



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

Summer Mass Schedule: 6/4/23 thru 9/3/23: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 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
Scout Troop #421 Wayne Ames
Marriage Preparation.....Keith & Kris Dash

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2023

For Jeremiah, God's Word was "like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in."

Why fight the call to ministry? Embrace it!

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

September 3, 2023

DAILY MASSES & INTENTION

Sat. 9/2 4:00 PM Mary Walsh (for healing) by Jim Walsh
 Sun. 9/3 9:00 AM Ron Simchick (anniversary) by wife & daughters
 11:00 AM Gerard Kern by Gentili Family
 Mon. 9/4 9:00 AM Harry Watkins by Judy Watkins
 Tues. 9/5 9:00 AM Father's Day Intentions
 Wed. 9/6 9:00 AM Lori & Ray Dunkel (wedding anniversary remembrance)
 Thurs. 9/7 7:00 PM Joseph Lonca (birthday remembrance) by Brachmann & Brittain families
 Fri. 9/8 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 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

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 9, 2023 4:00 PM

LECTOR
 MINISTERS Kim Zukowski
 ALTAR SERVER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 9:00AM

LECTOR
 MINISTERS
 ALTAR SERVER Ryan Kief, Jonathan Pilski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 11:30AM

LECTOR
 MINISTERS Noreen Crane
 ALTAR SERVER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

August 27, 2023 Weekly Offertory \$ 3,154.00

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

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| Saturday Sept. 2 | Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass Boy Scout Bake Sale Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday |
| Sunday Sept. 3 | 9:00 & 11:00 Mass Boy Scout Bake Sale 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday Sept. 4 | 9:00 AM Mass Patriotic Rosary 9:30 AM Labor Day |
| Tuesday Sept. 5 | 9:00 AM Mass |
| Wed. Sept. 6 | 9:00 AM Mass AA Meeting 8:00 PM |
| Thursday Sept. 7 | Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM 7:00 PM Mass |
| Friday Sept. 8 | 9:00 AM Mass The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Feast |
| Saturday Sept. 9 | Confessions 3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM Mass St. Peter Claver - Memorial |
| Sunday Sept. 10 | 9:00 & 11:30 Mass 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

September 4 – Patriotic Rosary – 9:30
 Boy Scout Hot Dog Sale @ Family Dollar 10:00 AM
 September 10 – Sunday Mass changes from 11AM to 11:30 AM
 September 16 – WINGS 9:00 AM Church Hall
 September 17 – Catechetical Sunday
 September 19 – Boy Scout Sign Up Church Hall 6:00-8:00 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, Barbrea 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! NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH,
the later morning Mass Time changes from 11am TO 11:30AM.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: We will be saying the Patriotic Rosary following the 9:00 AM mass on Monday, September 4th. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall.

ROSARY IN THE PARK: Our Lady of the Rosary will be at the Evangola State Park every Thursday at 7:00 PM until September 7th Follow the signs to the shelter.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of someone who would be willing to shovel the walkways of the church during our winter season. Please contact the rectory if you are able to help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. Catechetical Sunday is September 17th and we are celebrating the commissioning of our Catechists at the 9:00 mass. There is a meeting for all parents with students in our Youth Ministry Program following the mass. 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 (Faith Formation Pre School - Grade 5) or Keith Dash 716-867-9199 (Youth Ministry Grades 6 -11).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS AMAZING! We had a full week of learning about "Who is my Neighbor?" Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and those who have supported the efforts of making this event a huge success. The children who participated were so spirit filled with love, laughter and joy. Special thanks to Father Tim, Father Jim, Father Johnson, Judy Burke, Paula Malucci, Rose Cerabone, Lauren Vogel, Bud Brachmann, Mike Cerabone, Michelle Baumgardner, Kathie Barreca, Rhonda English, Alexis Serio, Dawn & Steve Csati, Colt Maracle, Caleb Schaefer, Emma Lovria, Isabella Orlando, Paige Manning and from Most Precious Blood: Donna Kane, Bridget Kane, Kathy Halter, Tina Perfetto, Alexis Capodicasa, Jovita Wilson, Spencer Vail and Beth Lopez. Looking forward to next year!

INVITATION TO ALPHA: In a world of isolation, anonymity and keyboard warriors, 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. Alpha is for everyone! There is no charge. For more information, contact Jonathan Molik at jmolik@jp2parish.org.

FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: For Your Life

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive, and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials. What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself; your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies, our whole beings, as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will.

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds; to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise. We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied. Choicest Blessings, Fr. Tim

Road to Renewal

Our six family pillars are meeting. Our goal is to have our family action plans published in the next few weeks. This allows the family councils, the clergy, and myself to post and explain our way ahead. This will involve the Parish Councils' aiding us in implementing the plan going forward. We will continue to provide updates to you as we proceed so we can walk through this Renewal together as a Family. Reminder that you can always visit roadtorenewal.org for news articles and updates directly from the Diocese of Buffalo pertaining to the renewal.

This idea of renewal continues to perplex and worry some. A few have compared that we are on our own Exodus like the Israelites in the Old Testament. The Exodus was a period of confusion, doubt, and uncertainty amongst God's chosen people. Yet, God in his infinite love and mercy providing for those who trusted in him. One of those ways was the manna. Literally translated as "bread from heaven."

We have our own manna in the Blessed Sacrament, our food for our journey. Consider allowing yourself to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the grace we need to persevere in the uncertainties of our time; pray for the Renewal and those who may be struggling the most. God feeds us and will guide us in His Way. 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

ST. ANTHONY'S SHIRTS: Limited quantities of T-shirts, sweatshirts & hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. Tshirt \$5, Sweatshirt \$5 **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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" QR Code: Download QR Code reader **App,** Scan the code with your smartphone.....as seen here...→ follow prompts to complete transaction **PLEASE NOTE: Any articles to be published must be submitted by Wednesday 10:00 AM** to be included in the weekend bulletin **Pulpit announcements will be limited to emergency announcements only. Please plan ahead. Thank you.**



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Located in Brant Town Hall
In 1875, the Town of Brant population was 1,378.
Town of Brant Historian, Patty Friend
Meetings are the 3rd Saturday each month, 9:30 AM - Noon. Everyone is welcome!

September 3, 2023