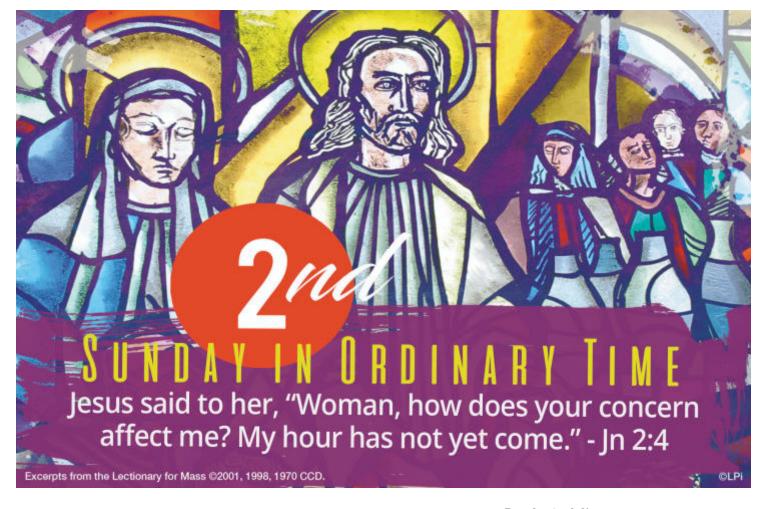
MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass - 7:30 am, 9:30 am,11:15 am
Daily Mass - 8 am
First Friday Daily Mass - 12:15 pm (no 8 am)
Confession - Saturday 3:00 pm or
by appointment

January 16, 2022—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time





Phone: 203-758-4056

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.

Per the Archdiocese

"The CDC is recommending masks and indoor social distancing again for the time being, and even in the absence of a civil requirement parishioners should be asked to wear a mask. Spacing in Church should also be maintained appropriately, including the communion line."



Therefore, please wear a mask and distance yourself appropriately.

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday	January 15—Weekday
9:00 AM	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	Lewis Barre, req. by Mark & Kathy Tierney Rev. Philip J. Cascia, req. by Knights of Columbus
Monday	January 17—Saint Anthony, Abbot
8:00 AM	John Mulcahy, req. by his nephew, George
Tuesday	January 18—Weekday
8:00 AM	Joanne Zagarino, req. by Family
Wednesday	January 19—Weekday
8:00 AM	James Fenn, req. by the Satkunas Family
Thursday	January 20—Weekday
8:00 AM	St. Anthony Parish Family
Friday	January 21—Saint Agnes
8:00 AM	Anniv. Rem. of Donald W. Bedard, Jr., req. by the Bedard Family
Saturday	January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
4:30 PM	In Honor of Fran Lamontagne's Birthday, req. by Family
Sunday	January 23—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Gary Barrere, req. by Mark & Carolyn Poulin Tom & Sandi Madden, req. by Children Marie Gentile, req. by St. Anthony Parish Com- munity

THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REV. PHILIP J. CASCIA REQ. BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS





The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 22—23, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements,

curricular improvements, marketing and much more. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a donation to this year's Catholic High School Collection. Thank you for your support.

St. Anthony's Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee Ministry Meeting scheduled following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, January 23rd has been postponed. We hope to hold it sometime in February; we will post the date when it becomes available.



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PARISH COLLECTIONS 01/09/2022

Weekly: 3,441.00 Weekly on-line: 1,505.50 Monthly on-line: 215.00 **Total:** 5,161.50

The office is closed tomorrow, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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.

To help, you should be trained in taking and 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.

Volunteer for Embroidery

We are looking for someone who has the ability to embroider onto clothing, to put the words "St. Anthony Church" on shirts or sweatshirts. Please contact the office if you have this ability or have any questions.

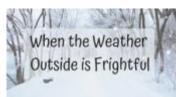


PLEASE NOTE

Tax letters for 2021 will be mailed BY REQUEST ONLY. If you want a tax letter for 2021 sent to you, please call Charlene at 203-758-4056, ext. 12, or email her at stanthonyadmin2@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.



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.





We celebrate our grade 3 class who have begun the sacrament of their First Reconciliation. On January 8th, Micah, Abigail, Besjana, and Olivia and their families came to receive the sacrament. Please keep the grade 3 students and their volunteer teachers in your prayers.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and

renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

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.







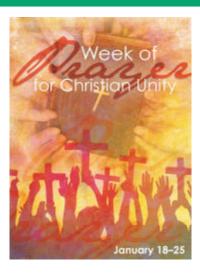


The Ladies Guild will have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Our guest speaker will be Lau-I ADIFS GUILD ren Wells, Client Director of Carolyn's Place, presenting infor-

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.

BINGO IS CANCELLED JAN. 17TH.

Check stanthonyprospect.org/bingo for updates 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.
- ◆ Use the St. Anthony Church APP to stay connected with our parish. Download our app today—either text APP to 88202 or search your phone's app store for "my parish."
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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.

Chicago

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



Please join the State of CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities for an Interfaith/Anti-Racism Children's March and Bell Ringing ceremony for unity in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Date: Monday, January 17, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 50 Main St., Cheshire March for unity, peace, and hope as we elevate the voices of our children. We will celebrate the power of our youth to make a difference and unite us in love as we march through the streets of Cheshire, socially distancing, sharing food and hot chocolate and ringing the bells of freedom.

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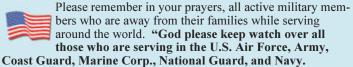


Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us, there is inevitably tons of stuff left behind and one big thing is the Christmas tree. No one wants to see a sad, dry tree tossed to the curb, so here are some better options: try mulching it! Trees can go in your mulch pile; even better if you cut it up into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



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://wwwmectw.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

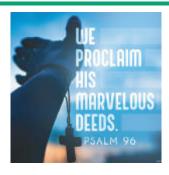


God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the

beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi



Questions of the Week

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel: Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a



lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©LPi



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"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.-*Tracy Earl Welliver*, *MTS*



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