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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**

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.

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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# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

**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](http://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 January 1 through January 9, 2021:

All Parishioners and Patricia Rose Kadar

**Previously scheduled for Sunday, January 3, 2021:**

10:00 - Colleen and Finn Charlesworth requested by the Violette Family  
12:00 - For the ill and bereaved of the parish

**Previously scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2021:**

10:00 - Marjorie Melly requested by Maggie McCaffrey  
12:00 - Romulo Erauda requested by the Erauda Family

**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](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 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](http://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.

## **WHY RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND MASS**

If you would like to come to Mass on a Sunday, **PLEASE** call the office to reserve a space. If you come without a reservation, and the church has reached capacity with those who *have* registered, we will be forced to ask you to come another time. **WE DO NOT WANT TO NEED TO DO THIS.** That would be uncomfortable for you and for us. Checking in with the volunteers before Mass is necessary for contact tracing purposes should anyone who attended Mass become ill, in spite of our rigorous disinfecting.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter this new year, we are filled with anticipation of the good things that might occur, and perhaps a bit worried about other no so good things that might happen. Whatever is on our minds, the desire for peace would seem to be among the most important. Therefore, it is an appropriate time to remember the following poem:

**This is My Song**

By Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine;  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;  
May peace abound where strife has raged so long;  
that each may seek to love and build together,  
a world united righting every wrong;  
a world united in its love or freedom,  
proclaiming peace together in one song.

I wish you peace in 2021.

**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...\$126,000. We have raised \$82,688., which is great (65.63%), but **we need to close the gap! We will be responsible for the difference.** This collection supports many ministries of the diocese, including food pantries and mental health programs, both of which are so necessary in these troubled times. **We respectfully request that you prayerfully consider making a donation if you have not already done so. We are most grateful to those parishioners who have contributed.**



**Centering Prayer**—The Centering Prayer group is meeting virtually! Please contact **Susan Lenahan at 203-858-8367** for details. Wednesdays, 9:00 –11:00 a.m. Newcomers are welcome! Centering Prayer is a simple and powerful way to access a deeper relationship

with God which expands one's receptivity to the presence and activity of God in one's life.

**Calling all old/broken/tired jewelry**—If you were disappointed that we were unable to accept your jewelry for sale at the picnic this past summer, now is your chance to clean out your collection and donate what you no longer want. Through the kindness of Mary Anne Sulik, aka, the Jewelry Lady, we are able to place your donations at a consignment shop and garner some funds for the parish. There will be a box on the back porch for your offerings. Thank you!

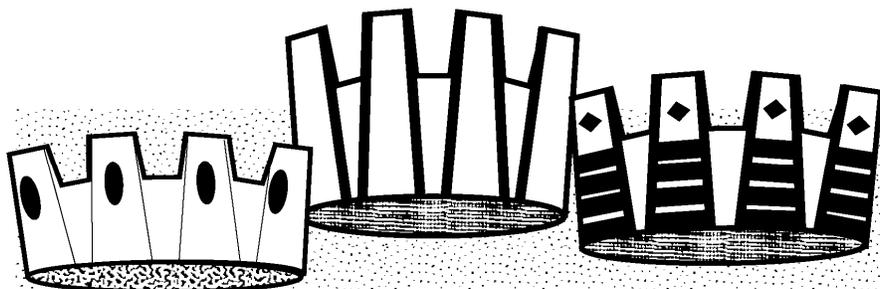
**Men's Discussion Group**—Chapters 5 through 8 of Mark's Gospel will be the topic of discussion for the Men's Group on Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. All men of the parish are welcome. The zoom address for the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9634432098>. For more information, please contact either Charlie Miller at [cfmiller\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:cfmiller_2001@yahoo.com) or Brian Kelahan at [bpke@optonline.net](mailto:bpke@optonline.net).

**Awakening the Dream Workshop**—Watch this space for information about a zoom presentation of "Awakening the Dream" during Lent. Mercy Srs. Nancy Audette and Carmela Garofalo present questions and ideas about creating a more sustainable future for humanity and the earth.

St. Anthony of Padua ZOOM Youth Group  
Our high school youth group will resume meeting on Zoom on January 11, 2021, at 7 pm.

Topic: **Knowing the Objective**

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 (twice a month). Permission slips may be emailed to Beth Paris ([hhpaisan@optonline.net](mailto:hhpaisan@optonline.net)). If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Beth or Eleanor Sauers at [office@stanthonyyfld.org](mailto:office@stanthonyyfld.org).



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