

St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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REV. TIMOTHY KOESTER, FAMILY PASTOR

PAROCHIAL VICARS: FR. ROSS SYRACUSE, FR. JOHNSON MACHADO, FR. MICHAEL JOHNSON

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Regular Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Summer Mass Schedule: 6/4/23 thru 9/3/23: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily Mass Schedule: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 PM

Holy Days: As announced "Christ, present for us"

Music MinistryMike Cerabone
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Coordinator.......
Parish Advocate for the Disabled....
Needed
Children's Liturgy of the
Word....Michelle Baumgarden
Family LiturgyKathy Brachmann
Renewal & Development: Stephen (Bud)
Brachmann & Theresa White

Parish Vocation Coordinator.....Kris Dash
Spiritual Life & Worship.....Needed
Respect Life.....Legion of Mary
Buildings & Grounds...Larry Leonard
Custodian....George Cordia
Cemetery Sexton...Frank Zeffiro
& Charles Walker
Scout Troop #421....Wayne Ames
Marriage Preparation...Keith & Kris Dash

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST "Do this in memory of me.."

RECONCILIATION "Peace is my gift to you..."

Confessions - Thursday evening 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 3:30 PM

BAPTISM "Unless you are born again..."

Arrangements can be made with the parish priest. Parents should be registered in our parish. Baptismal classes are held for parents the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM - only when needed. Call the rectory one week in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY "What God has joined..." Engaged couples should phone the rectory to make an appointment with the parish priest to set the date and time for their wedding at least six months in advance. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is also required.

CARE OF THE SICK "Come to me you who are weary..." 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 can be made through the rectory office. Ministers of the sick are available to bring communion to shut-ins on a weekly basis.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick is administered each First Thursday after the 7:00 PM Mass and upon request.

ADULT INSTRUCTION AND RCIA "Go and teach all nations.." Adults interested in the Catholic faith are cordially 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 "By their fruits you will know them..."

For those who have been asked to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation, we gladly issue recommendations for parishioners who: (1) are baptized and confirmed; (2) are at least 16 years old; (3) are registered for at least 6 months; (4) attend Mass regularly; (5) if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church; (6) if they are parents, are sending their children to Catholic School or Religious Instructions; (7) if they are students, are attending Catholic School or Religious Instructions.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP "That they may all be one..." We always welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish priest or the rectory.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 23, 2023

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The world may have overlooked you, but Jesus hasn't.

Think about serving the Church and contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org July 23, 2023

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

Sat. 7/22 4:00 PM Carol Montford requested by Our Lady of Victory Church

Sun. 7/23 9:00 AM Harold G. & Norma M. Hamberger requested by Family

11:00 AM Tina Snyder requested by Brachmann Family

Mon. 7/24 9:00 AM Fr. Walter Matuszak requested by Michael Parker

Tues. 7/25 9:00 AM Father's Day Intentions

Wed. 7/26 9:00 AM Rev. James Reidling (living) requested by Sue & Glenn

Thurs. 7/27 7:00 PM All Souls requested by St. John's RC Church

Fri. 7/28 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Sat. 7/29 4:00 PM Mary Alice VillaCorta requested by Don, Mary Alice & Patrick Byrne

Sun. 7/30 9:00 AM Karen Merecki requested by Maryann & Tom Postle

11:00 AM Anthony Paternostro (wedding anniversary) requested by Katie

Mass Intentions are \$15, and a Mass card is available - please call the office or stop by the rectory.

