



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, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Regular Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:30 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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& Charles Walker
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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 10, 2023

None of us will ever forget the terrible carnage and suffering of September 11, 2001. But we also remember the comfort provided by the Church and Her ministers. Our diocese needs Godly people to help others cope with pain & grief. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

Sat. 9/9 4:00 PM Jean M. Valvo by companion Arthur Lewandowski

Sun. 9/10 9:00 AM Ron Lonca by Brachmann & Brittain families
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Mon. 9/11 9:00 AM Carol Montford by Our Lady of Victory

Tues. 9/12 9:00 AM All Souls Day Novena requested by Most Precious Blood

Wed. 9/13 9:00 AM All Souls requested by St. John's RC Church

Thurs. 9/14 7:00 PM Fr. Walter Matuszak by Michael Parker

Fri. 9/15 9:00 AM Joan Tamulski by Family

Sat. 9/16 4:00 PM Frank Becht by Bud & Kathy Brachmann

Sun. 9/17 9:00 AM Mark Hillery by Steve Rodler
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

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 16, 2023 4:00 PM

LECTOR Donna Roof

MINISTERS Mary Fran O'Connell, Carolyn Schoos

ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 9:00AM

LECTOR Keith Dash

MINISTERS Rose Cerabone, Kathy Brachmann

ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 11:30AM

LECTOR Sarah Kief

MINISTERS

ALTAR SERVER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Sept. 3, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 4,159.00

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.stanthonyfarnham.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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Saturday Sept. 9	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>St. Peter Claver - Memorial</i>
Sunday Sept. 10	9:00 & 11:30 Mass <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday Sept. 11	9:00 AM Mass <i>Patriot Day</i>
Tuesday Sept. 12	9:00 AM Mass <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
Wed. Sept. 13	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>
Thursday Sept. 14	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Friday Sept. 15	9:00 AM Mass <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Saturday Sept. 16	WINGS 9:00 Church Hall Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>SS. Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
Sunday Sept. 17	9:00 & 11:30 Mass <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Tim</i> <i>Catechetical Sunday</i> <i>1st Class for Faith Formation</i> <i>Youth Ministry Parent Meeting following 9:00 Mass</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sept. 10 – Sunday Mass changes from 11AM to 11:30 AM

Sept. 16 – WINGS 9:00 AM Church Hall

Sept. 17 – Catechetical Sunday

Sept. 19 – Boy Scout Sign Up Church Hall 6:00-8:00 PM

Sept. 24 - St. Anthony's Tailgate Party following 11:30 Mass

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 Cureo, Jennifer Cxyz, 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.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE! As previously announced, our church secretary has retired. We are in the process of setting up a new phone system for our family of parishes. If you need to call the rectory office, leave a message and your call will be answered in a timely manner. Thank you
Remember Mass Schedule changes beginning today from 11:00 to 11:30.

THANK YOU: Our Vacation Bible School would not have been as colorful without our shirts donated by Matt Burke. Also, thank you to Laura Nosbisch, Marie O'Connor, Brooke Manning and Gina Busch for their help during VBS.

"A HEART FULL OF GOOD DEEDS" During VBS the children learned about doing good deeds for their neighbor. Each day they shared their good deed accomplishments and we filled our Heart. You will see the Good Deeds Heart on our altar...may you pay heartfelt deeds forward!

REGISTRATION for our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are now in process. Please complete the registrations forms that can be found on the St. Anthony's website or at the entrances of the church. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 per family this year. There is a meeting for all parents with students in our Youth Ministry Program following the 9:00 mass on Sept 17th. Parents and students in Faith Formation are to attend the first class together in the Church Hall on that day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Brachmann 716-553-6525 or Keith Dash 716-867-9199

INVITATION TO ALPHA: 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. There is no charge. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at jmolik@jp2parish.org.

FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Win Them Back

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church. He also

puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel. The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers; similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name.

But the powers He gives the Apostles, and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

Today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Second Reading says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm: urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal

Until now we have tried to use this forum to get out some of the basic information and programs we are working toward in our Road to Renewal. This week we shift to the actual aspects of our Family that we will use to guide us forward. So let's be real:

Change is frightening. Renewal is enlightening. If we look at and dread all the changes we keep hearing about we are tempted to feel upset, most resist. I have confessed here that there are some aspects that have frightened me, maybe most the idea that every parish had a priest who made the decisions and made things happen. This new model uses the old words "pastor" but puts forth a model that does not fulfill my expectations. Until I spent a little time Praying of course, but looking at why we do things and then looking a little differently at where we are going with what we have.

Specifically, I recall my childhood when we had three and four priests in the Parish. I knew the Pastor because he was usually older and would preside over special events. But I saw and learned more from the "Assistants" whom I saw more regularly and spent time with me in what I now understand as Pastoral Ministry.

Here in our Family we have four Priests and three Deacons. I have overall responsibility and Administrative Care, but we now have six clerics who actually can focus on the Pastoral Care of our Parish Communities and Liturgically expand and enhance our Services even if we have less Services. I am looking at it as a chance to improve as we maintain our tradition, and as we find a way to incorporate our present reality.

In our discussions we are taking into consideration the traditions each Parish has developed and any special identifiers of each Parish; our way forward will be to integrate the best practices into our expanded Family. Please stay open, listen carefully, step back and look from a different angle and let's pray for each other and our renewal. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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.

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

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.nvscatholic.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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Located in Brant Town Hall
 In 1876, Erie Preserving Company operated 5 canning factories. The factory in Farnham was built in 1876.
Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend
 Meetings are the 3rd Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!

September 10, 2023