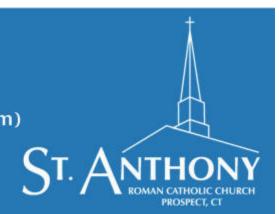
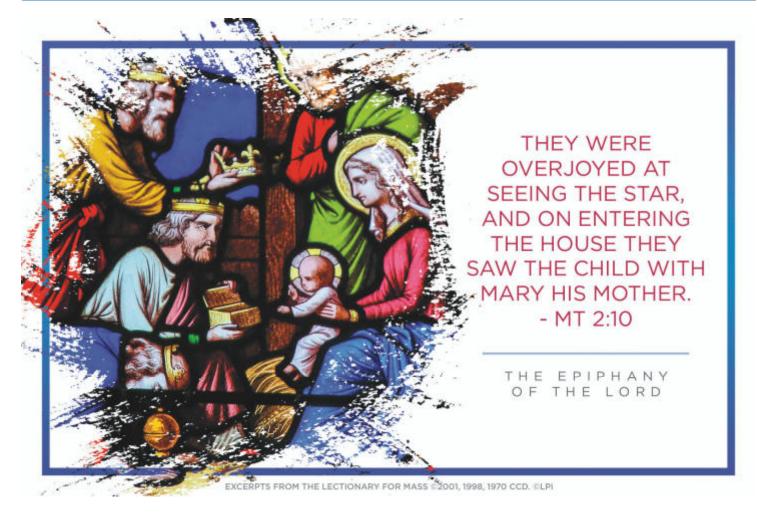
MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass - 7:30 am, 9:30 am,11:15 am
Daily Mass - 8 am
First Friday Daily Mass - 12:15 pm (no 8 am)
Confession - Saturday 3:00 pm or
by appointment

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord



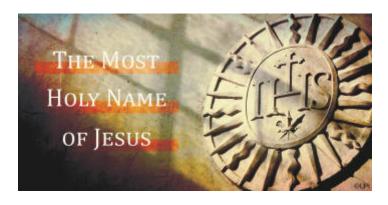


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#### **Parish Mission Statement**

St. Anthony Church is a parish where God's love nourishes the soul to actively minister to people and share the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the Community of St. Anthony Church. Regardless of your present religious affiliation or status in the Catholic Church, your marital situation, personal history or struggles, disability, age, background, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, you are invited, welcomed, respected, loved and encouraged to be a part of our faith community.



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday	January 1—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 AM	Dick S. and son Brian S.
Sunday	January 2—Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Mark Schepis, req. by Micki Mikelskas Claire Sardinskas, req. by Nana Gloria Ferraro, req. by St. Anthony Parish Community
Monday	January 3—Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 AM	Earl Sargeant, req. by Helen & Ronald Plante
Tuesday	January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 AM	Carol Bartush, req. by Barbara Esposito
Wednesday	January 5—Saint John Neumann
8:00 AM	Frank Rinaldi, req. by Mark & Kathy Tierney
Thursday	January 6—Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM	St. Anthony Parish Family
First Friday	January 7—Christmas Weekday
12:15 PM	Healing for Chris Camirand, req. by Michele
Saturday	January 8—Christmas Weekday
4:30 PM	Teresa Domenchuk & Kathleen Moriarty, req. by Family
Sunday	January 9—Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Maurice Fortier, req. by John Schieffer Shaun Lynch, req. by Marie Delage & Family William Oliver, req. by Bob & Yvonne Schepis

#### THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR THE SAINT ANTHONY PARISH FAMILY



The Christmas Season has begun and the celebration continues through the baptism of our Lord. While the secular world is moving past Christmas, as Christians, let us rejoice and keep the true meaning of Christmas alive

#### St. Anthony's Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Ministry Meeting following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, January 23rd. We will share news and talk about the needs and goals of our minis-



tries moving forward in 2022! All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to David Byrne at

stanthonyvc@gmail.com or call the Parish Center at 203-758-4056, ext. 17.

