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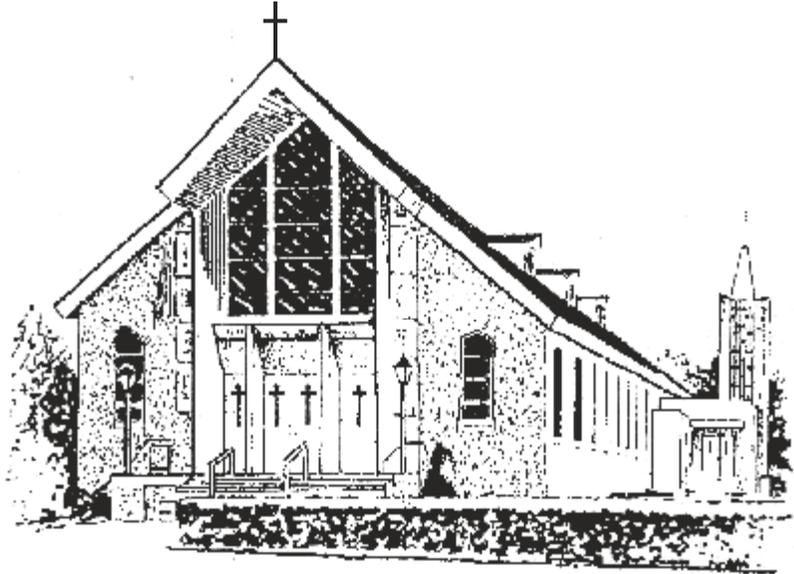
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Monday - Wednesday 9-3

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

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 11, 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.stanthonyffld.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)

April 11, 2021:

10:00 - Cecile Zacco requested by Fausta Egan
12:00 - Thomas Wokanovicz requested by Carolyn Balusek

April 18, 2021:

10:00 - Michael Whittingham requested by Maggie McCaffrey
12:00 - Thomas Wokanovicz requested by Helen Matis

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.stanthonyffld.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— April 12, at 7 p.m.

Topic: **What's the Real Story?**

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.

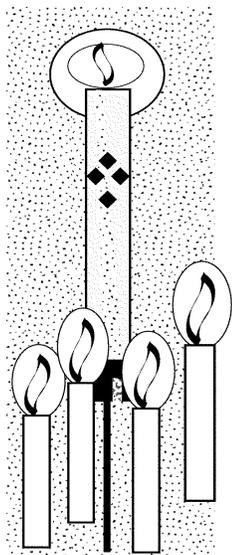
The Parish Staff and our Sacramental and Liturgical Partners,
the Fairfield Jesuit Community, wish you and your families
a joyous and peaceful Easter Season!
He is Risen!!! Alleluia!!! Alleluia!!!

Dear Parishioners,

It was so heartening and joyful to be able to celebrate the sacred Triduum last week, especially after the year long Lent in which we have been living. Unable to celebrate last year left a hollow feeling, a sense of incompleteness that followed us through 2020. The services this past week were well-attended (by pandemic measures); the sound of instruments and human voices (love the one voice of Frank but hearing part of the choir enhanced our feeling of rejoicing) lifted our spirits; and even the weather cooperated.

I would like to thank all those whose combined efforts enabled our celebrations to go forward: those who checked us into the church; the ushers; those who cleaned the pews; the readers, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; those who decorated the church so beautifully; those who will continue to water and care for the flowers and plants; the instrumentalists and members of the choir; our Jesuit partners; Gail, for her care in taking ALL those reservations; Jeremy Redgate, our MC extraordinaire, and of course Beth and Frank, whose collaboration is invaluable. It truly takes a village, and a parish, to plan, organize and execute all the services, and a bit of artistry to meld separate days with very different messages into a coherent whole. Thanks to all who participated in any way! May the peace and blessings of Easter be yours!

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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. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88352931320>

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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. To date, we have collected **\$21,885.**, representing 19.70% of goal. **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 this year.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME — 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.

50 years ago the Clean Air Act followed the science and became a model for the world. Since 1970, air across the United States has gotten 77% cleaner even as the population and economy have grown. As have the number of cars on the road! Connecticut, and particularly Fairfield County, consistently gets low or failing grades when air quality is measured and reported by the American Lung Association. Indeed, Fairfield County has the highest ozone pollution in the New York City Metro area. While the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection has concluded that 90% of Connecticut's air pollution on bad air quality days originates in other states and is outside of Connecticut's jurisdiction and control, we must do better. Think about the ways that you and your family can help keep the air clean. For more information on how to, visit: <https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/my-clean-air-story-ct>

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