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	JULY 29, 2023	4:00 PM
LECTOR	Brian English	
MINISTERS	Mary Fran O'Connell, Marlene McSkimming	
ALTAR SERVER		
SUNDAY	JULY 30, 2023	9:00AM
LECTOR	Tony Cerabone	
MINISTERS		
ALTAR SERVER	Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski	
SUNDAY	JULY 30, 2023	11:00AM
LECTOR	Bob Duhan	
MINISTERS	JoAnn O'Grady, Carol Duhan, Carolyn Schoos	
ALTAR SERVER		

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS: Please sign up for regular weekend Masses as often as possible on the sign-up sheet posted in the sacristy.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

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Saturday	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM
July 22	4:00 PM Mass
	Parish Social – Hot Dogs after 4:00 PM Mass
	St. Mary Magdalene - Feast
Sunday	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass
July 23	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9:00 AM Mass
July 24	Legion of Mary 9:30 AM
	Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM
	St. Sharbel Makhluf – Optional Memorial
Tuesday	9:00 AM Mass
	St. James, Apostle - Feast
July 25	· •
Wed.	9:00 AM Mass
July 26	AA Meeting 8:00 PM
	SS. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin
	Mary - Memorial
Thursday	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM
July 27	7:00 PM Mass
Friday	
July 28	9:00 AM Mass
Saturday	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM
July 29	4:00 PM Mass
July 27	Medical Missionaries of Mary, Mission Co-op Plan
	Ladies of Divine Mercy Bake Sale
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Sunday	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass
July 30	Medical Missionaries of Mary, Mission Co-op Plan
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

July 29/30 - Medical Missionaries of Mary, Mission Cooperative Plan

July 29/30 - Ladies of Divine Mercy Bake Sale

August 13 - Parish Picnic after 11:00 AM Mass

August 21-25 Vacation Bible School 9:30-11:30 AM

August 27 – Parish Social – Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Masses

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Katelyn Bogdan, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Eileen Brittain, Sheri Buczkowski, Victoria Busch, Nicholas Byer, Theresa Campisi, Jared Canto, Penny Carriero, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Kris Dash, Mark DeCarlo, Jonah, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Dave Dudek, Lorraine Dunkel, John Durusky, Stacy Erickson, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Joe Ficialiano, Mary Flis, Rev. James Fliss, Ellen George, Emily Gibbs, Debbie Godfrey, Dorothy Govenettio, Megan Granich, Harold Green, Fred Gugino, Ron Haak, Rose Haak, Inez Hacker, Sue Hall, Tony & Carol Hoppa, Darlean Jewell-Morales, Jim & Betty, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Maria Klopf, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Gunar & Trish Kuest, Candace Kuppel, Marke Lantry, Patty Latimore, Kathy Leiker, Barbra Lewellen, Dan Lewellen Sue Licht, Troy Little, Judy Lohr, Collin Lyford, Rebecca Hall-Marshall, Renee' McMullen, Barbara Morin, Linda Muscato, Sheri Niedermeier, Kira Palermo, Alicia Parisio, Michael Pawelek, Rylee Pierce, Mark(Norm) Postle, Meagan Postle, Carol Privitera, Vinnie Puntillo, Nina Reghetti, Rev. Dr. James Reidling, Eugene & Mary Rigby, Jessie Rinehart, Joyce Rogers, Jim Ross, Jean Marie Sadowy, Robert S. Sciandra, Evan Scholl, Matt Scholl, Ralph Schweers, Lynn Sellick, Joe Siciliano, Jim Smith, Kathy Solly, James Spano, Sharon Spano, LouAnn Stevenson, Elisabeth Stoklosa, Ruth Taggart, Douglas & Carla Thompson, Elizabeth Valvo, BethAnne Van Horn, Dottie & Thomas Van Wie, Don Waite, Cheryl Waterman, Laure Weidner, Gene Welty, Marian Wesolowksi, Gregory Winger Jr., Matthew Young, Chris Zgoda, Judith Zielinski.

We are happy to honor requests for prayers for the sick especially when they are in the hospital, in rehabilitation, in hospice or in a post op recovery. When they are improved we remove their names to make room for others. Those of you who call in requests should notify us when they are better.

YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

July 16, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 3,424.00

If you are able to make a Church donation, please mail to the Church, or donate electronically by the following ways: A donation can be made through our website: www.stanthonysfarnham.org. Smartphone: You can Text to Donate: Text to *716-215-2401 (Simply text amount to the *number and follow prompts to complete) "Give+ Mobile App: Download "GivePlus Church" to set up donation. Search zip code 14061 for our church.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Msgr. Dino J. Lorenzetti (retired priest), Patricia M. Latimore and Madelyn (Maggie) R. Borosky, whose souls have returned to the care of God. We pray that the Lord will grant eternal rest and peace to their souls and bring comfort and consolation to their families and friends.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH SOCIAL: Free Hot Dogs & Refreshments on Saturday, July 22nd, after the 4:00 PM Mass. Please come and socialize with your fellow parishioners!

PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24th, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY IN THE PARK: Our Lady of the Rosary will be at the Evangola State Park every Thursday evening beginning on August 3RD at 7:00 PM and ending on September 7th (Sept. 7th begins at 6:30 PM). Follow the signs to the shelter – Rain or Shine.

ST. ANTHONY'S SHIRTS: A limited supply of T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available. If you would like to purchase please call the church office or see Fr. Jim or a Eucharist Minister after Mass. Prices reduced. Tshirt \$5.00, Sweatshirt \$10.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus", presented by St. Anthony's & Most Precious Blood Parishes, August 21st through August 25th, 9:30-11:30 AM, open to children grades Pre-school thru 5th grade. Join us at St. Anthony's church hall for a week full of hands on, games, bible stories and songs! Registration forms are available at www.stanthonysfarnham.org or www.mpbangola.org, and at the doors of the church. For questions contact Kathy Brachmann 716-553-6525 or Judy Burke 716-348-0703.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOCIAL CENTER WEIDNER'S CHICKEN BBQ will be held on Sunday, July 23rd from 12pm-5pm, or sold out. Tickets are \$15, both pre-sale and at the door, and will be available in the Parish Office and after weekend Masses. Tickets include a dinner with two sides, roll and butter, a beverage and dessert. We will also have raffle baskets (basket drawing begins at 4pm), 50/50 split, the famous duck pond game, and lottery ticket "squares". Please join us and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your Family # 29!

our Lady of Fatima outdoor Procession Services every month through October 13. Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Shrine & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville for Holy Mass, Rosary and Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Upcoming monthly dates are: August 13 at 11 am; September 13 at 6:30 pm; and October 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to process but would like to join us in prayer. Rain or shine services. For more information, call 716-683-2375

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL: All are invited to Saint John Paul II Parish for a four part scripture and video study on "The Four Last Things." Sessions will be August: 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. We will dive into what scripture says about: death, heaven, hell, and purgatory and view the FORMED series "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well." These sessions are free and no registration is required. Please bring a bible. Any questions please contact Jonathan Molik at 716-627-2910.

2023 MPB FALL SPLIT CLUB DRAWING: For more information or to purchase a ticket call 549-0420, Leave a message, we will mail you ticket on receipt of payment, Or you may pick up during office hours. Final Drawings Event on November 6. Ticket cost \$60 to MPB Church. Total Prizes: \$5,400.00

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Buffalo on Sunday, July 30 from 2-10 pm. Gather with other young Catholics at the OLV National Shrine and Basilica to celebrate World Youth Day 2023. There will be speakers, live music and food trucks. For more information, visit https://www.olvbasilica.org/.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Mark your calendars for Catholic Charities Healthy Baby Festivals! Returning again this year are our free WIC Healthy Baby Festivals with a new twist for our centennial year! To help celebrate our 100th year in the WNY community, the Healthy Baby Festivals will include more activities and special giveaways for children and families. The festivals will take place: Tuesday, August 1 from 11 am-1 pm at Allen Park in Jamestown; Wednesday, August 2 from 11 am-1 pm at Mang Park in Kenmore; and Friday, August 4 from 12-2 pm at Hyde Park in Niagara Falls. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more exciting announcements as the festivals draw closer

