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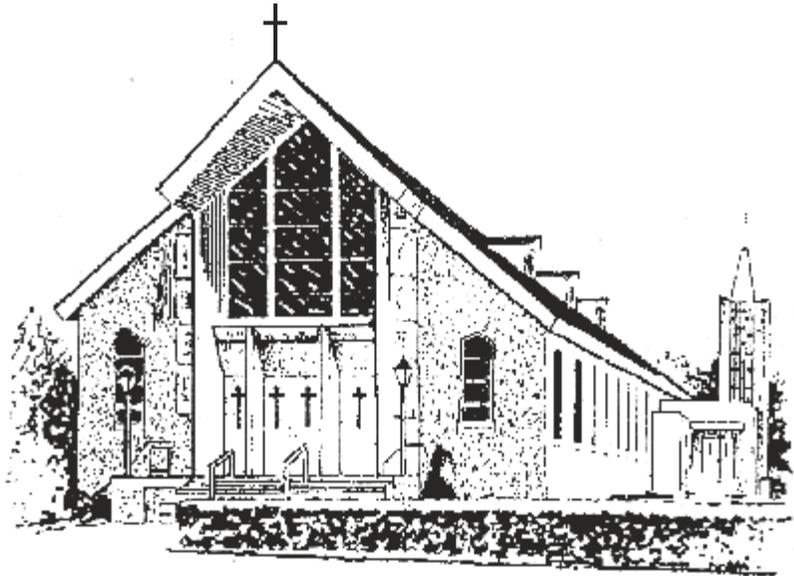
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

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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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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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.**

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, February 7, 2021:**

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

## **Sunday, February 14, 2021:**

10:00 - John White requested by Cathy and Bob Rotanz  
12:00 - John and Mary Krzyzek requested by Barbara Krzyzek

**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 **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 your envelopes.**

***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.

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](mailto:hhpaisan@optonline.net)). Please contact Beth or Eleanor Sauers ([office@stanthonyffd.org](mailto:office@stanthonyffd.org)) with any questions or concerns.

Dear Parishioners,

I just disposed of the last poinsettia, Valentine hearts are appearing everywhere, and as I look at the calendar I see that Ash Wednesday will soon be upon us (February 17). Sometimes the days drag, but not so the months...they seem to fly, and here we are a month shy of when the world changed for us all.

I hope you are not willing to accept Job's complaint in the first reading for this Sunday, "I shall not see happiness again." I am not. After all, we are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!

If we look for it, hope is all around us. The vaccine situation is improving. There may be snow on the ground, yet we know that Spring will come. The seed catalogues have arrived and many are already planting their tomatoes inside. Children are gleefully sledding on the hills, and neighbors are helping one other shovel out from the recent storm.

I think it was Abraham Lincoln who said that people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. In this time just before us, the season of Lent, let us look forward to the event that truly changed the world, the source of our hope, and our happiness, the Resurrection!

### Make a Virtual Lenten Retreat with Dan Schutte

Make a self-directed retreat during the season of Lent with music and video reflections.

The retreat includes:

Eighteen video reflections by Dan Schutte  
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Zoom conversation with Dan at end of retreat  
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For more information or to register go to:

<https://www.danschuttemusic.com/wordpressstore/lenten-retreat-individual/>

**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.

**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.



**Centering Prayer**—The Centering Prayer group is meeting virtually!

Please contact **Susan Lenahan at 203-858-8367** for details. **Wednesdays**, 9:15 –11:15 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. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88352931320>

**A Lenten Journey Through Mark's Gospel**—This liturgical year, known as Cycle B, is also referred to as the Year of Mark's Gospel. Considering that, this Lent would be an appropriate time to walk through Mark's Gospel to become more familiar with it, and to consider the import of Mark's words in our lives. Zoom sessions will be held on **Thursdays**: Feb.25, March 4,11,18 and 25, from 7:30—8:15 pm. Parishioner Charlie Miller will facilitate. Zoom address will be available next week.

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

**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 over 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.

**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](mailto:office@stanthonyffld.org) with **Awakening in the subject line**.

**Stop and Shop cards**—Please remember to pick up a Stop and Shop card when you are at the store and drop it at the rectory. This winter has been especially difficult for the hungry!

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