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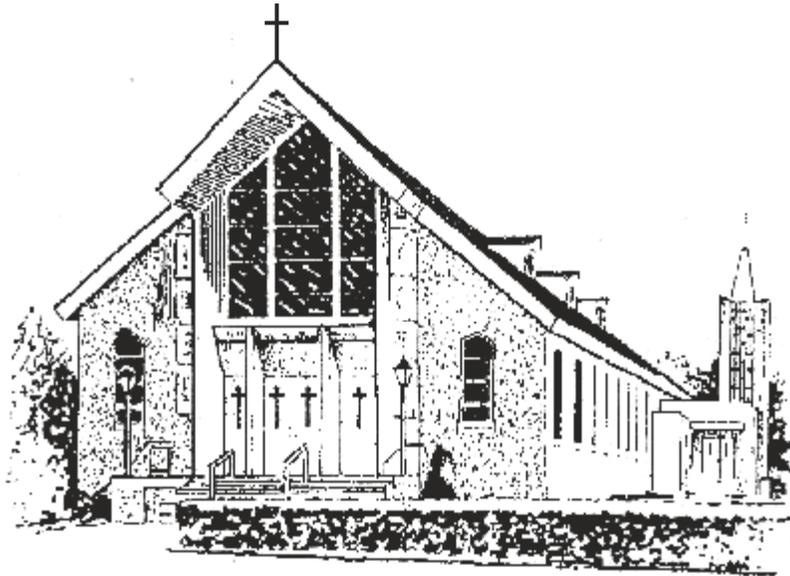
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The office is closed.

If you need to contact the office,
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☞ 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.

Join us in celebrating the Mass
on Sundays at
10:00am and 12:00pm

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED.**

All are welcome.

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

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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

Indoor Masses were prohibited on March 17 and resumed on June 28. 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 26, 2020:

Rosaria Vento requested by the family - 10:00

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

Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

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*

Please Note: The St. Anthony Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed to our website (www.stanthonyffld.org) and Face Book page every week. Tune in at 9:58 a.m. The Mass will be recorded so you can view it at another time.

The 12:10pm daily Mass of the Fairfield Jesuit Community is available to stream Monday through Friday; 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.)

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, 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

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

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.

Please continue your generous support!

The Fairfield Housing Authority will open its **Housing Choice Voucher** program waitlist on **July 31, 2020**, and close it at midnight on **August 13, 2020**. Call Carol J. Martin at 203-366-6578 to obtain the mandatory Pre-Application form or to ask questions about it. The maximum number of applications to be placed on the waitlist is 200.

Dear Parishioners,

This week we received two letters (Catholic Charities and the Food Pantry of Blessed Sacrament Parish) thanking the parish (YOU) for donations to their outreach efforts. In the midst of the pandemic, when you are all busy trying to keep your families safe and healthy, and while supporting your own parish, you rise to the occasion of helping others. This caring for your neighbor while enduring your own discomforts is a characteristic of this community of faith and reinforces Pope Francis' teaching that we do not exist for ourselves and our families alone, but to care for our brothers and sisters.

This example of caring for others extends to a priest who has selflessly given of himself to our parish for many years, and who often remarked how happy he was to be associated with St. Anthony's. I am referring of course to Fr. Charlie Allen, who as you probably know, is currently in residence at Campion Center, the Jesuit Retreat House in Weston, Massachusetts.

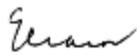
Fr. Charlie was already helping out at Masses here when I came to the parish 18 years ago, and since my arrival, was a constant presence on Sunday mornings and on Holy Days (think Christmas Eve and Good Friday!). During Fr. John's illness and since his passing, Fr. Charlie made himself available to the parish, being practically on call for funerals, weddings, Baptisms and Masses. Our parish owes Fr. Charlie much gratitude for his tireless service and loyalty to St. Anthony's.

Next Monday, Fr. Charlie will be undergoing surgery to implant a pacemaker, in Boston. How wonderful it would be for many members of St. Anthony's to send their best wishes for a successful surgery and a quick and complete recovery. While we can never fully repay Fr. Charlie for the gift of his presence and service to us, we can show him how much we value and miss him by sending along our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Fr. Charlie's email is:
executive@fairfield.edu (new one soon)

The physical address is:

Rev. Charles Allen, S.J.
Campion Center
319 Concord Road
Weston, MA 02493-1398



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 Group. Wednesdays, 9:00 –11: a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. So, please join us!

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

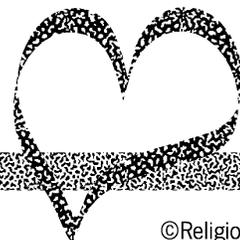
Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality. The Center offers a variety of prayer opportunities, including daily prayer. See www.jesuitprayer.org or www.fairfield.edu/murphycenterforignatianspirituality

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. Please all pray to rid the world of the virus.

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.cccb.org

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

Create for me, O Lord, a clean heart



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