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PARISH COLLECTIONS 12/19/2021

Weekly 4,922.00 Weekly on-line: 1,335.50 Monthly on-line: 1,861.00 Total: 8,118.50

#### **Job Opening—Communications Coordinator**

The Communications Coordinator position is a part-time, 5 - 7 hours a week, position which acts as a liaison between the Pastor/staff and the parishioners to engage them and provide pertinent parish news and events. Also publicizes St. Anthony Church information to the local and Archdiocesan community via a weekly newsletter, newspaper articles, website, and social media. Experience with Microsoft and posting to social media is required. Must have general knowledge of the Catholic Church, Theology and the Liturgical Year. Hours are flexible. You may call the office at 203-758-4056 for further information or submit your inquiry to stanthonyadmin@comcast.net

#### **Hall Rental**

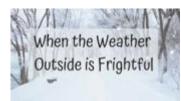
Before we began repairing the hall, we were renting it for showers, birthdays, dances, dinners, etc. If you or someone you know is interested in renting the hall, please call the office for information, availability, and pricing.



On Friday, December 17th, we had our four maintenance/ custodial/ landscaping guys here at the same time! Pictured left to right, Tony, Robert who was with us for

six weeks and is leaving for a full-time job, Zac who comes back to assist on occasion, and Rob who is replacing Robert. Tony worked extra hours in October until we brought Robert on board. While here, Robert made great strides in cleaning and organizing our storage areas. Zac climbed into the bell tower to find a disconnected ground wire that was keeping our bells from working. There's never a dull moment here, welcome Rob!

Thanks guys and thank you to the volunteers who came and assisted with getting items into the dumpsters.



Please note that when Region 16 dismisses school early due to bad weather, or cancels school for the day, we will NOT have any classes that day here at Saint Anthony's. We will also alert on Channel 3 if we choose to

cancel; it will also be posted on our website, as well as our many social media pages.



Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 made sandwiches for the shelter on Sunday morning. They also attached notes of cheer to the bags. We are so thankful to the families who generously donated bread, cheese, meat, and PB & J!



Students in grade 9 volunteered on Sunday morning to help the Giving Tree ministry package up the presents donated by our parish families.







The date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for this year is Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 A.M. This will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford.



#### **Counting Ministry**



The Counting Ministry is looking for new volunteers. If you have ever considered assisting with counting the collections, please call the office for further details. The counters are on a rotating schedule, volunteering their time once a month for a few hours. Confidentiality is essential in this ministry.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our Giving Trees for the St. Anthony parishioners and Prospect families and for the youth in local group homes under the care of the North American Families Institute. Your generosity helped to make this Christmas extra special for our local families and youth!

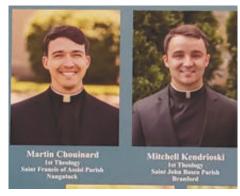


#### **Seminarians**

An updated poster of the seminarians in the Archdiocese of Hartford can be found on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Please pray that these men become true missionary disciples and for more vocations to the priesthood.

You may jot down a seminarian's name to pray for or send them a card in care of the Office of the Director of Seminarians.





#### **Knights of Columbus News**



The Knights of Columbus Basket for Babies Collection begins on Sunday, December 26th and will end on Sunday, January 23rd. New and unwrapped items can be placed in collection baskets which will be in the rear

vestibule of the church. Items collected will be brought to Carolyn's Place in Waterbury and the Hope Pregnancy Center in Cheshire.

#### Wish List

Baby Bath
Baby Lotion
Baby Shampoo
Baby Wipes
Bibs
Blanket Sleepers
Booties

Bottles Onesies
Comb & Brush Set Outfits
Crib Sheets Pacifiers
Desitin Ointment Rattles
Diapers (size 4-6)
Diaper Bags Socks
Hats & Sweaters Strollers
Stuffed Animals



#### **Monday Night Bingo**

Doors open at 5:30, games start at 7:00. If you would like to volunteer one night a

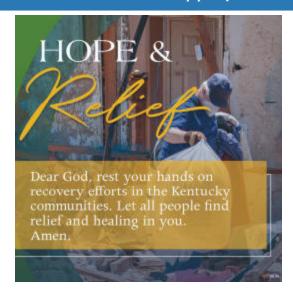


month to help with bingo, please call the office.

