



# St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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PAROCHIAL VICARS: FR. ROSS SYRACUSE,  
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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

**"Come To Me, Always"**

**Trustees:** Sandra Hooge, Frank Zeffiro, Jr.  
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**RCIA:** Scott Schaefer  
**Sacramental Program:** Kris Dash  
**Liturgy:** Donna Roof

**Music Ministry:** Mike Cerabone  
**Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Coordinator:** Needed  
**Parish Advocate for the Disabled:** Needed  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Michelle Baumgarden  
**Family Liturgy:** Kathy 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.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6, 2023

"This is my beloved Son... listen to him."

But you may remember St. Paul writing in Romans 10 "How can they hear without someone to preach?"

Could Jesus be sending you out to preach His Word? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

August 6, 2023

**DAILY MASSES & INTENTION**

Sat. 8/5 4:00 PM Diane McElroy requested by husband Dick

Sun. 8/6 9:00 AM Joseph Prenevau & Patrick M. requested by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Mandell  
11:00 AM The People of the Parish

Mon. 8/7 9:00 AM Irene Mack requested by Dave & Linda Sauter

Tues. 8/8 9:00 AM Fr. Walter Matuszak requested by Michael Parker

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

Thurs. 8/10 7:00 PM Father's Day Intentions

Fri. 8/11 9:00 AM All Souls

Sat. 8/12 4:00 PM Jim & Kevin Higgins (birthday remembrance, Jim) requested by Family

Sun. 8/13 9:00 AM Ellen Goodie (birthday remembrance) requested by sister Vern  
11:00 AM Fred & Colleen Allen requested by Family

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

\*AUGUST 5/6: MEMORIAL FLOWER VASES – In Loving Memory of Nancy Orlando donated by Nicholas & Alyssa Orlando.

\*AUGUST 5/6: WINE~HOST~CANDLES – In Loving Memory of Nancy Orlando donated by Nicholas & Alyssa Orlando.

**NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2023 4:00 PM**

LECTOR  
MINISTERS Noreen Crane, Mary Fran

ALTAR SERVER

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023 9:00AM**

LECTOR Mary Jayne Ginnitti  
MINISTERS Rose Cerabone, Marlene McSkimming  
ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023 11:00AM**

LECTOR Bob Duhan  
MINISTERS Carol Duhan, Steve Smith  
ALTAR SERVER

**EUCCHARISTIC 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**

*Saturday August 5	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial First Saturday</i>
*Sunday August 6	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Feast</b>
Monday August 7	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 9:30 AM <i>St. Sixtus II &amp; Companions, St. Cajetan – Optional Memorial 18<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday August 8	9:00 AM Mass <i>St. Dominic - Memorial</i>
Wed. August 9	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross– Optional Memorial</i>
Thursday August 10	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass <i>St. Lawrence - Feast</i>
Friday August 11	9:00 AM Mass <i>St. Clare – Memorial</i>
Saturday August 12	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial</i>
Sunday August 13	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass <b>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

August 21-25 Vacation Bible School 9:30-11:30 AM  
August 27 – Parish Social – Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Masses  
September 10 – Sunday later Mass time changes from 11am to 11:30 AM  
September 17 – Catechetical Sunday

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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 Curoo, 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, Jim & Betty, Kerry, Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Gunar & Trish Kuest, Marke Lantry, Kathy Leiker, Barbrea 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, 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.**

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

July 30, 2023      Weekly Offertory      \$ 3,476.41

Mission Co-op Collection      \$ 1,952.00

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](http://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.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: THE TRANSFIGURATION EXPERIENCE**

In today’s Gospel, St. Mathew, the Evangelist, gives an account of the transfiguration of Jesus before the apostles. Jesus’ face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. It was a blinding and tremendous experience. It is a foretaste of the divine and the bliss of the Kingdom.

They ached for the experience which made them suggest to Jesus for them to just stay there and built places for Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. But it was not meant to be. The Father suddenly appeared with His voice telling them who Jesus was and commanded them to listen to Him.

A certain kind of fear engulfed them. Then Jesus told them they must go down and continue His mission of proclaiming the Good News for the salvation of all.

The Second Reading from the Second Letter of St. Peter was a testimony of the transfiguration. St. Peter noted that they “did not follow cleverly devised myths” to proclaim their experience of the transfiguration. They were eyewitnesses to Jesus’ glory and heard the command from the Father.

It was a life-changing experience for them, Peter, James, and John. For them to even suggest to just stay there revealed much of the transfiguration. Suddenly their families, livelihood and land were abandoned if not forgotten. After that vision, they were never the same.

I am sure we also want a similar experience. How is it to have a foretaste of heaven? How is it to experience the divine Jesus? Actually, every day we always have that chance to experience the divine Jesus. The Eucharist was instituted by Jesus precisely for that purpose and more. At mass, the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Through the priest, the Holy Spirit turns the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood. It is not a matter of our faith that it happens. But it is a matter of faith to believe it. Those who have faith will have a “transfiguration experience”. Those who lack or do not have faith, will just see movements on the altar.

What we do with the experience is another important matter. Jesus, as they were coming down from the mountain, warned the apostles Peter, James, and John not to tell the vision to anyone “UNTIL THE SON OF MAN HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD.” It means that Jesus has still a mission to fulfill.

In our case, the transfiguration experience is a gift which has a corresponding task. It includes witnessing for the Gospel, proclaiming Jesus’ words and deeds, and living a life of faith.

Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

## **PARISH NEWS**

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** “Who Is My Neighbor? Presented by Most Precious Blood and St. Anthony’s. Registration forms are available at [www.stanthonysfarnham.org](http://www.stanthonysfarnham.org) or [www.mpbangola.org](http://www.mpbangola.org), and at the doors of the church. For questions contact Kathy Brachmann 716-553-6525.

**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: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Make a difference this upcoming school year – become a Foster Grandparent! If you’re an Erie County resident age 55 or older, consider being a Foster Grandparent and reap all the benefits of becoming one. You’ll stay active by developing one-on-one relationships with children ages 3-18 in a school setting. You’ll also gain a stipend, social-emotional health benefits, and the joy of guiding and supporting our next generation. To connect with the program, call 716-896-6388 or visit [www.ccwny.org/olderadults](http://www.ccwny.org/olderadults).

**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](http://nyseucharisticcongress.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](http://www.ruraltransitservice.org)  
**ST. ANTHONY'S SHIRTS:** Limited quantities of T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. Tshirt \$5, Sweatshirt \$5

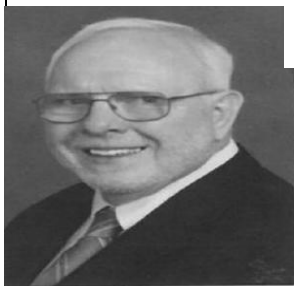
**STAY CONNECTED** with all the latest information and events in our parish by signing up on our Facebook page. We share bulletin announcements, pictures of events that happen at St. Anthony's, and meditations to enhance spiritual growth.

**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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**PLEASE NOTE:** Any articles to be published must be submitted by Wednesday 10:00 AM to be included in the weekend bulletin Pulpit announcements will be limited to emergency announcements only. Please plan ahead. Thank you.



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*Located in Brant Town Hall*

In 1895, The Farnham NY Directory lists 2 carpenters; John Ahlers and Fred Henning

*Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend*

*Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!*

*August 6, 2023*