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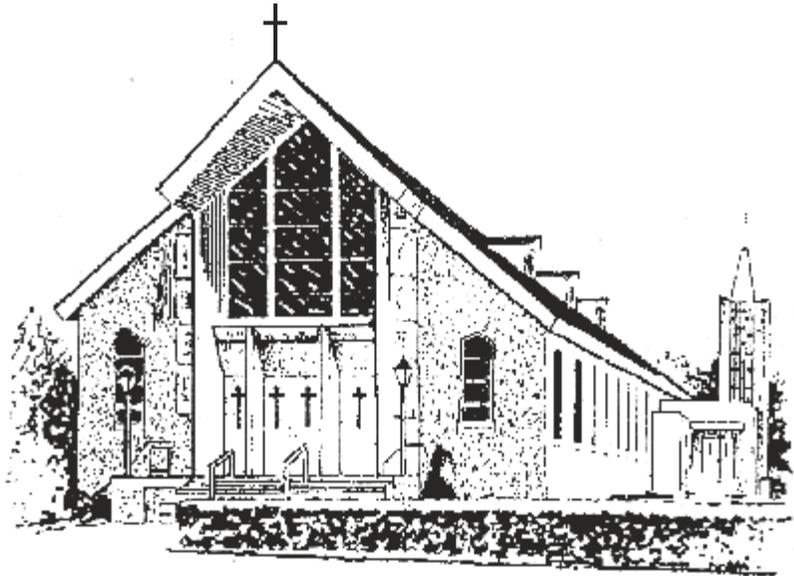
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Monday & Wednesday 9-3

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 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, March 21, 2021:

10:00 - Rev. John Baran

12:00 - Oliver MacKinnon requested by Megan and Dave Pirrello

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021:

10:00 - Michele Thomas requested by Nancy Sabol (originally scheduled for 3/28/20)

12:00 - John Geiger requested by Lindsay Clayton (originally scheduled for 3/29/20)

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 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— March 22, at 7 p.m.

Topic: **What do we know?**

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@stanthonyffd.org) with any questions or concerns.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

(all services will be live-streamed)

Palm Sunday, March 28; Masses at 10 am and 12 pm;
Holy Thursday, April 1; Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm;
Good Friday, April 2; Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service at 3 pm;
Holy Saturday, April 3; The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm;
Easter Sunday, April 4; The Resurrection of the Lord Masses at 10 am and 12 pm.

Reservations are required for all services and will be accepted beginning Monday, March 22. Palms will be available in the vestibule of the church for those who cannot join the Mass from Palm Sunday through Wednesday of Holy Week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday evening, March 24, at 7 pm, with individual confession. The Blessing of the Food will take place on Holy Saturday, April 3, at 11 am in the church.

Dear Parishioners,

As we make our way toward Holy Week, I'd like to let you know about a couple of things that are available to you. On the diocesan website you may participate in the recitation of the rosary led by the bishop on Friday, March 19, at 6:30 pm, followed by a Pontifical Mass streamed from the cathedral at which the bishop will consecrate the diocese to Saint Joseph, as Pope Francis has declared this year is to be the Year of St. Joseph. Both can be accessed by a link on www.diobpt.org. Also on the diocesan website is "A Call to Renewal," at <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/call-to-renewal/welcome>. Here you will also find the bishop's Pastoral Exhortation, "Let Us Enter the Upper Room."

These final weeks of Lent call us to open our hearts and minds to examine our lives, to consider our priorities and perhaps make new choices in the year to come. Then, come the Feast of the Resurrection, we may find ourselves with a new attitude and a fresh way of looking at the world and at our lives.



2021 Diocese of Bridgeport Annual Catholic Appeal—is now underway. Named "Arise," based on Lord's words to Lazarus, the bishop invites us all to "arise from the darkness" of the pandemic and "seek new life" in Christ. The appeal will provide funds for works of charity, formation in faith, education and catechesis. There are pamphlets explaining the appeal and how you can help on the table in the side vestibule of the church. **Our goal for 2021 is \$111,100.**, down from \$126,000., in 2020 and 140,000., in 2019. **We have an opportunity this year to help another parish in our diocese that is struggling because of the pandemic. Whatever amount we raise over our goal can be shared with a parish in desperate need of help.** Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthy cause.

Missing Taizé? — Our parish has traditionally prayed Taizé each Friday evening during the Season of Lent. Good News!!!! Through the wonders of technology, Taizé is back! Log onto the parish website - www.stanthonyffd.org— and, you will find what you have been missing! Taizé will be posted each of the remaining weeks of Lent, on the home page of the website. Why not add this beautiful offering to your Lenten practice?

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—8:45 pm. Parishioner Charlie Miller will facilitate. <https://Fairfield.zoom.us/j/94020421167>

Please remember that Stop & Shop cards are always needed.



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>

CARE FOR CREATION CORNER — This week we are starting a new bulletin section called **Care for Creation Corner**. Each week an idea will be presented to help us think more about how we can care for our Earth as presented by Pope Francis in his document Laudato Si.

World Water Day is Monday, March 22nd. Think about how you use water, waste water, save water. The EPA's Fix-A-Leak Week is March 15-22. [WaterSense | US EPA](#)

Did you know that less than 1% of all the water on Earth can be used by people? The rest is saltwater or is permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it, or use it to water plants. As our population grows, more and more people are using up this limited resource. Therefore, it is important that we use our water wisely and not waste it. For a challenge: The average shower lasts about eight minutes. Since the average showerhead has a water flow of 2.1 gallons per minute, each shower uses more than 16 gallons of water! Find out how long your shower is and see if you can cut your showering time by a minute each week.

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