<u>January 3rd—Team #2</u> Check the website for Jackpots

#### **NOTICE:**

- In keeping with the policy of St. Anthony Bingo to observe all State of Connecticut bingo regulations, our \$20 admission fee is required of everyone in attendance including children, relatives or friends of admitted players. Volunteers and administrative guests are exempt from this requirement.
- Connecticut state statutes allow players under the age of 18 to be admitted to play when accompanied and monitored by an adult. Our admission fee includes eight game sheets in all. Purchases of special game sheets are optional.
- In consideration of the health & safety of everyone involved we ask that you attend bingo only if you are feeling well.
- As per the Archdiocese: Those who are fully vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional; those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks.





#### **Schedule:**

- Tuesday mornings at 9:15 am and
- Thursday mornings at 8:45 am in the Hope Room. In warmer weather we will have class outdoors in the St. Anthony Meditation Garden (not by the Our Lady of Fatima Statue).

The focus of Soul Core is the prayers of the Rosary with the "invitation" to integrate exercises and periods of meditative rest at each mystery.

Please call, text, or email Barbara to let her know if you will be attending class by 6:00 pm the day prior at 203-605-8354. There is a "SoulCore" suggested \$10.00 participant donation per class, if able.

\*\*Please note: the First Saturday 9:15 a.m. class has been eliminated.







The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuber-

culosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."





If you're like me, this time of year is perfect for a warm beverage. Coffee and tea are popular year round, and many of us have invested in Keurig machines for their variety and convenience. What we sometimes don't realize is the mountain of trash that piles up from using those little plastic cups. It is estimated that over 10 billion plastic cups

are made every year, the vast majority of which end up in a landfill. So, what can one do? K-cups can't go in the recycling bin, so some options include reusable K-cup baskets (find them in local stores or Amazon) or reducing the amount you use. And if you use a traditional coffee pot or drink tea, remember that both coffee grounds and tea leaves can be used as compost in the garden! We'd love to share more tips with you ... search for "Prospect—Reduce Reuse Recycle" on Facebook!

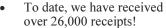
#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: We welcome the opportunity to be informed of any of our parishioners who are ill or hospitalized. Contact the Parish Center at 203-758-4056, or email at stanthonyadmin2@comcast.net.: Robert Allegrini, Marshall Anderson, Mary Becker, Tigerlily Bentley, Gayle Boudreau, Melissa Burgett, Richard Calabro, Sr., Evelyn Campion, Theresa Ciuccoli Carley, Margaret Colangelo, Patricia Corbin, Adam Cronin, Eleanor Dana, Dawn Flohr, Rita Fried, Dolores Fusco, Donald Guerrera, Kristien Hertel, "Jim," Tracy Kearcher, Dalton Kelly, Eva Grace Kelly, Shirley Krawczyk, Zachery LaChance, Louise Lestage, Mary Macker, Madeline Mancini, Tracy Marquit, Sophie Marton, Barbara Moorcroft, Brianna Pereira, Ann Rasch, Charles Rowland, Christine Saunders, Meghan Shields, Mary Tanguay, Margaret Tentoni, Brian Weisner, and Michael Zwack. IF SOMEONE YOU PLACED ON THE PRAYER LIST CAN BE REMOVED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.



Please remember in your prayers, all active military members who are away from their families while serving around the world. "God please keep watch over all those who are serving in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corp., National Guard, and Navy.

#### LaBonne's Cash for Charities Rebate Program





- Please continue saving your receipts.
- Every couple of months submit them to the church via mail at 4 Union City Rd., drop them into the offertory basket or at the parish center. We will receive 1/2%
- Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their receipts, keep them coming!

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#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION The Epiphany of the Lord



In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ!

This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



#### Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

**Second Reading:** It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews *and* Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

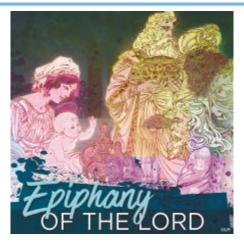
Gospel: The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today? ©LPi

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in



tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



#### Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. .-*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* 



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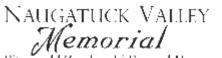
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