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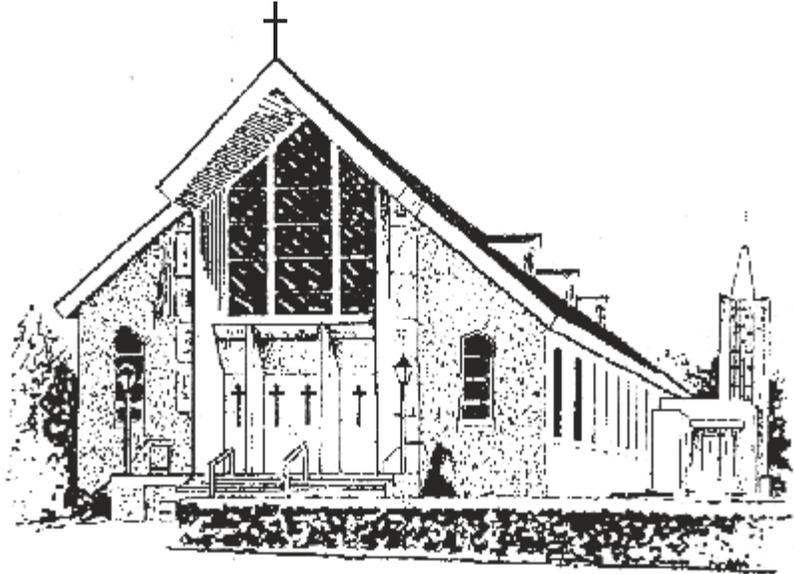
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

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✿ Sacramental Life ✿

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

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED**

Please call no later than the
Wednesday before.

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

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@stanthonyffld.org

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

Due to the pandemic Mass will be celebrated only on Sundays (10:00 and 12:00) until further notice. 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 December 28 through January 2, 2021:

All Parishioners

Previously scheduled for Sunday, December 27, 2020:

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

12:00 - Patricia Rose Kadar requested by her family

Previously scheduled for Sunday, January 3, 2021:

10:00 - Colleen and Finn Charlesworth requested by The Violette Family

12:00 - For the ill and the bereaved in our parish

Please remember them in your prayers.

The church (side entrance) will be open for private prayer daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (1 p.m. on Sundays).

The bulletin will be available on our parish website and in the church.

Please call and leave a message or email if you need to reach the office.

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. And please check the expiration date on your credit card.** 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.

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

pray for us!

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Holy Family this weekend, I am thinking about what a good and holy man, in fact, an extraordinary man, St. Joseph must have been. There isn't much written about him, but I came across the following poem, written by the theologian John Shea, which speaks to St. Joseph's character:

Joseph

You may have me kneeling with a staff,
My eyes unwaveringly downward on the child,
A portrait of commitment and readiness.

Or I might have my hands on the reins of a donkey.
Showing my willingness to journey to keep mother and child safe.
Or I might be standing to the side, Indicating a supportive but secondary role.
I am hard to properly place.

Wherever you put me is fine. I know what I have to do.
I am an inheritor of dreams.
My ancient namesake saved his people from famine
By interpreting in the day the communications of the night.
I do the same.

My heart stays awake while my body sleeps.
I listen while the sounds of the earth are silent.
The angels of dreams only whisper commands:
"Take Mary for your wife."
"Take the mother and child and flee."
"Take the mother and child and return."

My obedience has taught me to see through scandal.
What grows in Mary is the work of the Spirit—fragile, vulnerable -
Pursued by the sword.

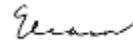
Life needs protection until life is ready to serve, And I protect.
That is what you need to know about me

And what you need to know about yourself.

Perhaps in your creche you have a figure of me with a staff that blossoms,
Flowers sprouting from the top of the long, lean stick.
It tells my truth best.

How do you make your strength serve love?

Would that we all might emulate this holy, compassionate person!



St. Anthony of Padua ZOOM Youth Group

Our high school youth group will resume meeting on Zoom on January 11, 2021, at 7 pm.

High School teens need a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian (available on the back porch of the rectory) with an approved email address in order to attend the meetings. Permission slips may be emailed to Beth Paris (hhpaisan@optonline.net). If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Beth or Eleanor Sauers at office@stanthonyyffld.org.

Apple Crumb Pies—The center for Food Equity and Economic Development (FEED) operates a professional kitchen under Chef Kashia Cave. The staff provides 500 meals every week to Bridgeport residents in need. To increase support for FEED's mission, the staff is making apple crumb pies available to the general public for \$10 each for the holidays. Orders can be submitted through New Year's Eve. Curbside pick up is at 1718 Capitol Avenue, Bridgeport, M-F, 8:45—4:45. Call 203-331-6182 or go to <https://feedbpt.smartonlineorder.com> to place orders.

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