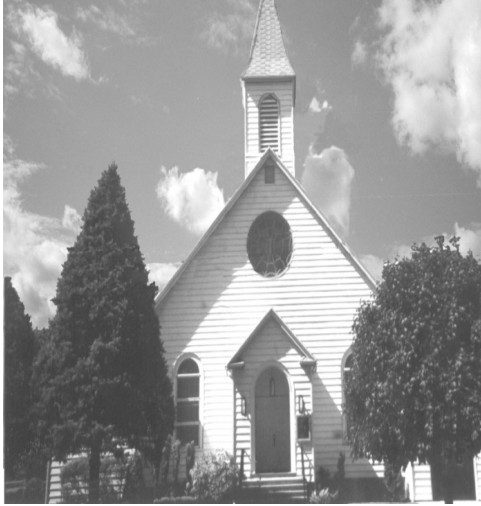


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

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St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

PASTOR EMERITUS -- Rev. James Fliss

PAROCHIAL VICARS

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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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, May 11

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:30 PM - All Mothers of St. Anthony's Parish

Sunday, May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Mother's Day)

10:30 AM - All Mothers of St. Anthony's Parish

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 AM - Charles Hall - by Family

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

9:00 AM - Cribs Donor Guild - Estate

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:30 PM - Russ Battaglia - by Jo Battaglia

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM - Mother's Day Novena

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, May 11

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 12

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 14

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

7:00 p.m. - Living Rosary

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Drive

Stewardship

May 5, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,768.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- May 18 & 19

Lector

Ministers

5:30 p.m. - K. Dash

E. Brittain

10:30 a.m. - S. Kief

S. Smith, N. Crane

Altar Servers:

Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses.

From the Pastor...

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Kingdom Remains

We have commemorated Jesus Ascending into heaven and now our focus is upon the Spirit. Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame. The events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're in the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem and a new house of David. He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel. That's why it is crucial to replace Judas, so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry. No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us; that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protect us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love. The Church is our route to that Perfection; we now live in that love.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Men's Prayer Group to Meet

At its meeting Thursday, May 16, the Men's Prayer Group of St. John Paul II will feature Rev. Ross Syracuse as its speaker. Fr. Ross will present a talk at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room on "Deeper Meaning of Parables."

Recitation of the Rosary will take place prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the main church. A light meal will be served at 6:00. All men of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community are invited to the meeting. Please RSVP to Vince Vaccarelli at vincentvacc@verizon.net or call 716-536-9271.

Chicken Barbecue at SMOL

St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, will host a Chiavetta's char-broiled barbecue dinner Sunday, May 12 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. Menu choices are:

- 1/2 chicken, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$15.
- 1/2 rack of ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$18.
- Full rack of ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$29.

Food Drive

St. Anthony Parish will have a food drive to support Operation Good Neighbor Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information or to arrange for pickup, contact Judy or Matt Burke at 716-863-2440.

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 Bolistriero, 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, 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

GK Chesterton wrote, "One of the most necessary and most neglected points about the story called history is the fact that the story is not finished."

Looking at our World, our Country, our Diocese, our Family, we may be tempted to feel like all is done and lost. There is a temptation to hear and see things only the way that we want them to be the "golden era." We may group all the situations together and view every crisis or bad feelings as the same. My observation is that by and large today most, especially the Media and those who have a bully pulpit, seem to project one's own dark thoughts, emotions, and motives onto others. I keep hearing that we are being "gaslighted" or that we just don't understand. This is our story, OUR story.

Don't forget the most important part of history -- our story. God became man, and left us an unshakable and objective truth, that He won. He didn't even leave us alone when He Ascended. God has not forgotten us or lost us. God and His teachings have not changed. We are His people, each made in His likeness and image.

The story is not finished. In many ways it has just begun. We have the Scriptures, the traditions, and a wonderful charter called the Church, which has faced all this and more before. Let me bring this back to us and the reason for this column each week. We have been given a challenge to address in our Church: some from without, lawsuits and civil laws; some from within, lower number of priests and individuals' personal faith crises. But we have a God who loves and gave us an example...love one another.

All our history, all our memories, all our traditions and teachings are what help us to go right. I dare say, we have a great role to play today, now, in our World, in our Country, in our Church, in our Diocese, in our Family. Let us stay focused on conforming our hearts to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ: to love as He has asked, to focus as our Road to Renewal has asked us, to equip ourselves to serve the poor, visit the imprisoned, welcome the lost sheep and bring souls to heaven with us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



Living Rosary at St Anthony Parish

St. Anthony Parish will host the Living Rosary Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Those planning to participate are to meet in the Church Hall by 6:30 p.m.

First Communion at St. Anthony's

Five young people distinguished themselves last weekend when they participated in the sacrament of First Communion. Congratulations are extended from the parish to: Dominick DiCioccio, Burke Hamilton, Maxwell Lovria, Anabelle Orlando, and Riley Sills.

Life in the Eucharist

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical 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 the *Life in the Eucharist* retreat. Attend one session or more 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.

Remaining sessions are May 15 - St. John Paul II; May 22 - Most Precious Blood; May 29 - St. Mary of the Lake; June 5 - St. Anthony.

Trip Planned to Pirates Game



The Holy Name Society of St. John Paul II Parish will sponsor a trip to Pittsburgh for a Pirates baseball game Saturday, June 22. The trip is open to members of parishes in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community.

The time of departure from the Hamburg church is 11:30 a.m. and the return trip directly follows the game. The cost of the trip and attending the game is \$100 per person. The Holy Name Society will provide snacks and refreshments for the journey. Because space is limited, reserve soon by contacting Jonathan Molik at 716-627-2910.

A Vocation View

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, visit buffalovocations.org or call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

'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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Patty Friend - Town Historian

Brant's First Strawberry Festival took place in June 1956.

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.