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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.

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

Due to the pandemic Mass will be celebrated only on Sundays until further notice. Two Masses will be celebrated (10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon). Many precautions have been put into place so that a healthy environment is maintained.

If you haven't already, go to www.stanthonyffld.org and find Mass Protocols on page 2 under News.

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 September 5 through September 6, 2020:

Anthony Zygmant, Lily Dowd, Rose and Frank Foley, Vincent Cisero, and Catherine M. Short

Previously scheduled for Sunday, September 6, 2020:

10:00 - Semion dela Rea, Jr. requested by the Erauda Family

12:00 - Anthony Incerto requested by his family

Previously scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020:

10:00 - Charles Abraham requested by Pat Tyler

12:00 - Betty Geiger requested by Lindsay Clayton

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 from Fairfield University is available to stream Monday through Friday; Sunday Masses are at 11 am. The link for all Masses: <https://Fairfield.zoom.us/j/91693638989> (Download the zoom application from the App Store first.)

Bishop Frank Caggiano celebrates Mass on Sundays, posted on the website at 8am, but available to be streamed at other times... <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org>.

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

As you can well imagine, the cost of operating a parish in these times has not decreased but rather has increased due to the safety protocols that have been put in place to protect us all. Please remember to support your parish to keep it alive and well for the day when we can all gather safely again.

Thank you—to the many parishioners who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes to the rectory office.

E-Giving—Electronic Giving for supporting St. Anthony's is now being used by many parish families. 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 our parish.

Please continue your generous support!

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 from you.

Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

Do you remember “The Patrick Project?” Patrick is the child of parishioners who was born with a serious illness, and the parish joined together to pray him through the operations and procedures that helped him become the healthy child of today. Back in 2011 the parish organized a book drive to support the children’s department at Yale New Haven Hospital, in thanksgiving for Patrick’s care and to benefit other young patients.

Last Friday, we received a letter from one of the recipients of a donated book:

“Dear Sophie,

My name is Eva and I was looking through my books yesterday and found a sticker with your name on it. My mom told me it was a gift from you when I was a tiny baby in the NICU.

Thank you so much for the book Goodnight Moon.

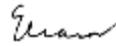
You are a blessing to others.

God bless,

EVA”

Reading the letter, I was reminded of the generosity of spirit that personifies St. A’s parishioners, and the ripple effect of such kindness. Who knows how many children received books, and perhaps handed them on to others, as a result of one person’s care.

God bless Sophie, and all our parishioners!



Henri Nouwen: on God’s non-violent love...

On the cross, Jesus has shown us how far God’s love goes. It’s a love that embraces even those who crucified him. When Jesus is hanging nailed to the cross, totally broken and stripped of everything, he still prays for his executioners: “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.” Jesus’ love for his enemies knows no bounds. He prays even for those who are putting him to death. It is this, the enemy-loving God, that is offered to us in the Eucharist. To forgive our enemies doesn’t lie within our power. That is a divine gift. That’s why it’s so important to make the Eucharist the heart and center of your life. It’s there that you receive the love that empowers you to take the way that Jesus has taken before you: a narrow way, a painful way, but the way that gives you true joy and peace and enables you to make the non-violent love of God visible in this world.”

Merton Center Collection: Demand for the Merton Center’s food resources continues unabated during the Covid-19 crisis. Since the dining hall continues to be 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 Sept. 13th to Wednesday Sept. 16th** we will have our monthly food collection to support this ministry. Current needs include: **bottled water, individual size apple sauce, snacks such as cereal/granola/power bars, rice krispie treats, small packets of cookies, etc.** These 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 **13th to the 16th**. Thank you for you for your faithful generosity, especially during these most difficult times.



Centering Prayer—The Centering Prayer group will meet electronically! Please contact **Susan Lenahan at 203-858-8367** for details. Wednesdays, 9:00 –11: a.m. Newcomers are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP— “*Together we imagine a circle of compassion, with no one standing on the outside.*” (Peggy O’Neil, S.C.)

Youth Group this year will be a series of service projects focusing especially on our neighbors in the greater Bridgeport area. High school teens are invited to share, **with permission**, their parents’ email address for a schedule of Zoom planning meetings and discussions (hhpaisan@optonline.net). We are kicking off this year with a wonderful idea from youth group member and project leader, May Brum:

Books For Bridgeport Friends!

Help support the Saint Anthony’s Youth Group’s newest initiative, a book drive for Bridgeport Public School students. Through the month of September please bring your gently used books for students in grades Pre-K-8th. Donation boxes will be provided and located on the enclosed back porch of the parish rectory. These donations will go to students who found themselves with no new books to read during quarantine, when schools and libraries were closed. Donations will be accepted through September 30th. Thank you in advance for your support and participation! Call or text Beth Paris for information.

hhpaisan@optonline.net; 203-650-3628.

Men’s Discussion Group—will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7:30-9 pm. Men read and discuss articles, books and scripture to enhance their spiritual lives. If you would like to join this group, please contact Charles Miller at: cfmiller_2001@yahoo.com., to register and receive the zoom information. The initial meeting of the year, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, will concern itself with “Sacramentality,” and will include materials found on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1_0iutCuV8

Annual Catholic Appeal—You probably have received a letter from the diocese concerning the Annual Catholic Appeal (**Emergency Appeal**). This year’s goal is smaller, as was promised...\$126,000. (was \$140,000. in the past several years). We have already raised 52% of the goal, thanks to the generosity of many parishioners. Thank you if you have made a gift. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation.

Scripture and the Sea—with Deacon Steven DeMartino, September 14 -16, 2020. Join Deacon Martino on a journey by and in the sea as together you reflect on how scripture references to water and the ocean can inspire our spiritual journey and challenge us to more fully embrace our baptismal call to be missionary disciples of Christ. Learn more at www.enders.is/seascripture - St. Edmund’s Retreat

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