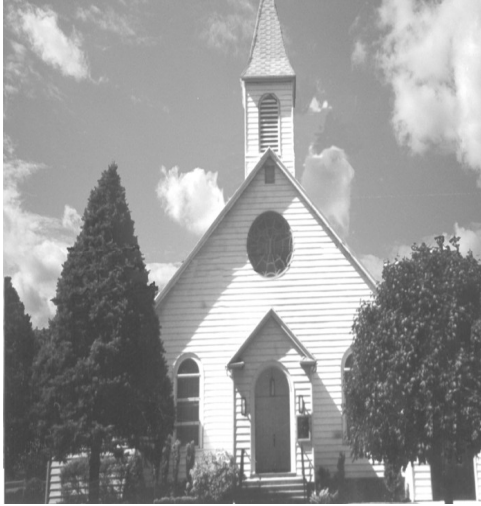


# Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community

Website: [Lakeshorecatholicfc.org](http://Lakeshorecatholicfc.org)



## **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

### 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 4**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Monday, May 6**

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

**Tuesday, May 7**

9:00 AM - To End Abortion - by Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, May 8 - St. Damien**

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

**Thursday, May 9 - Ascension of the Lord**

9:00 AM - Fr. Walter Matuszak - by Fr. Michael Parker

**Friday, May 10**

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

**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

**This Week at St. Anthony's**

**Saturday, May 4**

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, May 5**

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

**Tuesday, May 7**

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, May 8**

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

**Please Pray For**

the recently deceased of the parish and community,  
and especially for **Joann O'Grady**.

**Stewardship**

April 28, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$2,277.00

Home Missions.....\$328.00

**Thank You for Your Generous Support.**

**Ministry Schedule -- May 11 & 12**

**Lector**

**Ministers**

5:30 p.m. - Bud Brachman S. Cummings

10:30 a.m. - B. English S. Smith, L. Andrzejewski

**Altar Servers:**

Please sign up in the Sacristy for future Masses.

***From the Pastor...***

*Sixth Sunday of Easter: Begotten By Love*

Today's Gospel follows immediately after last week's in which Jesus taught that He was the vine and his disciples were the branches. Our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. This passage, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us.

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins. In these words, from today's Second Reading, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations.

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost, the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God.

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise.

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel. As Peter raises up Cornelius, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others, that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded. Choicest Blessings.

**Fr. Tim**

## 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.

## Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Mother's Day Mass cards are available on the tables near the side and front entrances of the church. Include the name of the person, living or deceased, and mail to or drop off at the rectory.

## 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](http://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 Bolisrieri, 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

In his book *The Meaning of Christian Brotherhood*, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, "In Jesus Christ, God has not only spoken to men but has also finally and radically made it possible for them to speak to him; for in him God became man and, as man, finally stepped out of his totally different being and entered into the dialogic situation of all men. Jesus the man stands as such within the community of discourse, which unites all men as beings of the same order. The man Jesus can be addressed by every man, but in him it is God who is addressed." (pg. 47)

Through the incarnation, Christ changed humanity; God's entering into history is linked to a dynamic of unity that describes the transition from isolation to *communio*, from fragmentation and disunity to movement towards God, from the old Adam to the new Adam, from the old man to the new man. What is meant here is not the forces of the stronger power with his armies, who, in the name of establishing unity, erects a fence around man's existence; rather it refers to the gathering together of humanity in the body of Christ. This is what the Fathers meant when, following Saint Paul, they described the Church as the body of Christ.

This week on the Feast of the Ascension, a first glance could bring fear as the Disciples watch Jesus "leave" them. And as we continue to live under a cloud of bankruptcy, scandal, immorality, division, war, famine, disease, and change, let us be mindful that we have not been left alone and God has not left us. We are all one in the same, each made uniquely by the hands of the Father but also one body of Christ, one family of believers, one shared pilgrimage to see God face to face. The Apostles were left with each other as the Body of Christ. We are that Body today. Through our "communio," as the Body of Christ, we have a great call to allow our road to renewal to be the instrument that brings us together as one, a family of believers united as the Body of Christ.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

## Living Rosary

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.

## 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](mailto:vincentvacc@verizon.net) or at 716-536-9271.

**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](http://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

**Chicken Barbecue at MPB**

The Holy Name Society of Most Precious Blood will host a Chicken Barbecue Sunday, May 5 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinners are \$15 and may also be purchased for take-out. In addition, a theme basket raffle will be featured during inside dining.

**A Vocation View**

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends,” Jesus tells us. This does not always mean one heroic act of self-sacrifice. It can also be a life laid down in daily self-denial and service to others. The priesthood is just such a life. There is no greater love! To learn more, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://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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**The population of Brant in 2010 was 2,065.**

Society Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

9:30 a.m. -- Noon

Everyone is welcome.