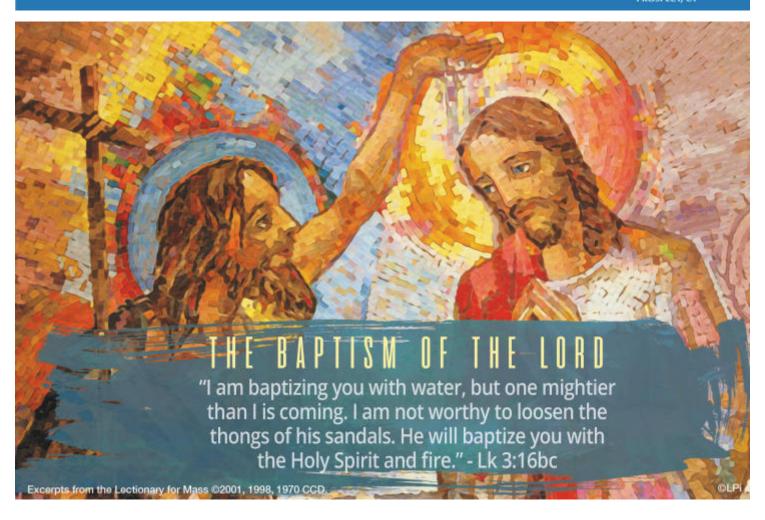
MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am
Daily Mass - 8 am
First Friday Daily Mass - 12:15 pm (no 8 am)
Confession - Saturday 3:00 pm or
by appointment

January 9, 2022—The Baptism 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 8—Christmas Weekday		
9:00 AM	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		
Monday	January 10—Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)		
8:00 AM	Birthday Rem. of Lisa Jannetty, req. by Mom, Dad, and Gino		
Tuesday	January 11—Weekday		
8:00 AM	Dionisio Barroso, req. by the Carlos Family		
Wednesday	January 12—Weekday		
8:00 AM	Carlo & Christopher Rosa, req. by the Scaviola Family		
Thursday	January 13—Saint Hilary		
8:00 AM	St. Anthony Parish Family		
Friday	January 14—Weekday		
8:00 AM	Joaquin Martins, req. by the Carlos Family		
Saturday	January 15—Weekday		
4:30 PM	Michael Tangney, req. by his Wife		
Sunday	January 16—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Mark Schepis, req. by Richard and Susan Maloney		
9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Rev. Philip J. Cascia, req. by Knights of Columbus		

THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION REQ. BY ANTHONY & MARYANN INGALA



Our sympathy to the family of: Joan Zulpa

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord; let your perpetual light shine upon her forever.



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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Email: stanthonyprospectstewardship@gmail.com

PARISH COLLECTIONS 12/26/2021

Weekly	\$	2,707.00
Weekly on-line:		1,260.50
Monthly on-line:		1,229.00
Total:	\$	5,196.50
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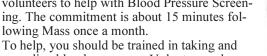
Christmas Collection: 9,867.33

PARISH COLLECTIONS 01/02/2022

Weekly	\$ 5,998.00
Weekly on-line:	1,595.50
Monthly on-line:	545.00
Total:	\$ 8,138.50

Volunteers Needed for Blood Pressure Screening

The Health Ministry of our parish is looking for volunteers to help with Blood Pressure Screening. The commitment is about 15 minutes following Mass once a month.



recording blood pressures. Volunteers who have medical, nursing, or EMS training are ideal candidates. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at stanthonyvc@gmail.com or call 203-758-4056.

Attention - Looking for Volunteers this Weekend

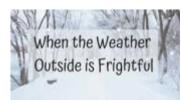
The Christmas season has gone by very quickly this year. We are looking for volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations in the church. We will leave the poinsettias for as long as they last.

We will meet in the church at 12:30 PM on Sunday, January 9th. If you can help for a few hours it would be greatly appreciated Please email David Byrne at

stanthonyvc@gmail.com or by phone 203-758-4056, et. 17. Happy New Year, David Byrne.

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.



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.

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.





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.









The Ladies Guild will have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Our guest speaker will be Lau-LADIES GUILD ren Wells, Client Director of Carolyn's Place, presenting infor-

mation about Carolyn's Place and how they serve the community. Look forward to seeing our members at the meeting.

LaBonne's Cash for Charities Rebate Program

- In 2021, we received over 26,000 receipts!
- 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!





It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register in order to participate in our various programs, ministries, and activities.

Visit www.stanthonyprospect.org; under Resources scroll down to Parish Registration Form, print and complete it. You can mail it to the office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Forms are also available in the magazine racks in the church or in the parish center office. Please note that parish registration is required for children to participate in our Faith Formation program.



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.

January 10th—Team #4

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.

Ongoing Parish Information

- Consider using On-line Giving for your financial support of St. Anthony Parish. The consistency from on-line giving is very helpful. It's easy to sign up: go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/1632. Thank you and God bless you for all you do for St. Anthony Parish.
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- ♦ Would you like to receive our parish newsletter? Just text STANTHONYNEWS to 42828 to get on the mailing list!
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Milford Knights of Columbus Motorcoach Trips 2022

• Lancaster PA Show Trip & the Dutch Country

Monday—Wednesday April 11—13 \$365.00 per person, based on double occupancy (add \$75 for single occupancy). \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due 2/4/2002.

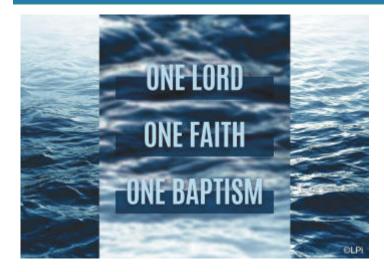
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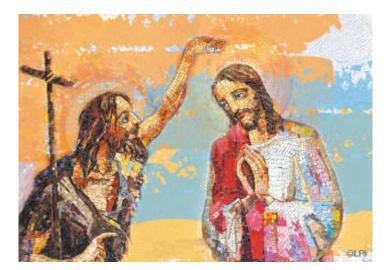
7 days, 6 nights: Sunday—Saturday; May 15—21 \$685 per person, based on double occupancy (add \$225 for single occupancy). \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due 3/8/2002.

• Myrtle Beach Show Trip

6 days, 5 nights: Monday—Saturday; Sept. 12—17 \$655 per person, based on double occupancy (add \$199 for single occupancy). \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due 7/5/2002.

Call John Benard at 203-877-2737 for fliers and information. Mail checks to: 36 Beverly Rd., Milford, CT 06461-1621







Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us, there is inevitably tons of stuff left behind and one big thing is the Christmas tree. No one wants to see a sad, dry tree tossed to the curb, so here are some better options: try mulching it! Trees can go in your mulch pile; even better if you cut it up into smaller pieces. Too much work? There are a couple

of other options in town. Every year, the fire department does a tree burn in the field across from the firehouse and next to the library. This year's burn will be on January 15 at 6:00 PM. The trees can be dropped off in the field before then. Also, the Prospect recycling center takes them as well (on the lower level). One more idea: cut off some branches, add some holly berries and a ribbon, and you have a festive winter display box that can decorate your front porch into the new year. For more tips and ideas on ways to start the new year in a more earthfriendly way.....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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

WME is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven sessions weekdays from 7—9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https:// wwmectw.org/.

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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 Baptism of the Lord



"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions

can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



Questions of the Week

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading: Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard? Gospel: We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

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Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the



world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi



Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God. Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?.-*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



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