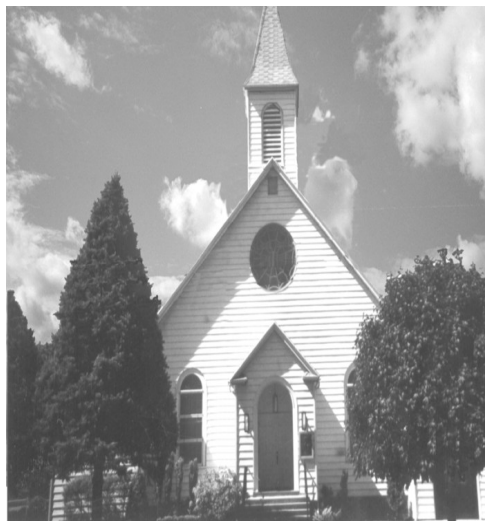


Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



St. Anthony's Church

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FAMILY PASTOR -- Rev. Timothy Koester

PASTOR EMERITUS -- Rev. James Fliss

PAROCHIAL VICARS

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

Trustees.....Sandra Hooge & Frank Zeffiro, Jr.
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Scout Troop #421.....Wayne Ames
Parish Secretary.....Pat Maiorana

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.

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).



Daily Masses & Intentions

Saturday, September 21

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - John Maiorana - by Staff of MPB

Sunday, September 22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Harold & Norma Hamberger

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 AM - Mothers of the Parish

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

9:00 AM - Fathers of the Parish

Friday, September 27

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood

8:30 AM - Mass at St. John Paul II

Saturday, September 28

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Deceased Clergy of St. Anthony Parish

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Julie Muscato - by Brachmann Family

This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, September 21

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 22

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, September 28

9:00 a.m. - WINGS

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 29

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Stewardship -- September 15, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,650.00

Seminarian/Diaconate Formation.....\$342.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support.

Ministry Schedule -- September 28 & 29

Lector

5:30 p.m. - T. Cerabone

10:30 a.m. - S. Kief

Ministers

M. O'Connell

L.Andrzejewski, K. Brach-



From the Pastor

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Servant of All*

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware of a new situation emerging.

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him. The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will.... deliver Him..."

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession, over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings. And again Jesus teaches the Twelve -- the chosen leaders of His Church -- that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us. We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Second Reading, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy. We are in this very place in our growth as Church today, we offer ourselves in sacrifice and trust God will sustain us.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Faith Formation / Youth Program

Registration for the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs is now open. The forms can be found at www.stanthonyfarnham.org or at the entrances of the church.

Boy Scouts to Meet

Boy Scout meetings will resume Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is the initiation process for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who were baptized in a Catholic or non-Catholic church and now wish to consider fully joining the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is a step-by-step process, with no pressure to commit to the Catholic faith, in which interested persons explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church over a period of several months or years, as needed.

Sessions take place at St. Mary of the Lake every Sunday morning, 9:00-11:00, with Deborah Keenan and at Most Precious Blood, 9:00-10:30, with Marie O'Connor. For more information, contact the Family Office at 716-549-0420.

2024 MPB Fall Split Club

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 15 is **Tim Maciejewski**, ticket number 099. 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.

Fall Bible Study at MPB

The Bible and the Church Fathers, the fall Bible Study at Most Precious Blood Parish will meet Wednesdays in two sessions (10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.) from September 25 to December 18 in the Annex. The fee is \$20, which covers the cost of the book and the sessions.

This study offers lessons on who the early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture.

To register, fill out the form below, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail to: *Most Precious Blood Church, 22 Prospect St., Angola NY 14006.*



Road to Renewal

My heart is heavy as I work through this time in our journey, mostly as I embrace the strong emotions so many are facing. I will be meeting with St. Francis and St. Anthony Parish Councils and parishioners as soon as it can be arranged.

For all of us, though, we have much to achieve and will be using our Family Pillar groups to help us. This past Tuesday, the leadership of the family attended a meeting with the Diocese to gather more information for the next steps of our process. We will continue to include all in this process. Please continue to pray for our family of parishes and Catholics across the Diocese of Buffalo as we navigate the seas of our growth.

This past Monday, we also launched our fall series of Alpha. Alpha is a program designed to help us reach out to those who may no longer be practicing their faith or those who have questions about faith. It continues to run every Monday evening at St. John Paul II Parish in the basement of the Little Church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Thank you to Beth Lopez and her team for organizing this program for our family.

Let me also draw attention to our family website. As we continue to work towards our central office and one bulletin, this remains the best place to see all the events happening in our family. Visit us online at lakeshorecatholicfc.org or for those who have a smart phone, download our family app. Just search "Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community."

"Our lives are of great worth if we accept with good grace the situation Providence places us in, and go on living lovingly." –Takashi Nagai

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

WINGS Meetings

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) offers a six session, faith sharing of *Living in the Father's Love* Saturday mornings 9:00-10:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall.

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. 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.

MPB Fall Bible Study
The Bible and the Church Fathers

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mark X to indicate your preference of time.

Wed., 10:00 a.m. Wed., 7:00 p.m.

\$20 enclosed: Check # _____ Cash _____



Holy Movie Night

St. John Paul II Parish will host the first of the Holy Movies Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The movie is **The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa**. All parishioners of churches in the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community are invited to attend.

Healing Mass at St. Francis

Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will take place Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, 4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg. Father David Bellittiere and the Friends of St. Peregrine cordially invite all parishioners who are afflicted with cancer or in need of physical or spiritual healing to come together in faith to seek God's healing. For further information, call Karen at (716) 283-0011.

Coalition to Protect Kids -- NY

The Coalition to Protect Kids is a ballot issue committee created to defeat the so-called Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State's Constitution.

In the amendment to the NY Constitution, the STATE could have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for children. Minors could have the right to irreversible transgender procedures without their parents' notice or consent.

Attend a Hamburg Public Awareness Meeting September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Oakwood Manor, 2985 Lakeview Rd., Hamburg. For details and to RSVP, call 716-270-7331.

Alpha Sessions Planned

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, 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.



Remember in Your Prayers...

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistriero, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Joyce Cureo, Jennifer Czyz, Mark DeCarlo, Eric DeLang, Katlin DeMaria, Carol A. Doino, Lenore Doetterl, Lorraine Dunkel, Tami Faraci, Jack Fescio, Pierce Foley, Inez Hacker, Carol Hoppa, Angela Jones, Kerry, Stanley Kowal, Don Kraft, Dayle Kuest, Kathy Leiker, Josephine Leonard, Joanne Leone, Barbra Lewellen, Dan Lewellen, Sue Lichte, 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.

Open House at St. Francis HS

Have you ever considered sending your son to St. Francis High School? Are you looking for a school with a rigorous academic curriculum, strong athletics, clubs, leadership opportunities where a young man can become the best version of himself? You can find out more at the school's Fall Open House Sunday, September 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or Monday, September 30 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tours last approximately one hour. You can sign up for any time slot during the two-hour window.

The Open House event provides the opportunity to meet the admission team, administration, coaches, faculty, and staff along with students to have questions answered.

For more information, call 716-627-1200, ext. 582 or email admissions@stfrancishigh.org. St. Francis High School is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, NY.

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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BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in Brant Town Hall

Patty Friend - Town Historian

**In 1987 a playground committee was formed to help establish
the Steven J. Rauker Memorial Park**

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