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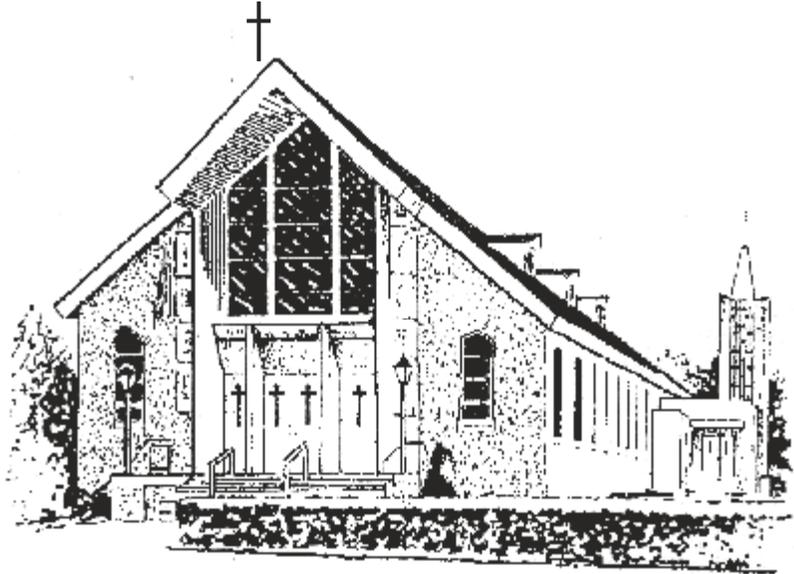
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

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.**

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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.

You'll find 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 25 through October 31, 2020:

John W. Short

Previously scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020:

10:00 - Ralph Cinotti requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics

12:00 - Bob D'arcy requested by Mary Ellen and Bill Higgins

Previously scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 2020:

10:00 - Anthony and Elizabeth Magyar requested by Janet Magyar

12:00 - Rev. John P. Baran

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 app 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 diocesan website for more info
www.bridgeportdiocese.org

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!

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.

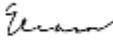
LOVE the LORD your GOD
your neighbor

Dear Parishioners,

Our Gospel this Sunday gives us the two greatest commandments: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.* And, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

One of the wonderful qualities about St. Anthony's Parish is that both these commandments are front and center in our minds and hearts. We live out the first by our faithful worship, and by the living out of our lives in ways that give example of following the Gospel.

The second is putting that Gospel into action by taking care of our neighbors, be they next door or half-way around the world. Many worthwhile opportunities exist to help others, but I can think of four specifically that occupy the space of this page. Merton Center, Al's Angels, the Great ThanksGiving Project and yes, the Annual Catholic Appeal, all provide us with chances to get into the giving spirit and support those who need our help. Won't you reach out and join with the rest of our community and put the love of neighbor (and thereby of God) into action?

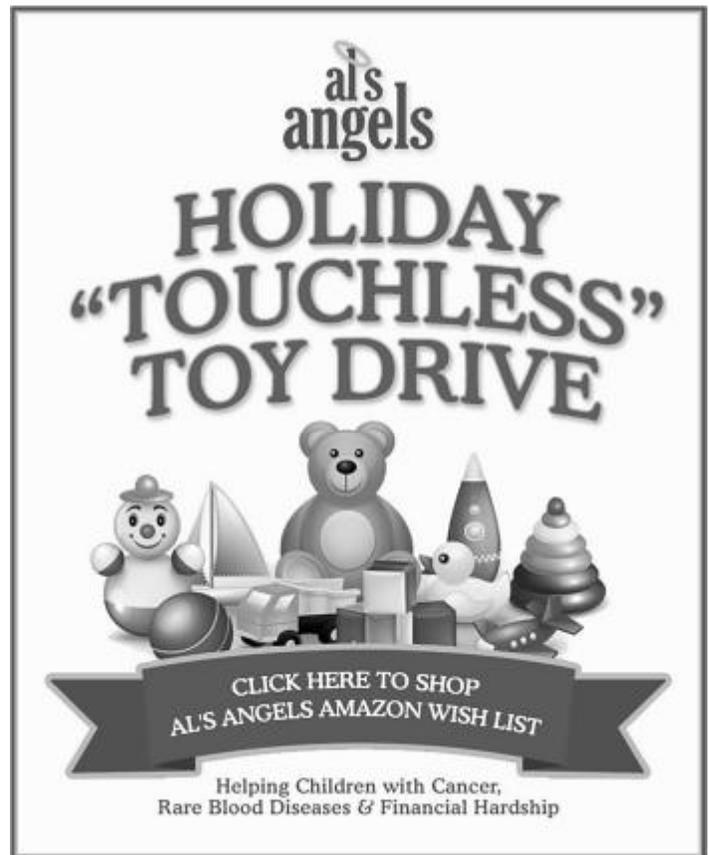


Merton Center Collection—Demand for the Merton Center's food resources continues unabated during the Covid-19 crisis. Since the dining hall is closed because of the pandemic, every weekday the Center distributes hundreds of meals-to-go (breakfast and lunch) and the food pantry is open every other Wednesday. From Sunday, November 1st to Wednesday, November 4, we will have our monthly food collection to support this ministry. The staff at the Center has alerted us to current needs, including: 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 enclosed back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided from November 1-4. Thank 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!

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 \$79,188. 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 and helping us close the gap! Thank you!



Al's Angels Touchless Toy Drive—This year the annual toy drive is "touchless" because of the pandemic. Although the link above is not active, you can participate by going to **alsangels.com** where you will find information about how you can help make a child's Christmas a happy one.

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.

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. Students will be home schooled with online support due to the restrictions mandated by the pandemic.

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