthony's

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:30 AM - People of the Parish

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM - To end abortions - by Legion of Mary

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

9:00 AM - Claire Gendron - by Steve Csati Family

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM - Rev. Walter Matuzak - by Rev. Michael Parker

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, March 30

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Baskets

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31

10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 2

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship

March 24, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,708.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- April 6 & 7

Lector

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof

10:30 a.m. - Deacon

Ministers

L. Nosbisch

S. Smith



From the Pastor...

Easter Sunday: New Day

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days. Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile. Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld. Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word "tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do -- raised Him up on the third day. What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree, to His rising from the dead. We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Second Reading says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come, when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

Our story of Faith is His Resurrection Story shared in the Eucharist.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

A Vocation View

The Lord has truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call?

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please visit buffalovocations.org or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy with Adoration, a sung Chaplet and solemn Benediction April 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone from the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community is invited to participate and benefit from God's Grace.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation sessions at St. Anthony Parish will resume Sunday, April 14.



Operation Storm Heaven

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

Dates to Remember

Please take note of the following future events scheduled in parishes of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community:

1. April 20 - **Pork Chop Dinner** - Most Precious Blood.
2. May 4 - **Meat Raffle** - St. Mary of the Lake

More specific information will be published in future bulletin articles.



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 Chiapparato, 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, Josephine Leonard, Joanne Leone, Barbra Lewellen, Dan Lewellen, Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebecca Hall-Marshall, 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



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia! Today the words of Pope Saint John Paul II echo out "We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Our Churches are illumined with the Easter flowers, families are coming together to break bread and rejoice that truly the Lord Jesus Christ is risen. Thank you to everyone who played a role in preparing our Triduum and Easter celebrations. Easter Blessings on all who attended and brought others.

We are carefully and pastorally implementing our initial action plans. The Pillar groups are honing a few more action items and now working on a five year strategic plan, and how to implement both. Parish Pillar Teams are still important to help research and advise the Pillar groups. All the Pillar Group representatives are invited to assist in implementing the accepted plan. There is still room on these Parish Pillars for members and workers.

The next family pastoral council meeting will continue to flesh out these proposals and suggest the best way to move forward. I pray the time we take now to carefully look at all aspects of the renewal and consult with as many people as possible will show its value as we go on. I am optimistic in our working together and seeking together God's Plan for us. I am realistic in considering the unknowns and challenges like Chapter 11/Reorganization and our world situation.

This Easter let us take inspiration from the disciples who found the tomb empty and ran out rejoicing because God has been recognized in His Son, today in an empty tomb, but in the weeks ahead in His visits and in the breaking of the bread. My final prayer today is that we experience this as a Family of Believers.

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim



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 takes 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 at 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.

'Hockey Night' at SJP2



The Holy Name Society of St. John Paul II Parish will host "Hockey Night" Thursday April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church's Community Room. Guest speakers are Fr. Paul Sabo and Executive Director Bill Schuster.

All men (21+) are welcome and requested to invite a friend. Also included in the evening's highlight are fellowship, pizza, snacks and beverages.

Catholic Charities

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate Christ's triumph over death and his promise of eternal life for those who come and turn their hearts to Him. Through His sacrifice and glory He gives us every reason for HOPE. May your hearts and homes be filled with joy and overflowing gratitude for God's love for us.

Appeal 2024 is ongoing. Please give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Summer Camps at St. Francis HS

A program for boys entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2024 is being offered at St. Francis High School. Included are such inter-active activities as a movie-making workshop, robotics, E-sports and more. Multiple sports camps for various grade levels also will be available for young athletes to learn the basics.

For more information, call 716-627-1200 ext. 455 or email admission@stfrancishigh.org.

One Week Closing of Offices

All Parish Offices of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community will be closed for the week following Easter, from Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5. In case of an emergency, leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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

In 1864 John Grennell of Milestrip Rd. was one of the area's first dairy farmers.

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