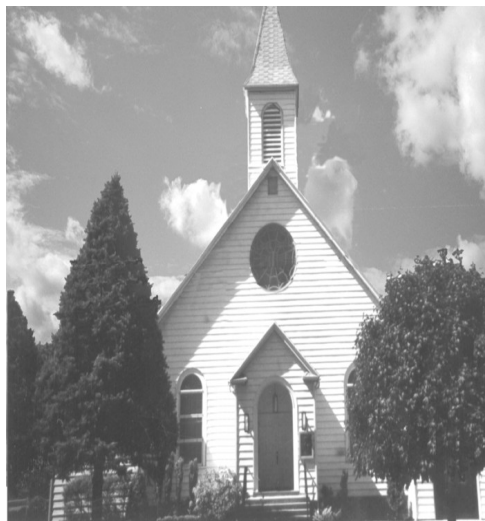


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

PASTOR EMERITUS -- Rev. James Fliss

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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

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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 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

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 AM - Ron Simchick - by Wife & Daughters

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

9:00 AM - Deceased Members of Vollmer & Fraser Families - Estate

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Joseph Lonca - by Brachmann & Brittain Families

Sunday, September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Michael Keller - by Brachmann Family



From the Pastor

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Pure Religion*

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic. In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose. The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us -- the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Second Reading, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Second Reading, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

Jesus' words challenge us! In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

Choicest Blessings,
Fr. Tim

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, August 31
5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 1
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Monday, September 2
(Labor Day)
9:30 a.m. - Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, September 3
9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary
6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 4
8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Thursday, September 5
7:00 p.m. - Rosary in the Park (Evangola)

Saturday, September 7
5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 8
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Ministry Schedule -- September 7 & 8

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| <u>Lector</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
| 5:30 p.m. - B. Brachmann | S. Cummings |
| 10:30 a.m. - S. Hooge | C. Bush, G. Bush |

Stewardship -- August 25, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,759.00
Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Rejoicing in Recovery

The Faith Community Coalition invites you to its "Rejoicing in Recovery," a local celebration of recovery from addiction. The celebration takes place Saturday, September 21 at Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center, 107 Main St., Hamburg, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this day filled with food, family fun, music, inspiration, community resources and education.

Alpha Sessions Planned

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, September 16 through November 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the Little Church of St. John Paul II Parish (2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View). Attend when you can

Alpha is a series of sessions in a welcoming environment where people can grapple with questions of life without judgment or expectation. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at (716) 381-7386.



Trust in the Immaculate

(The following announcement is from Rev. Ross Syracuse of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.)

Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., one of our Friars and our Delegate for the Franciscan Friars Province's Marian Apostolate, will join our family at St. Francis September 14-15. He will preach on the lives of three contemporary Polish saints and their devotion to Mary Immaculate: St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, OLM, and Pope St. John Paul II.

The holy lives of these great saints of the Twentieth Century continue to bless the Catholic Church and the world. Fr. Jobe will look at each saint's unique "entrustment" to the Immaculate Mother of God that led to a deeper relationship with Christ and a fuller understanding of God's Will in their lives.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of August 25 is **James Voto**, ticket number 171. He 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, call 716-549-0420 to arrange for purchase by mail.



Thank you to all who made "Come to the Table," this year's Vacation Bible School, a huge success. More than 45 students attended each day.

During the week they heard stories, took part in crafts, games and music about Jesus, participated in Eucharistic Adoration and attended a closing Mass (followed by a picnic).

Kathy Brachmann

Road to Renewal



September marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for our family of parishes as well as our Southtowns Catholic students returning to the classroom. I want to thank Barbara Manley and her team for working diligently this summer to prepare our school. I encourage all of you to stop by Southtowns Catholic School Tuesday, September 3 for its annual back to school chicken barbeque. Dinners will begin being served at 3:30 p.m. This is a drive-thru event. I understand not everyone has a child in the family to send to our school but there are many ways you can support the mission of Southtowns Catholic.

First, pray for our staff, faculty, and students that they remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the year. Second, you can visit Route 5 Can & Bottle; Bottle Return aka "The Green Zone" in Angola. There you can return your cans and bottles and have the returns automatically donated to Southtowns Catholic School. Third, United Way Campaign: You can direct any portion of your United Way gift to Southtowns Catholic School. It is as easy as designating Southtowns Catholic School #4393 as a specific recipient on your United Way contribution form. The code for SEFA is 57-00506.

In the Catholic liturgical calendar, September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as the Sorrowful Mother. The month is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, which are the sorrows she experienced because of her Son. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated September 15, following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14. The feast commemorates seven significant moments in Mary's life that caused her profound sorrow, including: The prophecy of Simeon, The flight into Egypt, The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, The crucifixion and death of Jesus, The taking down of His body, and Jesus' burial. As we all feel sorrow in our lives, let us entrust ourselves to our Blessed Mother, who brings all souls to her Son. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for our Diocese, our clergy, and for us all.

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 take place the weekends of September 1 and 8.

SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S



Pre-Order & Day-Of Purchases

BACK TO SCHOOL CHICKEN BBQ

September, 3rd | 3:30 pm until sold out
Southtowns Catholic Gym
2052 Lakeview Rd. Lake View NY 14085

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken with delicious homemade sides (salt potatoes, coleslaw, & cornbread)

PRE-ORDERS must be paid at time of order
Pre-order sales run from 8/16-8/26
Credit cards must be paid on school website.
Cash or check to be paid at the school office

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Checks made payable to Southtowns Catholic School

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.). A Patriotic Rosary will take place Monday, September 2 at 9:30 a. m. in the church.

A Vocation View

Moses showed his people God's way of abundant life. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus has shown us the best possible way to live in our world. Who will share God's plan for fulfillment with the lost? If you feel called to take up the mission, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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

The Farnham Hotel, originally a bar, saw service as a grocery and hardware store. It was the only building left standing after the 1899 fire ravaged the Village of Farnham.

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