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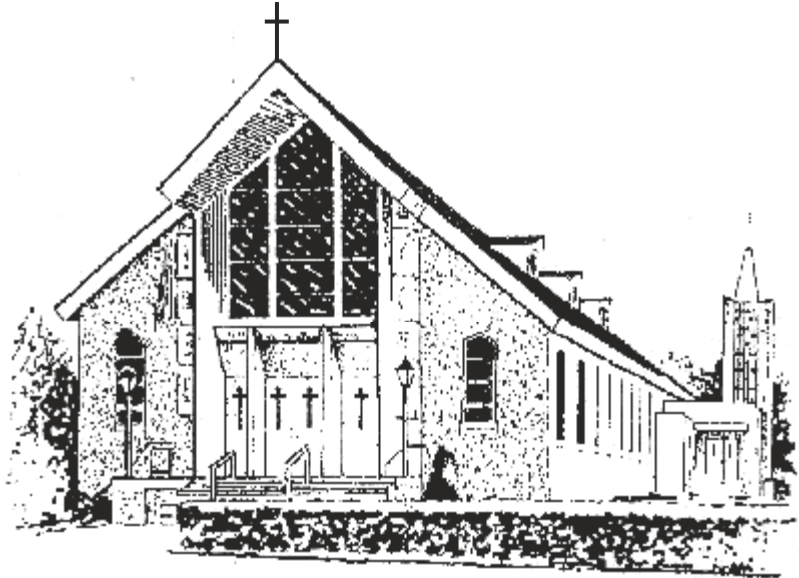
The Fairfield Jesuit Community
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

If you need to contact the office
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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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)

Sunday, January 31, 2021:

10:00 - Peter McCaffrey requested by Maggie McCaffrey
12:00 - John (Jack) Shostak requested by Laura Shostak

Sunday, February 7, 2021:

10:00 - Thomas Sharkey requested by Cathy and Bob Rotanz
12:00 - Adele Powers requested by Larry and Eileen Lynch

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 **Givecentral.org**, create your account, log in, and the rest is simple!

The envelope system is an expense to the parish, so if you decide to use GiveCentral, please let us know so we can discontinue

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.

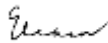
Thank you for your cooperation!

Dear Parishioners,

This past Sunday, Pope Francis prayed for a homeless Nigerian man by the name of Edwin, who died from exposure not far from the Vatican. The pope's words indicated that Edwin was "ignored by all, abandoned, even by us."

Our gospel this Sunday tells us that Jesus spoke "a new teaching with authority." One of Jesus' main teachings was that we humans are to love one another. Loving one another includes caring for those in need, whether of food, clothing, shelter or any other of the necessities of life.

The pope's remarks remind us that even in the Vatican, a place where care for the homeless has been a priority, a needy person can "fall through the cracks." Let us be vigilant to offer help where needed that we might truly obey the Lord's authoritative teaching "to love."



Men's Discussion Group—will meet on Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 pm on Zoom. They will be discussing chapters 9—12 in the Gospel of Mark. All men are welcome!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9634432098>

A Guide to Elder Abuse & Neglect Awareness—

Jewish Senior Services is offering two programs of interest: the one highlighted above on Thursday, February 4 at 3 pm, and **Caregiver Burden is Real: Help is Here**, on Wednesday, February 17, at 3 pm. Lectures are one hour. Both are free to the public. RSVP to: mpruzinsky@jseniors.org or 203-556-1619.

Turning 65? Questions about Medicare? SW CT Agency on Aging is presenting an event on Wednesday, January 27, 5—6:30 pm, entitled "What to Expect if you are new to Medicare in 2021." The event is free and open to the community. To register, call 203-814-3639, or go to : <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ucemhqToqGtOyjhAsujZVOalohLn1-Mgh>

A Matter of Balance—Do you have concerns about falling? The popular program, **A Matter of Balance**, has developed a virtual translation that is being offered online. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays, February 16 through April 20, 10 am—12 pm. Zoom link will be provided after registration. Program is free, thanks to a grant from the SW Area Agency on Aging. Co-sponsored by St. Anthony's. Call 203-259-0358 for more information or to register.

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 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.



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.

Classes with Mercy By The Sea—Go to Mercybythesea.org for information and to register for classes offered next month such as Brigid and the Winter of our Discontent; Mindfulness in Challenging Times; Centered in Silence—Rhythm of a New Monastic Way of Life, and Saturday Zoom Tai Chi. Mercy By The Sea journeys with all who seek a new way of being that honors the sacred in creation, self, and others.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick—All, especially the sick, the handicapped, and the frail are invited to a virtual celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass and the spiritual blessing of the sick will be followed by a recitation of the rosary. Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Register at <https://forms.gle/Ynrzmdmohblmnhpi7>. Hosted by the Order of Malta, CT area.

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 three consecutive Wednesday evenings in Lent: February 24, March 3, and March 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 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 12. To register email the parish at office@stanthonyffld.org **with Awakening in the subject line.**

St. Anthony of Padua ZOOM Youth Group
High School Youth Group Zoom meeting—
February 8, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Topic: **Are Opposites—Opposite??**

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). Please contact Beth or Eleanor Sauers (office@stanthonyffld.org) with any questions or concerns.

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