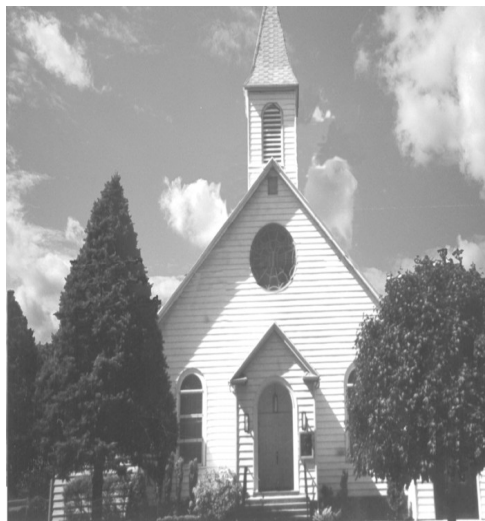


# Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



## ***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.  
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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, August 24**

**Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 PM - Sister Celsia & Stanley Gorkiewicz - by Family

**Sunday, August 25 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 AM - Kerilyn S. Reisch - by Family

**Monday, August 26**  
8:00 AM - Mass at St. Francis & Most Precious Blood

**Tuesday, August 27**  
9:00 AM - Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Estate

**Wednesday, August 28**  
8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood & St. Francis

**Thursday, August 29**  
9:00 AM - Carol Montford - Estate

**Friday, August 30**  
8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood  
8:30 AM - Mass at St. John Paul II

**Saturday, August 31**  
**Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 PM - All Souls

**Sunday, September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 AM - All Mothers, Living & Deceased

### This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, August 17  
5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 18  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, August 20  
9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary  
6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 21  
8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Thursday, August 22  
7:00 p.m. - Rosary in the Park (Evangola)

Saturday, August 24  
5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 25  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

### Stewardship -- August 18, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,805.00  
Feast of the Assumption.....\$341.00

**Thank You for Your Generous Support.**

### Ministry Schedule -- August 31 & September 1

**Lector**

**Ministers**

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone                      L. Nosbisch  
10:30 a.m. - S. Keif                          R. Cerabone, T. Cerabone



## From the Pastor

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
A Choice to Make*

Our Gospel today is the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. To now, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish.

Again, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead it is the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

In short, these readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist; the Twelve Apostles are asked to make a choice -- either believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem -- where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land. And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist -- a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Second Reading, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants. That this faith then commits us to a path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Choicest Blessings.

*Fr. Tim*

### Collection of Personal Care Items

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John Paul II Parish will collect personal care items for its "Personal Care Closet" at its downtown location.

The collections will take place the weekends of August 31, September 1 and 8.

### 2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of August 18 is **Patti Maiorana**, ticket number 004. She receives \$75.

Tickets for this fundraiser are available at the Parish Office Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ticket cost is \$60. Only 260 tickets will be sold. If you are unable to visit the Parish Office to purchase a ticket, please call 716-549-0420 to arrange for purchase by mail.

Prizes total \$5,400. There will be 16 drawings for \$75 beginning the week of July 28. The Reception and Final Drawings Event will take place November 9. Grand Prize is \$2,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$500; and 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$100 each. Proceeds of the Fall Split Club will benefit the parish.

### Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, an Adoption Program will begin August 27. This is an opportunity to spiritually adopt a child conceived this month.

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is for these babies spiritual adoption is being requested.

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up on the weekend of August 24/25. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will pray, thereby providing the baby the humanity he/she deserves.

You are asked to pray for your unborn child daily for a 9-month period, for great is the power of prayer. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin in addition to the availability of pamphlets describing the baby's development.

There are millions of unborn babies at risk for abortion who desperately need your prayers. Won't you please spiritually adopt and share the love of life that God has given you?

### Community Garden at St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II garden ministry meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. to tend the garden. All are welcome to participate.



### Road to Renewal

Dr. Jordan Peterson, a bestselling author, world famous psychologist, and a former professor at Harvard, once said, "Perhaps you are overvaluing what you don't have and undervaluing what you do."

For sure, we can all find some truth in this quote in the current situations we find our world, our church, ourselves! I continue to listen to people throughout the area and especially from all of our parishes in the family. Memories, preconceptions and even lamenting of traditions, customs, and maybe a more familiar relationship with our "Pastor," weigh heavily on our minds. We long for the "normal," or better, what we have become accustomed to as self, Church, Parish, Family. Things may well continue to change and evolve more and even get worse.

We have just come through a four week focus on the "bread of life" discourse. Are we undervaluing what we do have? We have the Lord of the universe present in our tabernacles. We have the opportunity every day of the week to approach His altar and enter into communion with Him through the Blessed Sacrament. We are a part of the "Body of Christ. We have a wonderful network of outreach to those who are poor and needy as well as the homebound and the hospitalized. We share with and for God's Plan for Salvation.

Don't miss these things which make up the mysteries of our faith. Don't under appreciate how good and merciful our God is, and has been to us and will always be to us.

"You must determine where you are going in your life, because you cannot get there unless you move in that direction. Random wandering will not move you forward. It will instead disappoint and frustrate you and make you anxious and unhappy and hard to get along with (and then resentful, and then vengeful, and then worse)." (Dr. Peterson, 12 Rules for Life).

My beloved family, we are on a pilgrimage to a place of peace, happiness, and serenity – Heaven, our Eternal Home. Please, continue to renew your commitment to the Lord and constantly remind each other where our true home is with each other sharing that faith.

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2)

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

### 'Car Plays' at Angola Park

The Evangola Community Theater will present "Car Plays" Monday, August 26 at the Angola Centennial Park, corner of Center and High Sts. in the Village of Angola. The performance begins at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission.



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### WINGS to Meet

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) will offer a six session, faith sharing of *Living in the Father's Love* Saturday mornings 9:00-10:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall, Farnham.

The purpose of these meetings is to discover how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and those we love. The first session is September 21.

To register for these sessions, contact Kathy Brachmann at 716-553-6525; Terri Hatton at 716-472-1293; or Audrey Walkowiak at 716-725-4086.



### Remember in Your Prayers...

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparro, Florence Conover,

Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lenore Doetterl, 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.

### Rosary in the Park

St. Anthony Parish hosts its summer gatherings to pray the Rosary, *Rosary in the Park*, at Evangola State Park every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. (September 12 at 6:30 p.m.). All are invited.

### A Vocation View

Today St. Paul defines marriage as an indissoluble bond between a man and a woman: "a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Marriage is a vocation -- it requires the total surrender of self. Sincere and humble thanks to all who are living this vocation faithfully, under so much opposition from our culture.

### 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

Farnham was incorporated as a village in 1892 and named  
in honor of Leroy Farnham, first merchant of the village  
and one time Erie County Sheriff.

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