

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

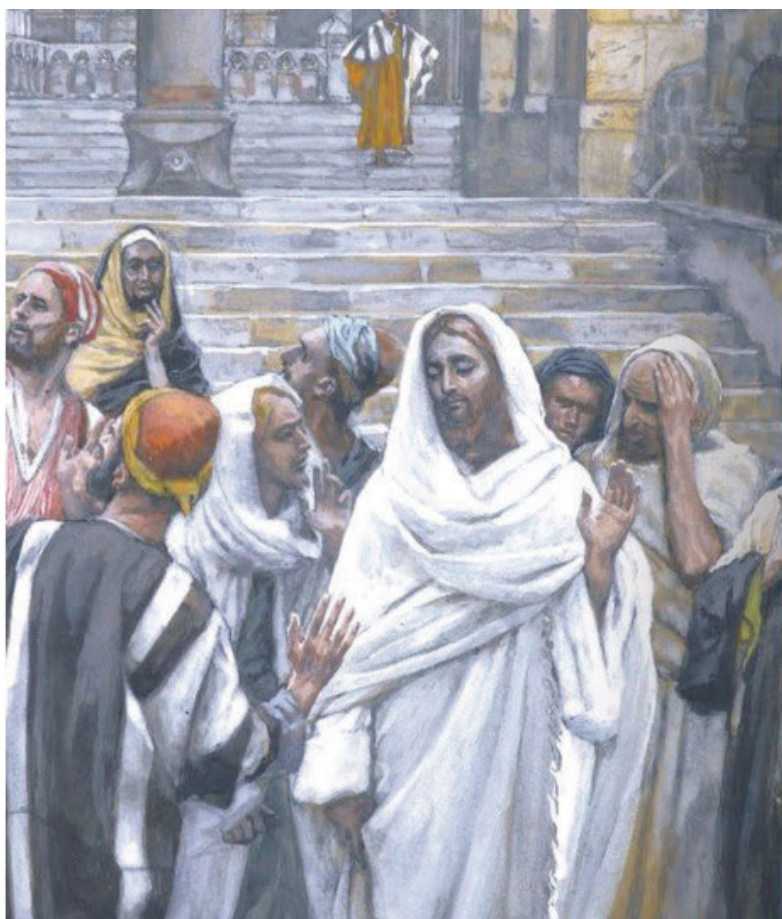
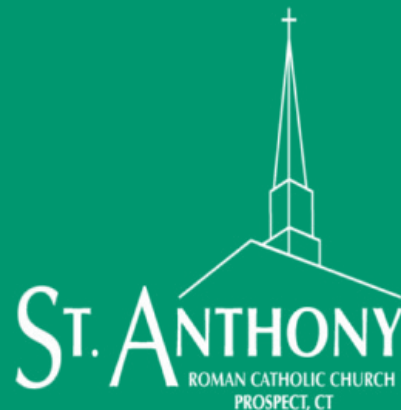
Sunday Mass - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

Daily Masses: 8:00 am on Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri

First Friday Mass at 12:15 pm

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September 29, 2024—The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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.

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>September 28—Weekday</i>
4:30 PM	Annie Carnemolla, req. by her Family
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 29—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 AM	Rose & Daniel Stolfi, req. by Deacon Domenic & Enes Stolfi
9:30 AM	Philip Plourde, req. by his Family
11:15 AM	Eileen Maroney, req. by St. Anthony Parish Family
<i>Monday</i>	<i>September 30—Saint Jerome</i>
8:00 AM	Eleanor Padovani, req. by the Padovani Family
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>October 1—Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>
8:00 AM	Barbara DeAnzeris, req. by the Padovani Family
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
8:00 AM	Barbara Borbas, req. by her Family
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>October 3—Weekday</i>
NO MASS TODAY	
<i>First Friday</i>	<i>October 4—Saint Francis of Assisi</i>
12:15 PM	10th Anniv. Rem. of Patricia Molcyk, req. by her Family
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>October 5—Saint Faustina Kowalska</i>
4:30 PM	Anniv. Rem. of Peter & Helen Mini, req. by Diane, Carole & Richard
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 6—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 AM	Daniel & Rose Stolfi, req. by Deacon Domenic & Enes Stolfi
9:30 AM	Mark Pelletier & Wayne Pelletier, req. by Bonnie Casertano & Family
11:15 AM	Charles De La Vergne, req. by St. Anthony Family

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The blessing will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 9:00 a.m. in front of the church. Large, small, furry or scaled, they are all welcome.



We welcome into our parish family **Olivia Elle Giammattei**. May God continue to bless this child and her family as she continues to grow in faith received in the Sacrament of Baptism.

