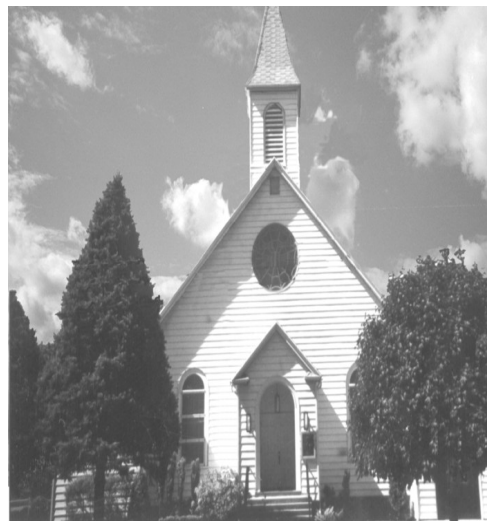


# Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



## ***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.  
Business Manager.....Eleanor Cox  
Parish Council Chairperson.....Theresa White  
Faith Formation Director.....Kathleen Brachmann  
Youth Ministry Coordinator.....Tiffany Parker  
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Music Ministry.....Mike Cerabone  
Children's Liturgy of the Word.....Michelle Baumgarden  
Buildings & Grounds.....Larry Leonard  
Custodian.....George Cordia  
Cemetery Sextons.....Frank Zeffiro & Charles Walker  
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 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

**Monday, September 30**

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

**Tuesday, October 1**

9:00 AM - Mary Pinker - by Family

**Wednesday, October 2**

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

**Thursday, October 3**

9:00 AM - John Kane - by Friends of the Family

**Friday, October 4**

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood

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

**Saturday, October 5**

**Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 PM - Edward Kaczmarczyk - by Daughters

**Sunday, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 AM - Jean Elizabeth McCombs - by Brachmann Family

**This Week at St. Anthony's**

Saturday, September 28

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 29

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, October 1

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

6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - WINGS

5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 6

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Please pray for the deceased of the parish, especially **Annette McCabe**.

**Stewardship -- September 22, 2024**

Weekly Offering.....\$1,280.00

**Thank You for Your Generous Support.**

**Ministry Schedule -- October 5 & 6**

**Lector**

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof

10:30 a.m. - T. Parker

**Ministers**

K. Zukowski

R. Cerabone, T. Cerabone



**From the Pastor**

*Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time:  
To Belong to Christ*

Is it possible that we could miss living a life God is calling us to live even as we faithfully follow and adhere to a standard of faith everyone would describe as holy? If you look at the things Jesus said to the Pharisees, you know the answer to that question is yes. Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven. God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples. Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal - causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Second Reading warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them. This internal conversion of our hearts is not something we can accomplish by our own will power of strict discipline. It is the product of a new desire fueled by the Holy Spirit, creating a hunger and thirst for righteousness. Believe and Pray.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*



**Living Rosary at St. Anthony Church**

The Legion of Mary at St. Anthony Church will host a Living Rosary at the church Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass for a gathering following the rosary event.

**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 22 is **Steven Vail**, ticket number 208. He receives \$75. Tickets for this fundraiser are available at the Parish Office Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.

**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.

**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](http://www.stanthonyfarnham.org) or at the entrances of the church.



**Operation Storm Heaven**

The next Rosary date of Operation Storm Heaven is Tuesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Little Church at St. John Paul II. All are welcome.



**Road to Renewal**

Every day we continue to make strides towards our coming together as a family of parishes. This includes centralizing our services and staff in a single office -- "the hub." The Diocese will provide our pillars with new working documents to assist our transition in the merging of parishes. Shortly we will start up a committee to guide us in the remembrances, supports and services of our merging/transition; to include a timeline.

I encourage you to continue your prayer and listen to those who are struggling most through this process. Listening and affirming are always a "best" practice.

Saint Ignatius Loyola wrote: "God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God's grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us;"

This prayer I find fitting for our current times. God so loves us that if we allow ourselves to always remain in it, holding nothing back, we too will be filled with His grace -- a grace so strong and overpowering that we will not fear tomorrow but remain entranced before the all-powerful God of the universe. Our lives are not our own; God is the before and after, the above and below, the beginning and the end, the today, tomorrow, and eternity. God is the all in all, and our Way. Believe and live. Always Pray.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

**Volunteers Needed at Catholic Health**

Catholic Health is seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to lend their time and talent at one of its sites: Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Sisters of Charity, Kenmore Mercy, Mt. St. Mary's and Lockport Memorial.

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**Cheering for the Bills at St. Anthony's**



You are invited to St. Anthony's Church parking lot Sunday, October 6, starting at 11:30 a.m., to help cheer on the Buffalo Bills as they play the Houston Texans. Hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided. If possible, bring a snack, dish to pass or dessert to share.

For more information, contact Matt and Judy Burke at 716-348-0703.

**Catholic Charities Serving the Community**

Costs keep rising and for many it can feel nearly impossible to keep up. If you or your family is facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, being able to afford vital medication, Catholic Charities can help. Call 716-856-4494.

**Alpha Sessions**

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.

**A Vocation View**

"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His spirit on them all!" At last, God has done this! Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit of prophecy to all of us at our Confirmation. What will you do with it? Visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org) or contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.



**Remember in Your Prayers...**

Bryan Ahl, Sharon Ames, Wayne Ames, Andrea Battaglia, Verna Bogdan, Michael Bolistrieri, Zane Bolkman, John Brackett, Sheri Buczkowski, Nicholas Byer, Joe Campbell, Jared Canto, Diane Catalfu, Lucille Chiapparo, Florence Conover, Joe Cook, Callan Cooke, Eleanor Cox, Joyce Curoo, 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 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,

**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](mailto: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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