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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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](http://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 20 through September 26, 2020:

William J. McGuire, Jane M. Flaherty, Patricia Rose Kadar, and Charlie Dilberger

**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

**Previously scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2020:**

10:00 - Mary Ellen McDonald requested by Joy Deignan

12:00 - Bobby D'Arcy requested by Nora and Keith Bradley

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

Consult our parish website ([www.stanthonyffld.org](http://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](http://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](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—**

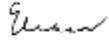
When you are watching a Mass online and cannot receive the Eucharist in person, say this prayer:

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,

Our weekly excerpt from Henri Nouwen (below) speaks of grass withering and flowers fading. Although we are not yet seeing that aspect of Autumn, we know it is coming. But Nouwen also speaks of the eternal springtime, if you will, of the Word of God. Jesus' words at the end of our Gospel this Sunday, "the last will be first, and the first will be last," reflect that time of expectation and hope, and can encourage all of us who, at least sometimes, feel as though we are *bringing up the rear* when it comes to our spiritual progress and practices. Hope springs eternal in the Word of God! 



September 22—First day of Autumn!

(What happened to summer?)

**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 30. Thank you in advance for your support and participation! Email Beth Paris for info...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 53% 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.

**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 tempura medium. Byzantine, Romanesque, and contemporary methods will be applied in this week-long, intensive icon workshop. Ender's Island is located in Stonington, CT. Learn more at [www.enders.is/ourladyicon](http://www.enders.is/ourladyicon)



**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 always welcome!

**Religious Education**—If you have a child to enroll in our religious education program this year, and you have not yet received a registration form by email, please contact the office. If you have a first grader, you would not have received a form by email, so please contact the office to register. Our program this year will be online, due to the restrictions mandated by the current pandemic.

**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** — “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God remains for ever.” (Isaiah 40:8). The Word of God is powerful indeed. Not only the Jesus Prayer (“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.”) but many words from the Scriptures can reshape the inner self. When I take the words that strike me during a service into the day and slowly repeat them while reading or working, more or less chewing on them, they create new life. Sometimes when I wake up during the night I am still saying them, and they become like wings carrying me above the moods and turbulences of the days and weeks.”

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