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE
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**PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 09/22/2024**

Weekly:	\$	4,497.00
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Total:	\$	7,577.50

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THANK YOU to our Fundraising Committee and Volunteers

We saw an overwhelming response of support for the pasta dinner! This was the first large event held for our parishioners in the church hall since the renovations have been completed. The behind the scenes for the Fundraising Committee began months in advance with planning, ticket design and printing, the selling of tickets at eight Masses and then the shopping! 40 pounds of spaghetti, 80 pounds of meatballs, and all the vegetables, cheese, crackers, etc. The trips up and down to the hall seemed endless! Oh, and don't forget the wine, beer and soda! That elevator can't come soon enough. Prewashing the 180 salad bowls, dishes and trays, then wrapping the silverware with flower accents. All of that before any cooking began! Some of the volunteers were here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, then returned for 7—10 hours the day of the dinner. Remember all of those dishes and serving platters and bowls? Each needed to be cleaned, dried and put away. And here's the amazing part—the fundraising committee, before even going home to rest on Saturday night, was talking about a St. Patrick's Dinner—so stay tuned!

Thank you to:

Michael LoGiudice for donating his time and talent to entertain us!

Fundraising Committee—Annette Murphy, Carol Muzzey, and Emily Saunders

Helpers from the Ladies Guild—Sharon Aldrich, Ellen Beecher, Lois Chicano, Kathy Dwyer, Trudy Higgins,

Terri Karlak, Michelle Leclerc, Suzanne Loftus, Noella Mott, and Valerie Stolfi

Anthony Santovasi—cooking and cleanup

Tom Saunders and Marty Muzzey—wine and beer table

Peter Murphy for general help and shopping

Stella LoGiudice for all the photos

And of course, Carol's right hand helper—Sophia Muzzey

When you go to Hometown Pizza, please thank them for their generous donation of bread! They have always been very supportive and we appreciate them!

Of course, to anyone who is unnamed for whatever you did to help, you are appreciated too! Thank you to Father Gregory and all who attended for your positive feedback! We have a wonderful community of faith and friendship!



Baby Bottle Boomerang Event Starts NEXT WEEKEND!

We will be distributing baby bottles after all Masses to benefit Carolyn's Place, the pregnancy care center in Waterbury. Please take the bottles home and use them to collect your family's spare change. Over the next three weeks, you can return them to the boxes at the rear of the church.

Since 1992, the caring staff and volunteers at Carolyn's Place have assisted in the pregnancies of 1,900 babies. In addition to providing a life-affirming direction to pregnancy decisions, Carolyn's Place provides parenting training programs for expecting mothers and caregivers which allows them to earn necessary items to care for their newborn. Carolyn's Place relies totally individual donations, so your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Pro-Life Ministry - 40 Days for Life Campaign

The annual 40 DAYS campaign began this year on Sept. 25th and will run until November 3rd. We are planning to have Eucharistic adoration at St. Anthony's on Friday afternoon, October 4th, from 1—5 pm. We will be praying for an end to abortion and for the protection of the unborn, thereby upholding the sanctity of human life.

Please join us for an hour of prayer on October 4th. If you can commit to one hour, please contact Trudy Higgins at trudybh1950@gmail.com. If you are unable to commit for one hour, you are still welcome to stop in and pray at any time during the Adoration.

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 office@stanthonyprospect.org:

Robert Allegrini, Marshall Anderson, Mary Becker, Tigerlily Bentley, Marilyn Bonyai, Gayle Boudreau, Greg Brennan, Melissa Burgett, Richard Calabro, Sr., Theresa Ciuccoli Carley, Patricia Corbin, Robert Cormier, Jimmy Courtney, Eleanor Dana, Dawn Flohr, Donald Guerrero, Kristien Hertel, "Jim," "Karen", Tracy Kearcher, Dalton Kelly, Eva Grace Kelly, Olivia, Shirley Krawczyk, Zachery LaChance, Louise Lestage, John Malinak, Madeline Mancini, Sophia Marton, Michael Mastrianna, Katrina Miller, Barbara Moorcraft, Roseanne Nobitz, Emily Pastore, Brianna Pereira, Ann Rasch, Charles Rowland, Meghan Shields, Mary Tanguay, Paul Violette, and Brian Weisner. **IF SOMEONE YOU PLACED ON THE PRAYER LIST CAN BE TAKEN OFF 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 Corps, National Guard, and Navy."**

Fellow Parishioners,

Take a walk around the Church property and be impressed by the creative and well-maintained landscaping. From the floral walkway honoring St. John Paul II, to the Madonna prayer area, the nicely landscaped lily pond, as well as the walkway to the statue of St. Anthony.

Everyone should visit these areas and be appreciative of the tireless efforts by the Monday committee.

