



St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, 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

"Come To Me, Always"

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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.



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 27, 2023

"I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it." Jesus promises in Mt 16:18 that His Church will always exist. But we also want it to thrive, and that requires people to step forth into roles of ministry. Could it be you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

Sat. 8/26 4:00 PM George Banzer (anniversary) by wife, Vern

Sun. 8/27 9:00 AM Kerilyn Reisch by Vincent & Evalynne Ferraro
11:00 AM Patty Latimore by Jim & Sandie Hooge

Mon. 8/28 9:00 AM For the people of our parish

Tues. 8/29 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Wed. 8/30 9:00 AM Father's Day Intentions

Thurs. 8/31 7:00 PM Members of the Cribs Donor Guild by Our Lady of Victory Church

Fri. 9/1 9:00 AM Joseph & Patrick Prenevau by Mr. & Mrs. Mandell

Sat. 9/2 4:00 PM Mary Walsh (for healing) by Jim Walsh

Sun. 9/3 9:00 AM Ron Simchick (anniversary) by wife & daughters
11:00 AM Gerard Kern by Gentili Faily

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

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 4:00 PM

LECTOR Bud Brachmann
MINISTERS Marlene Mckimming, Mary Fran O'Connell
ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 9:00AM

LECTOR
MINISTERS Rose Cerabone
ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 11:00AM

LECTOR Sara Kief
MINISTERS
ALTAR SERVER

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

*Saturday August 26	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
*Sunday August 27	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass <i>21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>
Monday August 28	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 9:30 AM <i>St. Augustine</i>
Tuesday August 29	9:00 AM Mass <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
Wed. August 30	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM
Thursday August 31	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass
Friday Sept. 01	9:00 AM Mass <i>First Friday</i>
Saturday Sept. 02	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
Sunday Sept. 03	9:00 & 11:00 Mass <i>22^{ne} Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

August 27 – Parish Social – Coffee & Donuts after Masses
September 2nd and 3rd Boy Scout Bake Good Sale after Masses
September 4 – Patriotic Rosary – 9:30
Boy Scout Hot Dog Sale @ Family Dollar 10:00 AM
September 10 – Sunday Mass changes from 11AM to 11:30 AM
September 16 – WINGS 9:00 AM Church Hall
September 17 – Catechetical Sunday
September 19 – Boy Scout Sign Up Church Hall 6:00-8:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers Deacon David Rotterman, a deacon for the Diocese of Buffalo who returned home to the Lord on August 9th.

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Katelyn Bogdan, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Theresa Campisi, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Glenn Cummings, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Jonah, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Dave Dudek, Lorraine Dunkel, John Durusky, 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, Carol Hoppa, Darlean Jewell-Morales, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Gunar & Trish Kuest, Marke Lantry, 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, LouAnn Stevenson, Elisabeth Stoklosa, Ruth Taggart, Elizabeth Valvo, BethAnne Van Horn, Dottie & Thomas Van Wie, Don Waite, Cheryl Waterman, Laure Weidner, Gene Welty, Marian Wesolowski, 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

‘Oh, the Depths!’

The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Second Reading. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom.

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son. As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys. In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter, and all who succeed him, as holy father of His Church.

Jesus’ Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers. Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn. And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God.

The word Jesus uses, “church” (ekklesia in Greek), was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus. His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn,” established by Jesus’ exodus. Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food. The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

Choicest Blessings
Fr. Tim

PARISH NEWS

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: We will be saying the Patriotic Rosary following the 9:00 AM mass on Monday, September 4th. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall.

ROSARY IN THE PARK: Our Lady of the Rosary will be at the Evangola State Park every Thursday at 7:00 PM until September 7th Follow the signs to the shelter.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of someone who would be willing to shovel the walkways of the church during our winter season. Please contact the rectory if you are able to help.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Twin Pine 2012, LLC for the excellent tree removal work performed at our cemetery recently. We are very appreciative!

INVITATION TO ALPHA: In a world of isolation, anonymity and keyboard warriors, Alpha offers content and guidance to create a space for honest and open conversations about life’s biggest questions. Everyone is welcome to have a dialogue about their faith, whether you are active in your faith or searching for answers about your faith journey. Alpha will run for 11 weeks, Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM, Sept. 16th – Dec. 2nd at St. Mary’s of the Lake Parish in Hamburg, NY. Each session includes a video, discussion and a shared meal. The fall season will culminate with a Diocesan retreat in November. Alpha is for everyone! There is no charge. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at jmolik@jp2parish.org.

THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO AND SURVIVORS:

Negotiations have been ongoing between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the Diocese’s Chapter 11 reorganization proceeding. The Committee is comprised of six claimants entrusted to represent the collective interests of all abuse survivors. Details of the negotiations remain confidential, but the Diocese and the Committee have found common ground on one key issue: they’re searching for more insurance coverage.

The Diocese has robust records of insurance coverage beginning in 1972, but has to this point been largely unsuccessful in locating proof of insurance prior to that time. Nevertheless, the Diocese and the committee are committed to working together to locate additional policies. “We know the Diocese owned property before 1972, and that it would have been insured. The question is what companies insured the Diocese in those years,” said Ilan Scharf, an attorney for the Committee. “We’ve agreed to proceed cooperatively on a number of fronts,” said attorney Steve Donato, who represents the Diocese. “That includes further efforts to find policy evidence in old diocesan records and inquiries to insurance agencies that may have placed the coverage.”

Seeking help from the community: The Diocese and the committee are also asking the public for help. Their hope is to find someone who worked decades ago at an insurance carrier or agency or who might otherwise have knowledge or evidence of pre-1972 insurance coverage for the Diocese. Under New York law, insurance coverage may be available even if a copy of the actual policy is never found. Rather, evidence that a policy was issued can be used to prove coverage. Such evidence might include notes in business records, cancelled checks, accounting ledgers or policy numbers or the memories of people who worked for the Diocese, parishes or insurance companies or brokers.

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 nyseucharisticcongress.org.

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ST. ANTHONY'S SHIRTS: Limited quantities of T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. Tshirt \$5, Sweatshirt \$5 **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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ROAD TO RENEWAL: PARISH FAMILIES:

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Road to Renewal

My vision as a Family is to develop into a united and vibrant community of diverse backgrounds and histories bound by our Roman Catholic Faith to Evangelize our world in the 21st Century. We will soon be proclaiming our Vision as a Family and our Road ahead through the following process. I have been talking and listening with our Family Clergy to the things that will help us to move ahead inculcating our experiences, Church Teachings and Diocesan Guidance.

This process contains a form that we are familiar with but takes on a new dimension. The “new” perspective we have heard about are pillar groups, which is an opportunity to offer input and discussion. These pillar groups discuss a variety of topics that cover all that goes into a parish. The action plans that they produce will help myself and the other clergy in making decisions. Now we have also established our family parish and finance councils; each board respectively is comprised of equal representation from all five parishes in our family. These two councils will also serve as advisory to myself and the rest of the clergy in making decisions that affect the entirety of the family.

In Fyodor Dostoyevsky’s famous novel “The Brothers Karamazov,” the author wrestles with the theme of free will. Ivan tells of a story of “The Grand Inquisitor” who has Christ arrested after coming back to earth. The story goes as follows: The Inquisitor reminding Christ of the time, recorded in the Bible, when the Devil presented him with three temptations, each of which he rejected. The Grand Inquisitor says that by rejecting these three temptations, he guaranteed that human beings would have free will. Free will, he says, is a devastating, impossible burden for humanity. Christ gave humanity the freedom to choose whether to follow him, but almost no one is strong enough to be faithful, and those who are not will be damned forever. The Grand Inquisitor says that Christ should have given people no choice, and instead taken power and given people security instead of freedom. That way, the same people who were too weak to follow Christ to begin with would still be damned, but at least they could have happiness and security on Earth, rather than the impossible burden of moral freedom. The Grand Inquisitor says that the Church has now undertaken to correct Christ’s mistake. The Church is taking away freedom of choice and replacing it with security. Thus, the Grand Inquisitor must keep Christ in prison, because if Christ were allowed to go free, he might undermine the Church’s work to lift the burden of free will from humanity.

Now the complexity of this theory is something for another time but what I wanted to draw attention to how easily as humans, imperfect sinful humans, we forget that no matter what we have done or chosen to this point, every day is a new day to choose God because he loves us so much he has given us free will. Do not fall into the trap that the great inquisitor has, our freedom and willingness to make mistakes and grow from them is what is going to make this renewal possible. I do not fixate on mistakes or differences, I ask that we always choose God, and God’s Way. You’ve heard me say it, now we must do it as a Family of Parishes.

Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim