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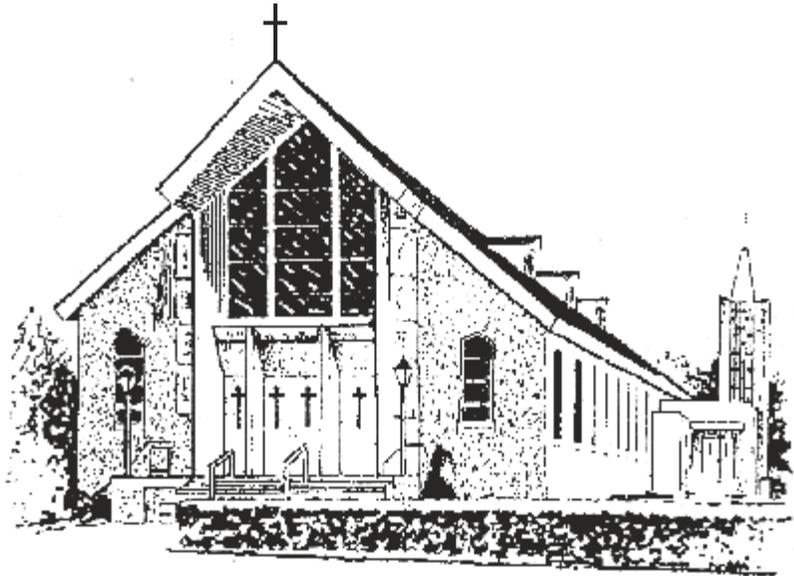
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Sacramental and Liturgical Partners

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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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✿ 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 Easter

May 2, 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.

May 2, 2021:

10:00 - James S. Sullivan requested by Kathleen Gilbert

12:00 - Theodore Kudzy requested by the Mockler Family

May 9, 2021:

10:00 - All Mothers

12:00 - All Mothers

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

FINAL High School Youth Group Zoom meeting this year— Please note change of date: Monday, May 3, 2021

Topic: Wrap Up

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:

I was delighted to hear that our parishioner, Lori Mediate, was recently honored, along with the Fairfield Public Schools' Health Education Department, as the 2021 recipients of the Outstanding Community Partner Award by the Fairfield University Center for Social Impact and the Community-Engaged Learning Program.

The award, which includes a \$500. donation to support the FPS Health Education department's work, recognizes partner organizations who advance the mission of community engagement at Fairfield University in an exceptional way. The FPS team, in collaboration with Dr. Maggie Wills and university students, offers mini workshops to high school seniors on such subjects as substance abuse, mental health and transition to college. Lori was honored for her leadership and advocacy of the program.

This collaboration provides strategies and guidance to our young people, a service that is needed now more than ever. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Lori and her department!

Congratulations to the St. Anthony Confirmation class of Spring 2021! Bishop Frank J. Caggiano officiated on April 24, 2021.

Charles Adams	Matthew Malecky
Luke Anderson	Nicholas Malek
Liam Banick	Gavin McCarthy
Christian Boehk	Morgan McGowan
Aidan Browne	Connor Merrigan
Luke Brum	Finn Moynahan
Emma Caldwell	Kyra Nierman
Genevieve Canter	Kolby Northrop
Meredith Daniels	Christopher Pechkis
Lauren French	Marina Pinto
Donovan Gallagher	Andrew Pymm
Liam Grady	Neil Roarty
Andrew Grant	Luca Scinto
Cecilia Illuzzi	Emma Senatore
Lauren Keiser	Caroline Shah
Grace Kenney	Phoebe Shostak
Ava Krajeski	Sofia Tamayo
Elyse Kwon	Lily Wade
Kayleigh Lutz	Kristopher Yuan

Ella Zimolo



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 **\$37,430.**, representing 33.69% 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.

Social Services News—The Town of Fairfield Social Services Department has limited funds available to help eligible individuals and families navigate temporary crises. For more information about free financial coaching, BNT Housing (Building Neighborhoods Together) counseling services, emergency rental assistance, and/or camp scholarships, call 203-256-3170. Also, Fairfield's Covid 19 Vaccine Call Center (203-256-3082) is a resource for residents who are homebound; having trouble finding a vaccine site; or who have general questions or concerns. Call Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Voice mails will be returned ASAP during operating hours. For more details, visit www.Fairfieldct.org/bigelowcenter. Scroll down and click on Fairfield Social Services Monthly Newsletter.

Please remember that Stop & Shop cards are always needed.

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 *Lauda Si*.

Most people don't realize how much food they waste. Reducing the amount of food we waste saves money, reduces methane emissions, and conserves energy and resources. When untouched food that otherwise would have gone to waste is donated to those in need, the whole community is supported. There are many ways to use leftover fruits and vegetables in new recipes. Food scraps can also be composted, which enriches the soil in your gardens and lawn. For more info on how to reduce food waste, visit the epa.gov website.

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.** RSVP to ccgb.org/springfling. The Zoom link will be provided to attendees. Can't attend? Consider making an impact by donating to ccgb.org/donate.

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