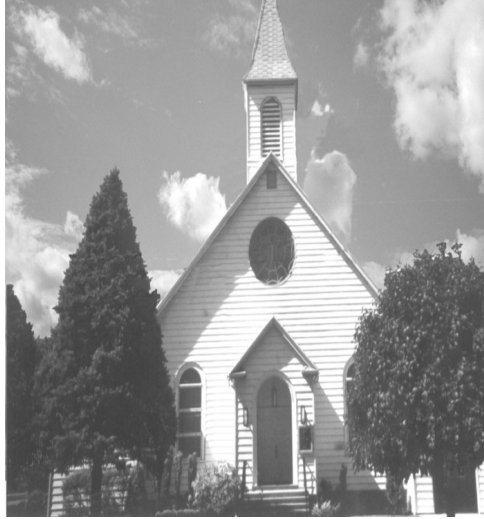


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



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

Trustees.....Sandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
Business Manager.....Eleanor Cox
Parish Council Chairperson.....Theresa White
Faith Formation Director.....Kathleen Brachmann
Youth Ministry.....Keith Dash
Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash
Liturgy.....Donna Roof
Music Ministry.....Mike Cerabone
Children's Liturgy of the Word.....Michelle Baumgarden
Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard
Custodian.....George Cordia
Cemetery Sextons.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker
Scout Troop #421.....Wayne Ames
Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana

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).

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.



Daily Masses & Intentions

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

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 AM - David Fennessey - by Sister, Verna

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

9:00 AM - All Souls

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:30 PM - Helen Gorkiewicz - by Family

Sunday, May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity

10:30 AM- Joann Grady-by Neighbors on Sandy Lane

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, May 18

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 19

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 21

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, May 25

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 26

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Stewardship

May 12, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,163.00

Ascension.....\$330.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- May 25 & 26

Lector

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof

10:30 a.m. - S. Hooge

Ministers

E. Brittain

R. Cerabone, T. Cerab

Altar Servers:

Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses.

From the Pastor...

Pentecost Sunday: A New Wind

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. This event marks the beginning of the Church. The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai. In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

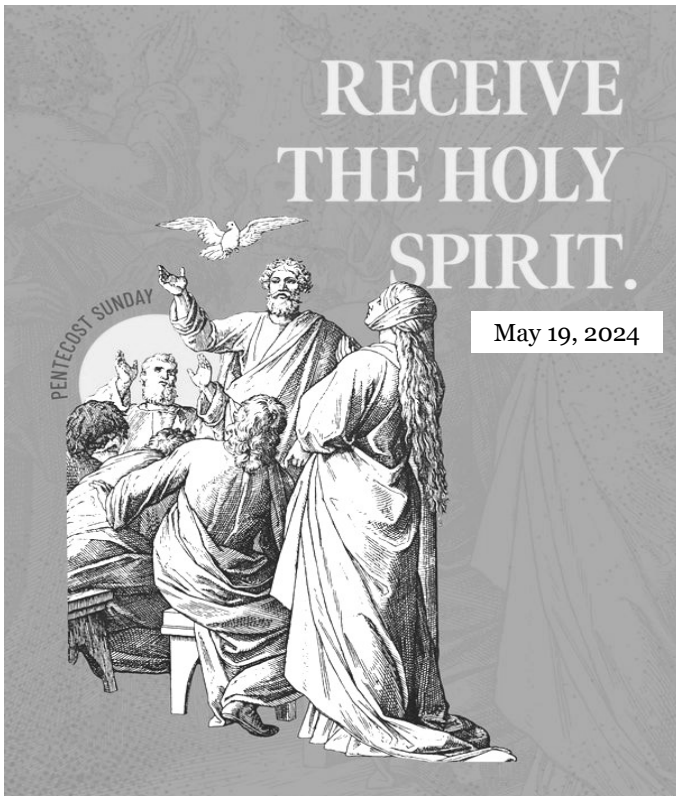
As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Second Reading. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism.

The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity, fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim



Operation Storm Heaven

The next Rosary date is Saturday, June 1
 *Please attend the First Saturday
 Devotion at St. Francis*



Please Remember in Your Prayers..

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

As the universe celebrates Pentecost, I found it fitting to recall the plea of Saint Angela Merici, “Keep to the ancient way and custom of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honor and glory.”

Many have remarked how they are meeting new friends and are growing new relationships. My concern is that I get distracted by and worry about change, and the things I’ve become comfortable with and have made my support system. Saint Angela has reminded me that this is God’s Church and I am but an instrument of His love.

Our pillars continue to help us lay the foundation for our renewed local church. A couple: The forming disciples pillar is working on our 2024-2025 faith formation year. Our Outreach pillar is working on plans to help us reach those not in the pews. Our liturgy pillar is seeking ways to ensure our liturgical celebrations are in accord with the norms and regulations of the Church as well as to grow as a family in our worship of our Lord. Please do pray.

“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.”

-- St. Augustine

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim

A Vocation View

The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon or religious brother/sister?

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

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 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.



Knights of Columbus

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. For more information, contact Joe Pietrocarlo at 716-627-7497.

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

A daily drawing of \$50 (\$100 Fridays) takes 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
And the last one was in 1971.**

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

Everyone is welcome.