



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
Scout Troop #421 Wayne Ames
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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 24, 2023

The vineyard is ripe with souls, but we need more laborers for the harvest! Join us in ordained and consecrated ministries for the diocese. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

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

Mon. 9/25 9:00 AM Members of the Cribs Donor Guild by
Our Lady of Victory

Tues. 9/26 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Wed. 9/27 9:00 AM Fr. Walter Matuszak by Michael Parker

Thurs. 9/28 7:00 PM All Souls Intentions by St. John R.C.
Church

Fri. 9/29 9:00 AM Carol Montford by Our Lady of Victory

Sat. 9/30 4:00 PM John Carriero by Knight of Columbus –
Silver Creek

Sun. 10/1 9:00 AM Patrick Sadowy (birth remembrance) by
Grandparents
11:30 AM Mary Pinker by Family

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 30, 2023 4:00 PM

LECTOR Sandie Hooge

MINISTERS Marlene McSkimming, Mary Fran O'Connell

ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 9:00AM

LECTOR Tony Cerabone

MINISTERS Rose Cerabone, Kathy Brachmann

ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 11:30AM

LECTOR Sarah Kief

MINISTERS Steve Smith, Kim Zukowski

ALTAR SERVER Nico and Isabella Orlando

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Sept. 17, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 5,670.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation \$ 326.00

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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. 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>
Monday Sept. 25	9:00 AM Mass Legion of Mary 9:30 AM
Tuesday Sept. 26	9:00 AM Mass Boy Scout sign up 6-8:00 PM <i>SS. Cosmas and Damian</i>
Wed. Sept. 27	9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Thursday Sept. 28	Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass <i>St. Wenceslaus</i> <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</i>
Friday Sept. 29	9:00 AM Mass <i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>
Saturday Sept. 30	<i>WINGS 9:00 Church Hall</i> Confessions 3:00- 3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass <i>St. Jerome</i>
Sunday Oct. 1	9:00 & 11:30 Mass <i>Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Classes</i> <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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 Bolistriero, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes have begun for Faith Formation and will run weekly following our 9:00 Mass. Youth Ministry classes will begin on October 1st following the 9:00 Mass. Please join us!

INVITATION TO ALPHA: Alpha is currently running at St. Mary's on Saturday mornings at 10:00 until Dec. 2nd. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at jmolik@jp2parish.org.

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

BOY SCOUTS: Thank you to everyone who supported our hot dog sale and bake goods sale over the Labor Day Weekend. We are very appreciative of your support. Do you have bottles and cans sitting around that need to be returned? One of our Scouts is working on his Eagle project and has set up an account at The Can Bottle Return Company. You can return your bottles and donate the money to his Eagle project. If it is easier, the Scouts will pick them up for you. Contact Scout Master Wayne Ames for more information at 716-698-4089.

CHICKEN/RIB DINNERS St. Mary of the Lake Parish will host a drive-thru dinner of chicken or ribs by Chiavetta, Sunday October 8th from noon until 6:00 P.M. Payment may be made with cash or card.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents or caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a “business” relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of the conflict. Groups are held throughout WNY. Call 716-896-6490 for more information. Other services and programs provided by Catholic Charities, visit 222.ccwny.org

FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: First and Last

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness. Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth.

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard

is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading, and not as eloquently from me for months now. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late, many after having spent most of their days idling in sin.

Even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Not too far from the last two weeks messages; We must love God in the Way He loves us, by loving our neighbor. We strive for God's generosity, confident it will always be there for us. Plus Justice, plus mercy, plus salvation... Choose God, seek His Way. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal

This Wednesday the Universal Church celebrates Saint Vincent De Paul. A man renowned for his charity and love for serving the poor. He was once quoted saying, “You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. Nevertheless, you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humored. They are your masters, terribly sensitive and exacting master you will see. Moreover, the uglier and the dirtier they will be the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them.”

As we journey through our Road to Renewal, which demands more than a little introspection, we must keep the truth of the words spoken by the saint, to always be smiling and good-humored. We are all servants to God and one another, out of our desire to match the immeasurable love God has for each one of us. We must love one another as we seek to live God's Way in our time. The Holy Father has asked us to examine this path at this time. Let us hold each other accountable to God's Way. Do not allow distractions or even despair upset you. Focus on the Master of the Vineyard and continue to lift each other up and encourage them along on the road to renewal. Keep Praying. 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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<p>LATIMORE - SCHIAVONE FUNERAL HOME, INC. John A. Latimore ... Joseph S. Schiavone 549-3311 Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow "Personalized Service" ANGOLA, NEW YORK 14006</p>	<p>BARONE LIQUOR STORE Mike & Karyl Lyn Kreuter <i>Local Wine and Liquor Store</i> 364 Central Avenue Silver Creek, NY 14136 716-934-3533</p>	 <p><u>VILLAGE OF FARNHAM</u> <u>NEW WEBSITE:</u> VillageofFarnham.com</p>
<p>TIMM HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING PLUMBING HEATING COOLING SINCE 1953 716-549-5113</p> <p>BILL TIMM Owner</p> <p>458 SYCAMORE AVENUE ANGOLA, NY 14006</p>	<p>ADDISON FUNERAL HOME Randolph J. Addison & Scott J. Addison 262 North Main Street, Angola, NY 14006 716-549-1100</p> <p>www.addisonfuneralhome.com</p> <p><i>"Pre planning today will relieve loved ones the stressful decisions of tomorrow - Guaranteed Price Pre Need Contract"</i></p>	<p>THE BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY <i>Located in Brant Town Hall</i> 1880's - Pat Gugino Farm site of cheese factory owned by Vance until 1903 <i>Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend</i> <i>Meetings are the 3rd Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!</i></p>