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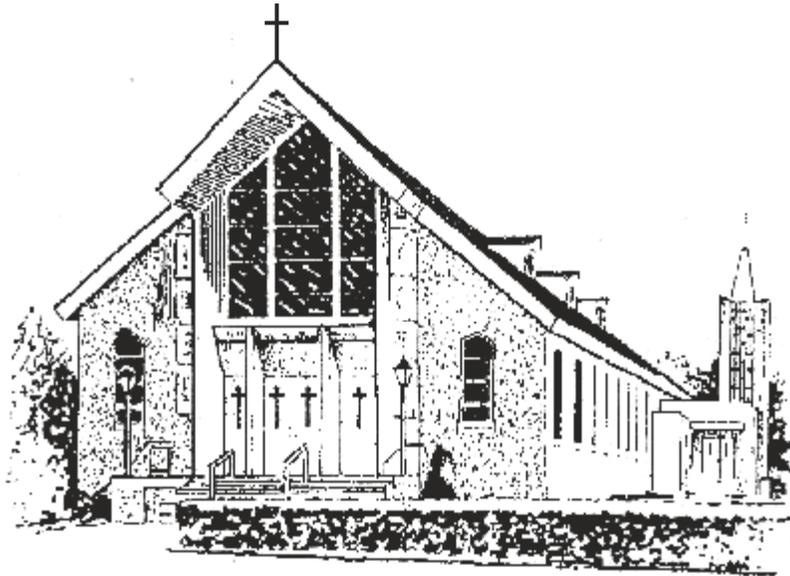
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**Sunday Mass resumes
with two Masses:
10:00am and 12:00pm.**

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED.**

**During this time, the church is
open each day for private
prayer from 9 am until 2 pm.**

☞ Sacramental Life ☞

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office for an appointment as early as possible to arrange for pre-baptismal instruction and to set a date for the sacrament.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance of the wedding date. Participation in Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter is a requirement.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital that we might keep them in our prayers, and if possible, visit them. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered to any who are seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or homebound. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in church is urged to advise us that we might share Communion with them at home.

We welcome new parishioners. Please introduce yourself after Mass and at your convenience you may register at the parish office. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community.

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website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

Indoor Masses were prohibited on March 16 and resumed on June 28. However, due to the pandemic Mass will be celebrated only on Sundays until further notice. There are many precautions in place to ensure a healthy environment, and only two Masses will be celebrated —10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Please be sure to read the letter or email notice sent several weeks ago. You can also find it on our website (www.stanthonyffld.org). It includes the list of accommodations for Mass attendance, and procedures for making reservations to attend Mass.

Previously scheduled intentions unable to be fulfilled due to our abbreviated Mass schedule will be rescheduled. Those include the following for July 18 through July 26, 2020:

Elizabeth Magyar, Richard Petite, Peter A. Egan, Edward Cieplinski, and Patricia Rose Kadar

Previously scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2020:

Lorraine DiPietro requested by Ray and Barbara Hageney—10:00

Jim McGuinness requested by Anne Guchek—12:00

Previously scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Rosaria Vento requested by the family—10:00

Bobby D'Arcy requested by the family—12:00

Consult our parish website (www.stanthonyffld.org) and Facebook page often as we will post information as soon as we receive it from the diocese or when we need to make certain decisions. Please pray for the victims.

Masses online*

Daily and Sunday -

The 12:10pm daily Mass of the Fairfield Jesuit Community is available for us to stream Monday through Friday; their Saturday and Sunday Masses are at 11 am. The link for all Masses:

<https://Fairfield.zoom.us/j/448025617>

(Download the zoom application from the App Store first.)

Our Bishop Frank Caggiano celebrates Mass on Sundays, posted on the website at 8am. <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org>.

Checkout the website of the diocese for more information on the bishop's and all available Masses: www.bridgeportdiocese.org

Prayer of Spiritual Communion—

When you are watching a Mass online and cannot receive the Eucharist in person, you can say this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you are already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Thank you—to the many parishioners who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes to the rectory office. We know that you will give as generously as you are able and we so appreciate your support! We look forward to worshipping together again as our community soon as is safely possible. Be well!

