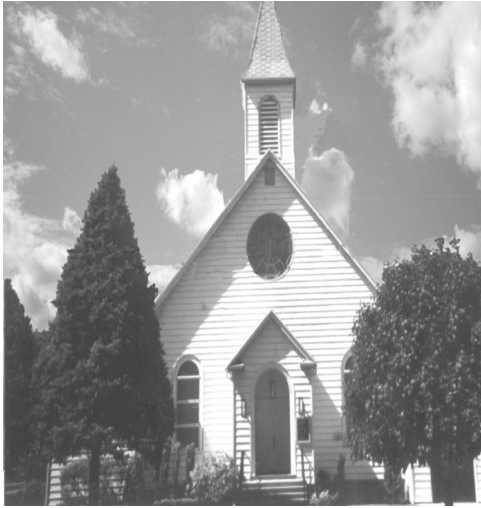


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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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.

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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, 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

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

9:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:30 PM - All the Faithful Departed

Sunday, April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM - Jerry Clark - by Barbara Clark

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, April 6

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 7

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 9

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

- Faith Formation resumes Sunday, April 14 -

Stewardship

March 31, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,499.00
Holy Land.....\$50.00

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Ministry Schedule -- April 13 & 14

Lector

Ministers

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone

S. Cummings

10:30 a.m. - S. Kief

S. Smith, L. Andrzejewski

Altar Servers: Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses



From the Pastor...

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Day the Lord Made

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever." Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side, we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us. We encounter Him as the apostles did in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's Day. There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers. He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord." Isn't this what happens in the Mass, where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Thomas represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks evidence that the Jesus who appeared after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made; the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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.

Meat Raffle Planned for 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.

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



Please Remember in Your Prayers...

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames,
Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistri-
eri,

Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski,
Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu,
Lucille Chiapparano, 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,
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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Between 1931 and 1938, our blessed Lord appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun with the message of Divine Mercy. Sister recalls these visions in her diary. One of the directions of our blessed Lord is recalled by her, "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy." Today, the universal Church celebrates this feast of Divine Mercy.

God's desire to give us His mercy is met by our desire to receive His mercy. This union of desire elevates our souls to deeper communion with our Lord and love of our neighbor. It is thus prudent to ask ourselves, how do we exhibit mercy in our own lives? Are we patient with others? Do we forgive those who seek forgiveness from us? Are we allowing the Lord to use us as an instrument for His mercy to spread across the globe?

We embark on another month of road to renewal meetings, listening, and planning. Please, with me reflect upon our Lord's desire for mercy. As we endeavor to grow faithfully and obediently within the process, we may struggle with perceived "change," frustration or disappointment. Remember God's Mercy and that it is our Desire to Receive it that we have a say in it. Then be merciful to others in all of what we are, especially in this process. And, be merciful to yourself; do not allow anything to draw you away from our Lord.

God is always merciful and present to us. Open the door of your heart and allow the grace of mercy to overcome you. And live it.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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

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.



'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.

'She Did It All' Presentation

She Did it All, a live, one-man theatrical work about the life of Venerable Nelson Baker, will be presented Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii auditorium, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. It strives to educate, inspire and entertain and is meant for all ages.

See how Father Baker recovers from a deadly infection and discovers a lasting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Witness how his trust in Mary's intercession transformed a bankrupt orphanage into one of the greatest institutions of its kind in America.

Learn more as Father Baker guides thousand of orphaned and wayward boys, educating their minds and hearts by providing them with the tools necessary to become respectable citizens, husbands and fathers. Listen to how he built a basilica to give thanks and honor to the Mother of God for her constant patronage.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. While there is no admission charge, a free will offering will be accepted.

MPB to Host Pork Chop Dinner

Most Precious Blood Parish will have its spring Pork Chop Dinner in the Hall (17 Prospect St.) Saturday, April 20 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Dinner includes: breaded boneless pork chops, roasted potatoes, sweet & sour cabbage, green beans, applesauce, chef salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Please call the rectory office (716-549-0420) for tickets. The donation is \$15.

A Vocation View

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." God's mercy is shown most clearly through the Sacrament of Confession, which Jesus gave to the Apostles in today's Gospel. Who will administer this Sacrament in our day to those in need of God's mercy? Could it be you? 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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Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.
9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.