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 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mission Statement

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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

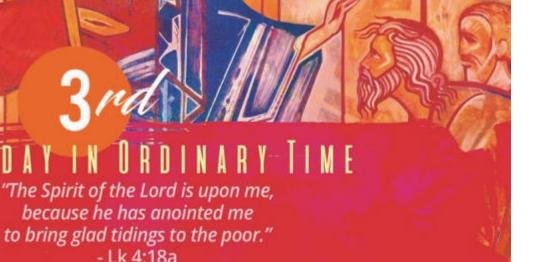
distancing again for the time being, and even in the absence of a civil requirement parishioners should be asked to wear a mask.

Spacing in church should also be maintained appropriately, including the communion line."

Thank you!



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MASS INTENTIONS			
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Saturday	January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Pro- tection of Unborn Children
4:30 PM	90th Birth. Rem. of Fran Lamontagne, 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
Monday	January 24—Saint Francis de Sales
8:00 AM	30th Anniv Rem. of Victoria Alencynowicz, req. by Pat and Bob Colby
Tuesday	January 25—Conversion of Saint Paul
8:00 AM	Vivian Montgomery Lewis, req. by Tom and Cathy Santos
Wednesday	January 26—Saints Timothy and Titus
8:00 AM	Scott Hennessey, req. by Pat and Bob Colby
Thursday	January 27—Weekday
8:00 AM	Saint Anthony Parish Family
Friday	January 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:00 AM	Katherine Liszewski, req. by Tom and Cathy Santos
Saturday	January 29—Weekday
4:30 PM	Birth. Rem. of Vito Polletta, req. by St. Anthony Church Community
Sunday	January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Roger Rasch, req. by Knights of Columbus

Congratulations Fran Lamontagne on your 90th Birthday!



This beautiful painting was completed by Fran and originally used in our outdoor nativity. Fran has contributed numerous works of art to St. Anthony Church over the years. Please see the article written about Fran in the January issue of the

Prospect Pages. We truly have been blessed by her generous donations which will be with us for years to come.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK For The Saint Anthony Parish Family



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PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 01/16/2022			
Weekly:	\$	4,777.00	
Weekly on-line:		1,300.50	
Monthly on-line:		885.00	
Total:	\$	6,962.50	

Volunteers Needed for Blood Pressure Screening

The Health Ministry of our parish is looking for volunteer 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.

Our sympathy to the family of: ALBERT CERELLI Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord; let your perpetual light shine upon him forever.

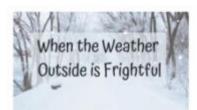


****PLEASE NOTE****

Tax letters for 2021 will be mailed **<u>BY</u>** <u>**REQUEST ONLY**</u>. 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.



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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. We will also alert on Channel 3 if

we choose to cancel: it will also be posted on our website, as well as our 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. 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.

Office of Seminarians and Vocations

467 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002-2999 860-761-7456 Fax: 860-243-0661 vocations@aohct.org hartfordpriest.com

Archdiocese of Hartford, The Center for Catholic Education and Formation

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic High Schools in all parishes of the Archdiocese. This collection 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.



Thank you to parishioner David Beutel for volunteering his time to change a broken switch in one of our meeting rooms! We are blessed to have parishioners who generously share their time and talents!

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

- In 2021, we received over 26,000 receipts!
- Please continue saving your receipts.

Bibs

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% back.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their receipts, keep them coming!



Baby Bath Diapers (size 4-6) Baby Lotion Diaper Bags Baby Shampoo Hats & Sweaters Baby Wipes Onesies Outfits Blanket

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Wish List:

Booties Rattles Bottles Sleepers Comb & Brush Set Socks Crib Sheets Strollers Desitin Ointment Stuffed Animals Sleepers Pacifiers

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.

Collection ends January 23, 2022

programs, ministries, and activities.

Formation program.

HOPE MINISTRY

It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish com-

munity. Please register in order to participate in our various

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

The heating season upon us, this is a reminder that St. Anthony Church's HOPE Ministry fund can assist those in need with covering the cost of heating your home. If you qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), you quality for HOPE assistance. HOPE Ministry can assist with other needs as well, medical bills, budgeting, food, etc. Registered parishioners or residents of Prospect may apply. Please call the office at 203-758-4056 if you have questions regarding HOPE Ministry.

> Each week, after you have read your bulletin, please consider sharing it with a family member, a neighbor, a co-worker or friend! It is full of information that someone else might find usefull!



St Anthony Church Hall 4 Union City Rd,Prospect Each week:

- Two Progressive Jackpots
- Two "Winner Take All"
- Sealed Ticket Games
- Fun & Friendly Games
- Food available for purchase

Bingo!

Expected reopening date if January 24th and is subject to change. Check the website at stanthonyprospect.org/ bingo. Jackpot #1 \$125.00 Jackpot #2 \$300.00

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! If you can volunteer one Monday per month, please call the par-

ish center at 203-758-4056. SoulCore Classes Saint Anthony Church 4 Union City Rd., Prospect, CT In the Hope Room

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 SoulCore 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 am 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."
- Would you like to receive our parish newsletter? Just text STANTHONYNEWS to 42828 to get on the mailing list!
- Connect with us on Social Media:
- <u>Facebook:</u> https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-St-Anthony-Pros-CT
- <u>Twitter:</u> https://twitter.com/StAnthonyProsCT
- <u>Instagram:</u> https://www.instagram.com/ church_of_st_anthony

Milford Knights of Columbus Motorcoach Trips 2022 Lancaster PA Show Trip & the Dutch Country

Monday—Wednesday April 11—13

\$365 per person, based on double occupancy (add \$75 for single occupancy).
\$75 due upon signing. Final payment due 2/4/2022.
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 3/8/2022

Mrytle 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 7/5/2022.

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

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Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley

Invites men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce, or separation to a multi-session remote program:

COPING WITH LIFĖ AĽONE

Take the first step on the road to recovery from one of life's most traumatic experiences. Program begins Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 1 PM <u>Remote Attendance Only</u> Registration Required: Call Denise at 845-325-3147 or Victoria at 860-993-5469 Email: beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com Website: www.beginningexperiencehv.org

Did you know... Lighting a Votive Candle



In Christian liturgy the candle points to Jesus Christ above all "the light of the world" (John 8,12). At the same time, it represents the immortal

At the same time, it represents the immortal soul of man and is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. Many believers light a candle when they visit a church to express their faith, prayers and hopes, or the memory of a loved one. The tradition of lighting candles at Catholic churches is commonplace and adds a spiritual beauty to the atmosphere and maintains the intention of prayers. Candles, prayer, and the

accompanying alms offering provide parishes a spiritual and monetary means to sustain the multiple missions of the parish.

"The ABC's of Annulment" Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Jeffrey V. Romans, Pastor of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABC's of Annulment" on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 10 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday, March 12th and March 19th from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team will be present for the Workshops.

The ABC's of Annulment" event is open to all at no coast. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at <u>brolarlus300@gmail.com</u>.

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, Sophia Marton, Barbara Moorcraft, 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 TAKEN OFF PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OF-



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/.

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

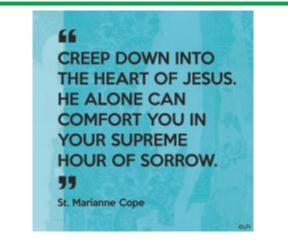
For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life? **Second Reading:** Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community? **Gospel:** Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly? The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



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