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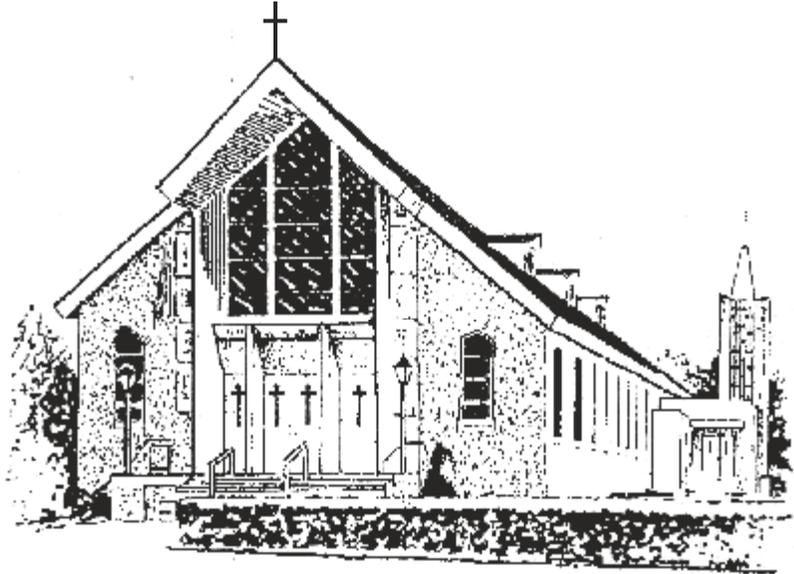
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Sacramental and Liturgical Partners

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Office hours:

Monday - Wednesday 9-3

If you need to contact the office
at other times, please call and
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office@stanthonyffld.org



✿ 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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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.

**Please call the office to make your reservation to attend Mass.
You may leave a request on the answering machine;
you will receive a call back if we cannot accommodate your request.**

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.

April 18, 2021:

10:00 - Michael Whittingham requested by Maggie McCaffrey

12:00 - Thomas Wokanovicz requested by Helen Matis

April 25, 2021:

10:00 - Johnny Hyman requested by the Capones

12:00 - Margaret Banner requested by Joanna Wesson

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— April 26, at 7 p.m.

Topic: **Creativity and Imagination**

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.

Dear Parishioners:

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” The photo below shows part of what was collected last month for the Merton Center. (A thank you from the Center follows this letter.) Your continued generosity to this monthly collection is so appreciated by our brothers and sisters who benefit from the services of the Center.

This Sunday’s Gospel begins with two disciples from the Emmaus story recounting that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Perhaps when a client at the Merton Center receives a food item that came from this or other collections, they, too, might have reason to recognize the presence of Jesus in that gift. And when they do, they might give thanks to God for the compassion of the follower of Christ who made the gift possible. Thanks to all who make this monthly ministry so abundant, and special thanks to Barbara and Jeff Kiernan, who have faithfully organized this ministry for many years.

Emmaus



Thomas Merton Center—Bill Colson Director of the Thomas Merton Center writes, “Thank you for your contribution to our mission. Your support helps us serve an average of 360 meals every day; distribute hundreds of warm winter essentials, and provide coffee and access to portable toilets for daily use. We wish you God’s peace for your generosity.”

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport—Virtual Spring Fling: Enjoy a Broadway-inspired musical performance from the comfort of your own home! Chris Coogan and Michele Grace will provide a wide variety of music from Broadway to Jazz, Pop, Country, and more. Entertaining together for over 25 years, they are sure to provide an unforgettable experience. Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. RSPV to ccgb.org/springfling. Can’t attend? Consider making an impact by donating to ccgb.org/donate.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport:
Leveraging hope, changing lives.

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

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 **\$26,970.**, representing 24% 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.

Homebound? Missing the Eucharist? If you are a homebound parishioner, unable to get to Mass, and would like to receive a Communion visit, please call the office to let us know so we can arrange to have an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist visit you.

What Jesus never said— (James Martin, S.J.)

“Feed the hungry only if they have papers.”

“Clothe the naked only if they’re from your own country.”

“Welcome the stranger only if there’s no risk.”

“Help the poor only if it’s convenient.”

“Love your neighbor only if they look like you.”

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.

Did you know that idling your car not only wastes fuel but also produces emissions that pollute the air and contribute to climate change? While your own impact might seem small, that of 250 million personal vehicles in the U.S. is enormous. Eliminating it would be like taking 5 million vehicles off the road. The next time you may have to idle, whether you are waiting in line at a drive through or picking someone up from school or work, think twice! If you think you’ll be idling for more than 10 seconds, please turn the engine off. The earth will thank you!
https://afdc.energy.gov/files/u/publication/idling_personal_vehicles.pdf

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