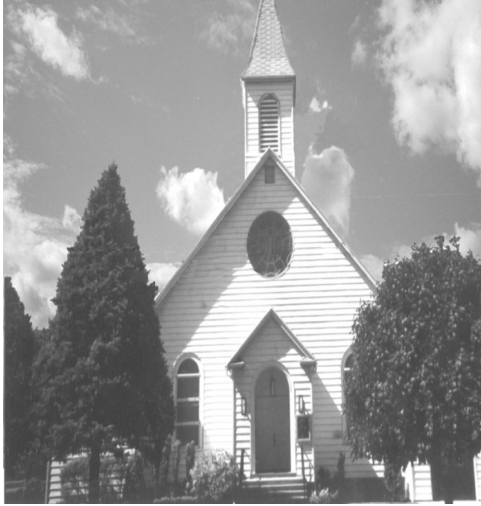


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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St. Anthony's Church

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Rev. Johnson Machado
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

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Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard
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Scout Troop #421.....Wayne Ames
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.

Parish Membership

New members are always welcome into the parish family. Please contact the parish priest or the rectory.

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).



Daily Masses & Intentions

Saturday, April 20

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:30 PM - Frank Muscato - by Judy Burghart

Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM - Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Estate

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 AM - Irene Hall - by Family

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

9:00 AM - Ana Rakacic - by Dorene & Kathy

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:30 PM - All Souls

Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM - Mother's Day Novena

From the Pastor...

Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Shepherd's Voice



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. Today we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we have a role.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood. His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church. Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church.

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did, as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. In today's Second Reading, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them. Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures.

In this Easter Season, we are His Shepherding, we should vow again to be more faithful followers. We reach out to share His Love and Compassion for all. So let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar, and the Eucharist we are called to be.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once said, "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease" (Dominicae Cenae #3).

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, April 20

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 23

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship

April 14, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,461.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- April 27 & 28

Lector

Ministers

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof

E. Brittain

10:30 a.m. - Deacon

S. Smith, N. Crane

Altar Servers:

Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses.

Meat Raffle May 4

St. Mary of the Lake Parish will host its Annual Spring Meat Raffle Saturday, May 4 in the Social Center, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg.

Meat is provided by Latina Foods and will include Mineo & Sapio Italian sausage, breaded chicken, racks of ribs, Sahlen's hot dogs, hams, top rounds, pork loins/chops, Rosina meatballs and steak/shrimp specials.

Admission is \$10 (pre-sale available). Tables of eight may be reserved for \$70. The admission price includes beverages (no outside alcohol permitted). Bring your own snacks and single bills for wheel spins. The final raffle prize is a Weber grill, grill cover and wicker picnic basket. If anyone would like to donate a theme basket, it may be dropped off at any parish office of the Family and would be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds will benefit St. Mary of the Lake Church. For more information, call 716-627-7700.

Catholic Charities' MST Program

Do you know of a young person (12-17 years) who is displaying chronic negative behavior such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Perhaps the parents would appreciate information about Catholic Charities Multisystems Therapy Program (MST) in Erie County.

MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program facilitated in the youth's natural environment, including the home. For more information, call 716-207-7472.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.



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,
Glenn Cummings, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang,
Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lorraine Dotterel,

Lorraine Dunkel, 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, Barbrea 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

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC 1324)

As we prepare to celebrate Life in the Eucharist as the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community this May, I encourage you to reflect upon the Holy Eucharist. Is the Eucharist my source and summit? Have I done everything I can to show my love for the Eucharist to family, friends, and others?

I have been told that I have not been clear: Pillar Groups are the model we are using for the Road to Renewal to help include as many parishioners' ideas and suggestions, and to invite some new parishioners who may not have been involved in past programs an opportunity to contribute. The Parish Pillars were asked to meet as representatives of the Parish they belong to, compile a listing of what our Parish is doing and what we would like to do. This information would be shared with the Parish Council and the Family Pillar Groups of the same category.

The Family Pillar Groups are restricted to two representatives from a Parish and are to be able to represent all Parishes because their purpose is to compile the lists of what we have going on in the Family and to help us recognize duplication and conflicts and suggest ways to go forward as a Family. We submitted an initial Action Plan and now should be updating with new information or thoughts that we missed or come forward and caught up with from our Parish Pillars. This then ultimately leads to a five year plan.

The Family Pillars information goes to the Family Council who reviews and considers the topside instructions and expectations, i.e. Church Law, Diocesan Policy, Renew "suggestions," Diocesan Office Directives, State and Federal Law and Court directives. The clergy meets to review and makes the recommendations that I have signed off on.

Let us entrust our work and decision making to the Eucharistic heart of our Blessed Lord, who never abandons us, who never closes the door to His heart. Let's not close the door of our heart to Him.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Knights of Columbus

Senior Catholic men, 50 years and older, who are not affiliated with a Knights of Columbus organization or who do not have access to a senior Knights division, are invited to attend luncheon meetings of the Hamburg Council 2220.

These meetings take place the first and third Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon at the Hamburg Knights of Columbus, 69 Pierce Ave., Hamburg. For more information, contact Joe Pietrocarlo at 716-627-7497.

Life in the Eucharist

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As Catholics, we draw our strength and nourishment from the Eucharist Jesus made present to us every time we attend Holy Mass or Eucharistic Adoration.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to a five-session retreat, *Life in the Eucharist*. Attend one session for five consecutive weeks to learn more about the Eucharist and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with it. Registration forms can be found on the family website lakeshorecatholicfc.org or in the church vestibule. Please return the form to the parish office via mail or collection basket. Each session begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Please note the schedule and place of each session: May 1-St. Francis; May 8-St. Mary of the Lake; May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Anthony.

Catholic Women’s Conference

Be Still, a Catholic Women’s Conference, will take place Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute, 845 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. The day includes: continental breakfast, Vigil Mass, national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, vendors.

More information and tickets are available by visiting www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org. Email catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com or call 716-725-9551.

Spring Concert at St. Francis HS

Choral and instrumental groups at St. Francis High School will present their spring concert at the school Thursday, April 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

A Vocation View

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst.

If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

‘31 Days of May’ Cash Giveaway To Benefit Southtowns Catholic

A daily drawing of \$50 (\$100 Fridays) will take place to determine winners in the “31 Days of May” cash giveaway. Tickets are \$20 and are available for purchase (cash or check) at all Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community parish offices (Most Precious Blood, St. Anthony, St. Mary of the Lake, St. Francis and St. John Paul II). A prize of \$1000 will be given away May 31.

Checks should be made payable to Southtowns Catholic School. Proceeds will benefit the students of the school.

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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BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The first telephone line was installed in Brant in 1898.

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