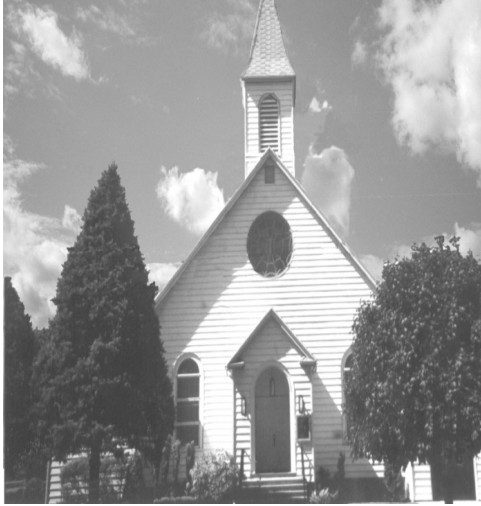


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

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Rev. Ross Syracuse
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

TrusteesSandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash
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Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard
Custodian.....George Cordia
Cemetery Sextons.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker
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 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

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

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

Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pious V, pope

9:00 AM - Carol Mortford - Estate

Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

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

Thursday, May 2 - National Day of Prayer

9:00 AM - Susan Clark - by Queen Family

Friday, May 3 - St. Philip & James, apostles

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

Saturday, May 4

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM - For All the Children of St. Anthony Parish

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, April 27

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 28

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 30

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Stewardship

April 21, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,109.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- May 4 & 5

Lector

Ministers

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone

L. Nosbisch

10:30 a.m. - S. Hooge

S. Smith, L. Andrzewski

Altar Servers:

Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses.

From the Pastor...

Fifth Sunday of Easter: On the Vine

Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be -- the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations. In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine, His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life. We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us, as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness.

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Second Reading tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us, and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming His praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives... and lived by us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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

HOPE Day, Catholic Charities' one day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort, is May 15. Last year's HOPE Day was historic as donors gave a record \$507,456. This year Catholic Charities is aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz.

Go to www.ccwny.org for more details on how to make a contribution, help spread the word, track the progress on HOPE Day, and to view the full list of programs and services.



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, 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

How fortuitous that our Scripture this weekend reminds us of the love Jesus passed on to us and calls us to live. Again, that is the center of our Renewal.

This week, our family pastoral council meets to continue discussing our family pillar action plans and the foundations for our family five-year goal. Our focus this week is forming disciples. The forming disciples pillar is focused on formation. This includes faith formation for our grade school children, sacramental preparation, RCIA, and Catholic education. By bringing our resources, experience, and different methods of formation together, we hope to foster a true spirit of ongoing catechesis for all ages and to gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and His Church on earth.

Bringing people together to foster relationships and spiritual growth is a big part of our renewal process. During the month of May, I invite you to join us as we participate in Life in the Eucharist. This 5-sessions retreat will not only display each of our parishes to our community but also, more importantly, foster a deeper relationship with our Lord present to us every day in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Do not think that Jesus Christ is forgetful of you, since he has left you, as the greatest memorial and pledge of his love, himself in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar." -- *St Alphonsus Liguori*

May God continue to be the lighthouse that guides and illuminates our renewal efforts.

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.

Easter Flowers Available

Flowers that adorned the sanctuary during Easter are now in the Children's Room. Parishioners are invited to take them home.

Life in the Eucharist

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesial ministries and work 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 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 that the schedule has been revised: May 1 - St. Francis; May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Mary of the Lake; June 5 - St. Anthony.

Ascension Thursday

The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension Thursday, May 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following is the schedule of Masses in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community for that day:

- **Most Precious Blood** - May 8 (Vigil) 6:00 p.m.
- **St. Mary of the Lake** - May 8 (Vigil) 7:00 p.m.
- **St. John Paul II** - May 9 - 8:30 a.m.
- **St. Anthony** - May 9 - 9:00 a.m.
- **St. Francis** - May 9 - 12:00 Noon

Operation Storm Heaven

The recitation of the Rosary will take place Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Church of St. John Paul II. All are welcome.

A Vocation View

“Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches.” Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body and Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar.

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

Located in Brant Town Hall Patty Friend - Town Historian
The population of Brant in 1845 was 987.
Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.
9:30 a.m. -- Noon Everyone is welcome.