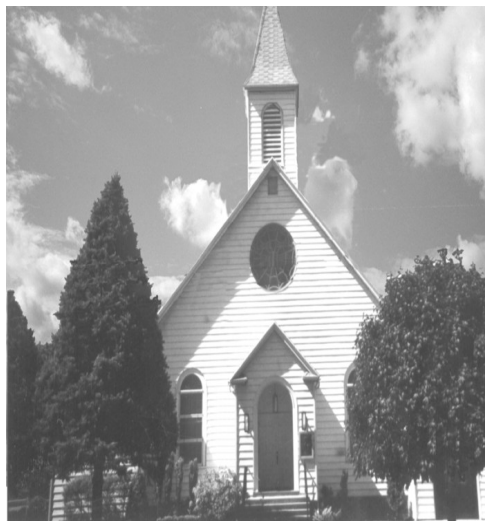


# Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community



## ***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  
Sacramental Program.....Kris Dash  
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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

### **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).

### **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.*



## Daily Masses & Intentions

### Saturday, September 7

**Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:30 PM - Joseph Lonca - by Brachmann & Brittain  
 Families

### Sunday, September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Michael Koller - by Brachmann Family

### Monday, September 9

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

### Tuesday, September 10

9:00 AM - Ronald Lonca - by Brachmann & Brittain  
 Families

### Wednesday, September 11

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

### Thursday, September 12

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

### Friday, September 13

8:00 AM - Mass at Most Precious Blood  
 8:30 AM - Mass at St. John Paul II

### Saturday, September 14

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

### Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM - Joan Tamulski - by Family

### This Week at St. Anthony's

Saturday, September 7  
 5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 8  
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

Tuesday, September 10  
 9:30 a.m. -- Legion of Mary  
 6:30 p.m. -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 11  
 8:00 p.m. -- AA Meeting

Thursday, September 12  
 6:30 p.m. - Rosary in the Park (Evangola)

Saturday, September 14  
 5:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 15  
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass

### Ministry Schedule -- September 14 & 15

#### Lector

5:30 p.m. - D. Roof  
 10:30 a.m. - B. English

#### Ministers

K. Zukowski  
 L. Andrzejewski,  
 K. Brachmann



## From the Pastor

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
 All Things Well*

Today we continue to hear back in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good.

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible -- in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater -- that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." Sometimes we can't understand the whole meaning, but God does and will always be there.

Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

**Rejoicing in Recovery**

The Faith Community Coalition invites you to its "Rejoicing in Recovery," a local celebration of recovery from addiction. The celebration takes place Saturday, September 21 at Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center, 107 Main St., Hamburg, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this day filled with food, family fun, music, inspiration, community resources and education.

**Meetings on Grief**

A two-week DVD session on Grief will take place Thursdays, September 12 and 26 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Gathering Room, 2950 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park.

The two 45-minute sessions will be followed by discussion and fellowship. Snacks will be served following the presentation.



**Trust in the Immaculate**

*(The following announcement is from Rev. Ross Syracuse of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.)*

Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., one of our Friars and our Delegate for the Franciscan Friars Province's Marian Apostolate, will join our family at St. Francis September 14-15. He will preach on the lives of three contemporary Polish saints and their devotion to Mary Immaculate: St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, OLM, and Pope St. John Paul II.

The holy lives of these great saints of the Twentieth Century continue to bless the Catholic Church and the world. Fr. Jobe will look at each saint's unique "entrustment" to the Immaculate Mother of God that led to a deeper relationship with Christ and a fuller understanding of God's Will in their lives.

**2024 MPB Fall Split Club**

Winner of the drawing for the week of September 1 is **Todd DeMario**, ticket number 022. 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. The ticket cost is \$60. Only 260 tickets will be sold. If you are unable to visit the Parish Office to purchase a ticket, call 716-549-0420 to arrange for purchase by mail.

Prizes total \$5,400. There will be 16 drawings for \$75 beginning the week of July 28. The Reception and Final Drawings Event will take place November 9. Grand Prize is \$2,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$500; and 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$100 each. Proceeds of the Fall Split Club will benefit the parish.

Stewardship -- September 1, 2024

Weekly Offering.....\$1,990.00  
 Monthly Offering.....\$712.00

**Thank You for Your Generous Support.**

**Road to Renewal**



My deadline came before any word of the proposal project for our family. If you did not hear me say this before, let me say it again: Hard and good work was done by all in the process. As we wait the process, let us increase our prayer that the Holy Spirit be upon us all and that what is best for God's Plan for us will come true in this process. May the Holy Spirit truly be present amongst us and those involved making the best decisions for the future of our Diocese and our family of parishes.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God." As we enter into this new season of autumn, and we experience the beautiful changes of God's creation, it offers us a time of reflection. Can I do more as a Christian to manifest the love of God in our world? Do people look at me and see the face of Jesus? I encourage you to make these simple questions part of your nightly examination of conscience. As God prepares to renew his creation, are we doing what we can to renew our Church?

Pray, Believe, Pray! The Love of God will shine through us.


Choicest Blessings,

*Fr. Tim*

**Alpha Sessions Planned**

All are invited to participate in the fall Alpha sessions taking place Mondays, September 16 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.



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**Rosary in the Park**

St. Anthony Parish hosts *Rosary in the Park*, at Evangola State Park Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**A Vocation View**

Isaiah's message today is powerful: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...He comes to save you." By Jesus we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life. What an incredible deal -- worth devoting your life to it! If you have the desire to do this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**WINGS to Meet**

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

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. The first session is September 21.

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.



**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 Chiapparro, 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, 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.

**Catholic Charities**

Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate? If so, please 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. In addition, donations of household items are also welcome: small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes, utensils and bed linens.

Donations supply goods to the Ladies' Lot of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Outreach Thrift Store in Wells-ville, and 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.

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