



St. Anthony's of Farnham

"Serving the Lake Shore Community"

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Parish Office Hours are currently limited at this time. Contact Most Precious Blood at 716-549-0420 if you are in need of assistance.

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"

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& Charles Walker
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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST *"Do this in memory of me.."*

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick is administered each First Thursday after the 7:00 PM Mass and upon request.

RECONCILIATION *"Peace is my gift to you..."*

*Confessions - Thursday evening 6:00 - 6:30 PM
Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 3:30 PM*

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) .

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 17, 2023

St. Paul writes that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself... we live for the Lord."

Our self-absorbed culture has forgotten this. You can be a reminder by turning away from your own desires to serve Christ.

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

September 17, 2023

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

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
 Mon. 9/18 9:00 AM Arthur & Lillian Hildman by Our Lady of Victory Church
 Tues. 9/19 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 Wed. 9/20 9:00 AM Ann Spratz by Family
 Thurs. 9/21 7:00 PM For the People of the Parish
 Fri. 9/22 9:00 AM Harold & Norma Hamberger by family
 Sat. 9/23 4:00 PM Joan Tamulski (birthday remembrance)
 By family
 Sun. 9/24 9:00 AM Roberta Wolf-Rodler by Steve Rodler
 11:30 AM Fr. Walter Matuszak by Michael Parker

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 23, 2023 4:00 PM

LECTOR Donna Roof
 MINISTERS Marlene McSkimming, Carolyn Schoos
 ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 9:00AM

LECTOR Mary Jayne Ginnitti
 MINISTERS Rose Cerabone, Kathy Brachmann
 ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 11:30AM

LECTOR Sandie Hooge
 MINISTERS Steve Smith, Linda Andrzejewski
 ALTAR SERVER Nico and Isabella Orlando

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Sept. 10, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 2,600.00

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.stanthonyvsfarnham.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. 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>Catechetical Sunday</i> <i>1st Class for Faith Formation</i> <i>Youth Ministry Parent Meeting following 9:00 Mass</i> <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday Sept. 18	9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday Sept. 19	9:00 AM Mass Boy Scout sign up 6-8:00 PM <i>St. Januarius – Optional Memorial</i>
Wed. Sept. 20	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM <i>SS. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions - Memorial</i>
Thursday Sept. 21	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Feast</i>
Friday Sept. 22	9:00 AM Mass
Saturday Sept. 23	Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Memorial</i> <i>First Day of Autumn</i>
Sunday Sept. 24	9:00 & 11:30 Mass <i>Faith Formation Classes Pre School – Grade 5</i> <i>Bill's Tailgate Party following 11:30 Mass</i> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sept. 19 – Boy Scout Sign Up Church Hall 6:00-8:00 PM
 Sept. 24 – Faith Formation
 Sept. 24 - St. Anthony's Tailgate Party following 11:30 Mass
 Sept. 30 – WINGS 9:00 AM
 October 1 – Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
 October 8 – No Religious Education, Columbus Day weekend
 October 14 – WINGS 9:00 AM
 October 15 – Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
 October 15 – Rite of Calling, Confirmation students, 9AM Mass
 October 22 – Faith Formation
 October 28 – WINGS 9:00 AM
 October 29 – Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
 October 29 – Trunk & Treat, Parking Lot at 3:00 PM

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 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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes begin today for Students in Pre School through 5th grade following 9:00 mass. Parents are asked to attend the 1st class with their child. There is an important Parent Meeting today following the 9:00 mass. The first class for Youth Ministry is October 1st.

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S TAILGATE PARTY: Don't miss out on our 1st Buffalo Bills Tailgate Party on September 24th following the 11:30 Mass. Hot Dogs and beverages will be served. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass. See you in the Church Parking Lot to cheer our Bills on to victory!

ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL: Have you ever considered sending your son to St. Francis High School? Looking for a school with a rigorous academic curriculum, strong athletics, clubs and leadership opportunities where your son can become the best version of himself? If so feel free to attend any of the Youth Nights: Oct. 10th, Oct. 13th for 5 – 8th grade boys at 5:30 PM. Questions contact us at 716-627-1200 ext 582

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate? If so, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Wellsville Outreach Thrift Store, and for the Fresh Start program, which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. To schedule a donation in Buffalo, call 716-895-4001. To schedule a donation in Wellsville, call 585-296-3757.

FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Debt We Owe
Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. Today we are reminded that mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. But Jesus tells Peter that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross.

We are called to God's Way, God's Truth, God's Mercy. We receive freely from God, we should return (offer to others) the same. As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ. So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal

Today's Readings call us to be forgiving – always. This is a good way to look at how we grow and advance. How we proceed as God's People in challenging times. How we recognize and proclaim God's Way in our world.

In an interview on EWTN, at the time Cardinal Ratzinger, who would go on to be Pope Benedict XVI, was posed a question by someone struggling with their faith in this time of scandal and uncertainty. He answered by defining the Church as follows: "The Lord sits at the table with sinners. Therefore, we cannot be amazed if it is like this. We cannot despair. On the contrary, the Lord said: "I AM not here only for the just, but for sinners."

Whether we can lay claim more readily to being just or sinner, Jesus calls us. We must feel certain that the Lord truly - even today – embraces sinners in order to save all, to lead us into God's Way, to teach us to share God's Mercy.

Only One had the capability to be perfect; we will make mistakes as we journey together as a family of faith. It is prudent to remind ourselves that the Lord will remain present to us and continue to shower us with His grace. As a Church Family we will truly grow and invite others in to share in the Way of Salvation.

Please remember our Alpha Project beginning this month and consider inviting someone to attend on your relationship alone. This is our first big leap of Faith. Even if we don't understand all the particulars, we have the basis of Faith and the confidence to trust our local Church to offer a good basis to begin with. Then our dialogue can continue with those we recommended to the program.

My prayer for us now is that all will remain open to hear the voice of God seeking us out to be a part of this journey together. Pray for each other! Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

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

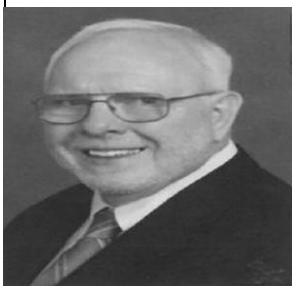
STAY CONNECTED with all the latest information and events in our parish by signing up on our Facebook page. We share bulletin announcements, pictures of events that happen at St. Anthony's, and meditations to enhance spiritual growth.

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