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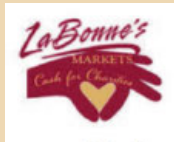
Volunteer needed for refinishing a small piece of furniture

We have one or two of these tall side tables that need to be refinished. If you are able to do this, please call the office to speak with Lisa.



LaBonne's Ca\$h for Charities Rebate Program

Please continue saving your receipts. You can put your receipts in the Parish Center mailbox, in the collection boxes at Mass, or mail them to 4 Union City Rd, Prospect, CT 06712. Thank you!



Every Monday at 7 PM, doors open at 4:00 pm. St. Anthony Church Hall, 4 Union City Rd.

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 - 2 "Winner Take All"
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- Check the website or the newsletter for Jackpots**

Catholic Question Corner

Why is St. Joseph known as the "Terror of Demons?"



Among St. Joseph's many powerful titles, this one stands out. Possibly one of the coolest titles belongs to one of the most quiet and forgotten saints: St. Joseph.

But why was he given this title? When we look back at the biblical references to St. Joseph, we

don't see him cast our demons, or even behave in such a way that would invoke terror.

However, it is precisely in this silent and calm biblical depiction of St. Joseph that this title has its surprising origin.

Although the Bible does not elaborate extensively on Joseph's actions, his unwavering faith, obedience to God's will, purity of life, and protective care over Mary and Jesus are evident.

These virtues are the foundation of his power over demons, as they embody the antithesis of the Evil One's rebellion against God. Demons cannot withstand these virtue.

Theologically, St. Joseph's designation as "Terror of Demons" underscores our belief in his power against evil. His role in the Holy Family places him in direct opposition to the forces of darkness.

Just as he protected Mary and Jesus from earthly threats, such as Herod's decree to kill the newborn boys of Bethlehem, he continues to protect the faithful from spiritual threats.

His role as Guardian of the Holy Family also helps us understand the power of all families. Just as the Holy Family's goodness and purity angered and threatened the Evil One, all families participate in God's natural design for man and the inherent goodness of the family. In this way, the Evil One is threatened by all families, making it all the more essential that we fortify ourselves spiritually.

In an age where family and faith are under assault, St. Joseph's example and protection are more needed than ever. His guardianship over the Holy Family makes him a potent intercessor for our own families as we strive to keep them safe from spiritual harm.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth: Let each of us hear and respond to the cry of the Earth and the victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally caring for our world.

GOSPEL MEDITATION**September 29, 2024****26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

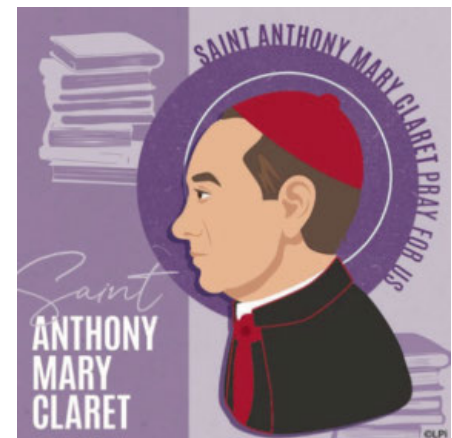
First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.—*Father John Muir*

Good Stewards in Action

There are so many wonderful stewards in our parish family!

Our lives, relationships, abilities, and property are things that we are expected to take care of—to be good stewards. Realizing the blessings in our lives and being grateful for them is the beginning, acting responsibly and sharing those blessings creates good stewards. Every day our parish has the blessing of wonderful parishioners being good stewards and we want to recognize more of you! Submit photos of "Good Stewards in Action" aka "volunteers." If we receive your photo, it's with the understanding that we can publish it in all social media, in the bulletin and on our website. If you prefer it only be published in certain places, with or without names, just state that in the email. Send all photos and descriptions to admin@stanthonyprospect.org. Our volunteers are the best and there are so many of you, please don't be shy, we want to recognize you! Pictured are a few of our gardening "Good Stewards in Action."

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), sometimes called the "spiritual father of Cuba," was a priest and popular preacher with a missionary heart. He founded the Claretians missionary order and the Religious Publishing House and reformed the Archdiocese in Cuba.





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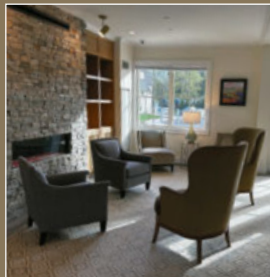
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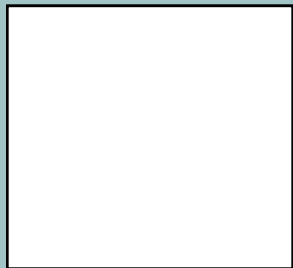
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