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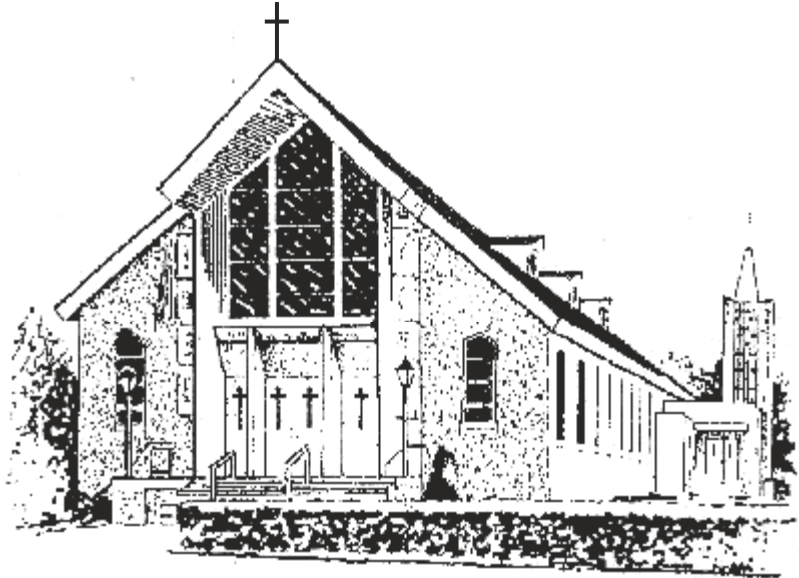
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

If you need to contact the office
at other times, please call and
leave a message or email:
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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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 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 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.

Intentions previously scheduled for this week and unable to be fulfilled due to our abbreviated Mass schedule will be rescheduled as unassigned Masses become available in the new year. (See note on page 3)

Previously scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2021:

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

Previously scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2021:

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

Previously scheduled for March 21, 2020 to be celebrated on January 17, 2021, noon Mass

Claude J. Violette requested by Ellen and Frank Accardi

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.

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,

I hope you were able to enjoy Christmas and that you are feeling your way through the initial days of the new year. I received the following from a parishioner and wanted to share it with you:

“Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS! Stay Blessed! And Welcome 2021!!!”

(author unknown)



Rescheduling Cancelled Masses with Intentions—As 2021 unfolds, we are able to start including intentions from the Masses that were cancelled when the pandemic hit our area. There are one hundred and thirty-five of them! If you requested a Mass that was cancelled, we ask for your understanding (we cannot duplicate the exact date of the requests in the new year) and patience (we will begin scheduling the 6:00 and 8:00 weekend Masses that were cancelled and then go back and pick up the cancelled daily Masses). Please call the office (203-259-0358) with questions or concerns. Thank you.

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.**

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 or Brian Kelahan at bpke@optonline.net.



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.

Merton Center Collection—Demand for the Merton Center's food resources continues unabated during the pandemic. The dining hall is closed, but every weekday the Center distributes hundreds of to-go breakfasts and lunches. To support the Center's food pantry (open every other Wednesday), we will hold our **monthly food collection on Sunday, January 10, through Wednesday, January 13.** Please consider donating any of the following: bottled water, individual-size apple sauce, cereal/granola/power bars, Rice Krispie treats, small packets of cookies. These items are added to the to-go meals. **Our collection point is the back porch of the rectory (January 10 through January 13.)** Baskets will be provided. **Thank you for your faithful generosity, especially during these most difficult times.**

Awakening the Dreamer Workshop—

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." Pope Francis St. Anthony's Social Justice Committee invites you to the ***Awakening the Dreamer Workshop*** presented via ZOOM over the course of two consecutive Wednesday evenings in Lent, February 24th and March 3rd (with a possible third on March 10th) from 7 to 8:30 PM each evening. Members of the parish social justice committee will lead us in an educational and spiritual experience that has inspired people in more than 100 countries and will help us to discover our role in creating a more sustainable future for our earth. This free presentation will plant the seeds for people to become more proactive in our care for creation. Join us in helping to create a community committed to a sustainable future. All are invited. For planning purposes, RSVP/Pre-registration is needed by Friday, February 12th. To register please call the parish at 203-259-0358, or email office@stanthonyffld.org.

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). If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Beth or Eleanor Sauers at office@stanthonyffld.org.

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