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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 13, 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.stanthonyffd.org](http://www.stanthonyffd.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 13 through September 19, 2020:

Catherine M. Short and Mary Turko

**Previously scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020:**

10:00 - Charles Abraham requested by Pat Tyler

12:00 - Betty Geiger requested by Lindsay Clayton

**Previously scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2020:**

10:00 - Elisa Erauda requested by the Erauda Family

12:00 - Members of the Grywalski Family requested by Julie Grywalski

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

Consult our parish website ([www.stanthonyffd.org](http://www.stanthonyffd.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.stanthonyffd.org](http://www.stanthonyffd.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](http://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,

Here we are in September and our thoughts return to Religious Education, that is, if you have school age children. This year, in view of the strange circumstances in which we are living, we have made the decision to conduct classes on-line. The logistics and personnel required to conduct in-person classes safely have made this our best option.

Parents of those children who attended classes last year will be receiving a letter explaining the new format. If anyone has children whom you would like to enroll but they did not attend last year, please call the office for information.

The importance of providing faith formation for children cannot be overstated. Faith is a bulwark that helps us navigate the shoals of life, including the storm in which we find ourselves. We need to help our children learn to see God in all things.



**Cooks wanted!**—Our parish provides a monthly dinner for the guests of Operation Hope on the 4th Thursday of each month. We need volunteers to pitch in. JoAnn DeMaso has graciously led this effort, but she needs some helping hands. If you can help, please contact Joann at [jnd6@optonline.net](mailto:jnd6@optonline.net)

**Henri Nouwen** — “Every time you make free time for God, you clear up a bit of the descending path, and you see where you can plant your feet on the way to love. Nothing spectacular or sensational. It may be simply a matter of what you say, what you read, to whom you speak, where you go on a free afternoon, or how you regard yourself or other people. What’s fascinating is that the first step invariably makes the second one easier. You begin to discover that love begets love, and step-by-step you move further forward on the way to God. Gradually, you shed your misgivings about the way of love; you see that “in love there is no room for fear,” and you feel yourself drawn to descend deeper and deeper on the way that Jesus walked before you.”

**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](mailto: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! Email Beth Paris for information...[hhpaisan@optonline.net](mailto:hhpaisan@optonline.net)

**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](http://www.enders.is/seascripture) - St. Edmund’s Retreat  
1 Enders Island, P.O.Box 399  
Mystic, CT 06355; 1-860-536-0565

**Our Lady of Sorrow Icon Workshop**—Visit [www.enders.is/ourladyicon](http://www.enders.is/ourladyicon) or call 860-536-0565 for information on this participatory icon workshop planned for October 4 through October 9, 2020. The icon will be painted in classical traditional egg tempera medium. Byzantine, Romanesque, and contemporary methods will be applied in this week-long, intensive icon workshop. Ender’s Island is located in Mystic, CT. Learn more at

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