E-Giving—Electronic Giving for supporting St. Anthony's is now being used by many parish families. The word is that setting up an account is easier than expected, and that doing so connects these families to our St. Anthony community in support and prayer. Interested in contributing in this way? Go to **Give-central.org**, create your account, log in, and the rest is simple! To those who have already contributed electronically, please let the office know if you no longer need/want to receive envelopes. **Thank you**, Michelle DeMartino, for facilitating this project. And **thank you** to the many parishioners who have taken advantage of this new way to contribute to your parish.

If you are an on-line contributor, please let us know if you would like to discontinue receiving envelopes. Thank you!

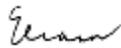
Please continue your generous support!

***Breaking News!!!** As this bulletin was going to print we finalized preparations for our 10 am Sunday Mass to be streamed beginning this Sunday, July 19! Checkout the website and Facebook. Mass will be live-streamed as well as recorded for viewing at another time.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel ends with the line, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." When reading this, our friend and parishioner Gregory Norbet immediately came to mind. Gregory has graced our parish, our hearts and our ears with his beautiful, soulful melodies and lyrics for many years, until recently. Gregory would come during Advent for an evening of reflection and anointing, always a powerful reminder of God's gracious love and acceptance. For several years, Gregory joined Dan Schutte at our Triduum celebrations. In the recent past Gregory suffered from a few ailments and was unable to come to our parish. And last week Gregory underwent heart bypass surgery. He came through the surgery with flying colors and is recuperating in the hospital.

I am certain that he would love to hear from you wishing him well as he recovers his health and strength. Please send your email to KathrynCarrington@comcast.net. You can be assured that Gregory will receive your wishes with the ears of his heart. And pray that this surgery will allow Gregory to once again join us, whenever we are all able to gather again, to raise our hearts and spirits with his words and music.



Merton Center Collection—Demand for the Merton Center's food resources continues unabated during the Covid-19 crisis. Since the dining hall is closed during the pandemic, every weekday the Center distributes hundreds of meals-to-go (breakfast and lunch) and the food pantry is open every other Wednesday. From Sunday, July 19 to Wednesday July 22 we will have our monthly food collection to support this ministry. The staff at the Center alerted us to current needs including: bottled water, individual size apple sauce, snacks such as cereal/granola/power bars, rice krispie treats, small packets of cookies, etc. The items are added to the meals-to-go that are distributed at the door of the Center. Our parish collection point is the back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided from the 19th to the 22nd. Thank you for your always generous response!



Centering Prayer—The Centering Prayer group will meet electronically! Please contact **Susan Lenahan at 203-858-8367** for details. Centering Prayer is a simple and powerful way to access a deeper relationship with

God which expands one's receptivity to the presence and activity of God in one's life. Develop a contemplative meditation practice by exploring centering prayer with St. Anthony's Centering Prayer

Prayer Resources online—There are many resources available online as we try to keep our prayer lives in good order! Some to consider are:

Daily Faith Sharing with Fr. James Martin. Each day Fr. Martin gives a lesson about the Gospel of the day, from his room at the Jesuit House in New York. It is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/FrJamesMartin/>

Pray as you go. This is a site sponsored by the Irish Jesuits and consists of a visual aid, appropriate music, the gospel, prayers and reflection. This is a convenient way to daily prayer, designed as much to be listened to in your car as at your computer.

Sacred Space. Daily Ignatian Prayer online. www.sacredspace.ie

Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality. The Center offers a variety of prayer opportunities, including daily prayer. See www.jesuitprayer.org or www.fairfield.edu/murphycenterforignatianspirituality

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. www.usccb.org/prayerandworship
There are many other resources both online and in print that can begin or supplement your daily prayer. This is an opportune time to "tune up" your daily practice, as we all pray to rid the world of the novel corona virus.

Coronavirus—Please keep informed of the updates on the virus through the Center for Disease Control and follow their Guidelines.

Visit The Council of Churches' website for information about their Summer Series "On Becoming Anti-Racist" as well as news about the FEED Center and other programs and initiatives to fight racism, feed the hungry and engage youth in wholesome activities. www.ccgb.org

July 19 "Second Collection"—This Sunday would normally be referred to as Missionary Cooperative Sunday. This year, the collection will be designated for agencies that are providing pandemic relief in the developing world. Our parish is concentrating on two: Jesuit Refugee Service and Pilgrimage for Children (Nairobi). Thank you for considering this.



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