FROM THE PASTOR

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Of Wheat and Weeds

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us, evildoers and those who cause others to sin, will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Second Reading. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat; truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children; who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father. Committed to our being righteous, let us always humbly recognize our need for God's mercy and mirror that humility to all we encounter. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal

As part of the road to renewal, new parish initiatives are going to be introduced to help us evangelize to the people in our family and communities. One of those new programs is called Alpha. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus. Alpha estimated that in 2021 alone, more than 4,000 Catholic parishes and organizations globally ran Alpha reaching an estimated 279,238 participants. This program will give us an opportunity to reach new people as well as invite back those who have fallen away from their relationship with Christ. More information on Alpha will be made available soon.

Saint Ursula Julia Ledochowska said, "Holiness does not demand anything great, beyond the ability of the person. It depends on God's Love; every daily act can be transformed into an act of love." If we all invited one person who we know who does not have a relationship with Christ to Mass or even to our Alpha program, we can help God's love spread throughout our community and local Church. Helping each and every one of us grow in holiness.

I have expressed before how change can be difficult for us. However, as a wise woman once told me, "in the absence of change, rigor mortis sets in." The Catholic Church, the living body of our Lord cannot and will not settle for rigor mortis. Be a light for Christ by helping us with this opportunity and allow your hearts to be transformed. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

WORD OF LIFE: "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAMILY INFORMATION: Every Friday after our 8:00 AM Mass we have Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction until 9:15 AM. The special intention we have at this time is for the diocesan plan for The Road To Renewal. We don't know what this will mean for us as things unfold, but we are praying that all those involved in leadership positions and planning will be open to the Holy Spirit so that what is decided will be for the good of everyone. Please keep this intention in your daily prayers. Every Wednesday Night here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Athol Springs we have Bingo from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Using our brand new state-of-the-art equipment we efficiently play many games of Bingo and give away over \$2,000 in prizes every week! Doors open at 6:00 pm, the kitchen is open from 7:00 pm for purchase of food, beverages, and Bingo daubers. Come join us and bring a friend or two! St. Francis of Assisi has a 6:00 PM Mass every Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: OUR LADY OF MARTYRS SHRINE, AURIESVILLE NY, OCTOBER 20-22, 2023. Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born. Great Speakers, Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Procession. Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Coliseum, the largest church in North America! To register and find out more, visit nysecharisticcongress.org.

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE is currently looking for volunteers by driving, dispatching or becoming a driver aide. We will work with your schedule; call today to find out how you can begin your new adventure volunteering with us! NEED A RIDE? We are a non-profit transportation organization servicing seniors, disabled and income eligible residents in selected areas of Erie County. 716-549-5098; www.ruraltransitservice.org

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STAY CONNECTED with all the latest information and events in our parish by signing up on our Facebook page. We share bulletin announcements, pictures of events that happen at St. Anthony's, and meditations to enhance spiritual growth.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Please remember to support those in need in our community by donating NON-PERISHABLE food OR clothing to Operation Good Neighbor. Collection boxes are at the entrances of our church. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FRESH FOOD IN THE COLLECTIONS BINS AT CHURCH. Your support helps fight hunger 365 days a year! OPERATION GOOD NEIGHBOR: Operation Good Neighbor in Evans at 2030 South Creek Rd., Evans NY 14112, Food Pantry 12:30-5:30PM. 716-627-5194

ABORTION EXPANSION BILL: Contact your state legislator and express your view of their vote on the abortion expansion bill. https://www.nyscatholic.org and click on Action Center OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES - TELEPHONE HOTLINE NUMBERS. Unplanned Pregnancy, Abortion Alternatives & Healing: 716-847-2205. St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, helping mothers and fathers in need: 716-842-BABY (2229) Buffalo, 716-203-7593 Chautauqua County, 716-284-BABY (2229) Niagara County. Project Rachel, post-abortion reconciliation: 716-847-2211

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Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend Meetings are the 3rd Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!