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

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED.**

During this time, the church is
open daily for private prayer
from 9 am until 4 pm.
Sundays until 1 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.

email: office@stanthonyffd.org

website: www.stanthonyffd.org

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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 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 October 4 through October 10, 2020:

Dimitri and Athena Rigea

Previously scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020:

10:00 - Peter McMahan requested by Mary Ellen and Bill Higgins

12:00 - Patricia Rose Kadar requested by the family

Previously scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2020:

10:00 - Lawrence J. Smeriglio requested by the Fitzgerald Family

12:00 - Anthony Incerto requested by Valerie McGuire

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

Consult our parish website (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) 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—

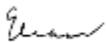
When you are watching a Mass online and cannot receive the Eucharist in person, say this prayer:

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,

This Sunday, in addition to being the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, is traditionally the day on which we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the 12th century founder of the Franciscan Order. St. Francis is characterized as being a lover of all creatures, praising God as the artist who created everything. Francis radiated joy and it is believed that he said “Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words.” St. Francis is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Our pope, Francis, takes his cue from his name sake in preaching the care of the environment, and for all creation. This Sunday marks the end of Pope Francis’ “Season of Creation,” which he is celebrating with a trip to Assisi and by releasing an encyclical entitled “Brothers and Sisters All.” Our pope is using his voice to remind us that we are all connected, to one another and to the universe. We must care for both if we are to truly live out our Catholic Social Teaching. 

St. Anthony’s Men’s Group—The men’s discussion group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, in a virtual format (Zoom). All men of the parish are invited to participate. Registration for the meeting as well the readings to be discussed may be obtained by contacting either Charlie Miller at cfmiller_2001@yahoo.com or Brian Kelahan at bpke@optonline.net.

The Great Thanksgiving Project—Every year at Thanksgiving Bridgeport Rescue Mission provides a turkey, a bag of fixings, and winter coats to families in need. Coats of all sizes are needed, and canned food items in need are corn, gravy, peas, and beans. The Great Thanksgiving Project is widely recognized as Coastal Fairfield County’s most impactful holiday outreach. Distributions take place in Bridgeport and Norwalk. If you can make a donation, please bring it to the Donation Center at 1069 Connecticut Avenue, Bridgeport, Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have a donation but are unable to transport it, call the Bridgeport Rescue Mission before November 1 at 203-333-4087, ext. 112, to make arrangements for pick-up. For more information or to make a monetary donation go to: www.bridgeportrescuemission.org.

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 \$76,203., 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. Thank you!

Message from National Kidney Registry—Gerry Rhodes, a Bridgeport resident, is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are interested in learning about his story, kidney donation, or in being tested to see if you are eligible to donate, visit www.NKR.ORG/MAR398 or call The Center for Living Organ Donation at 860-696-2021 and mention his name. Some facts: surgery is done laparoscopically; recovery is usually two weeks; cost is covered; donors have a personal medical team.



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. Our program this year will be home schooling with online support. due to the restrictions mandated by the 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

Henri Nouwen — “Your true identity is as a child of God. This is the identity you have to accept. Once you have claimed it and settled in it, you can live in a world that gives you much joy as well as pain. You can receive the praise as well as the blame that comes to you as an opportunity for strengthening your basic identity, because the identity that makes you free is anchored beyond all human praise and blame. You belong to God and it is as a child of God that you are sent into the world.”



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