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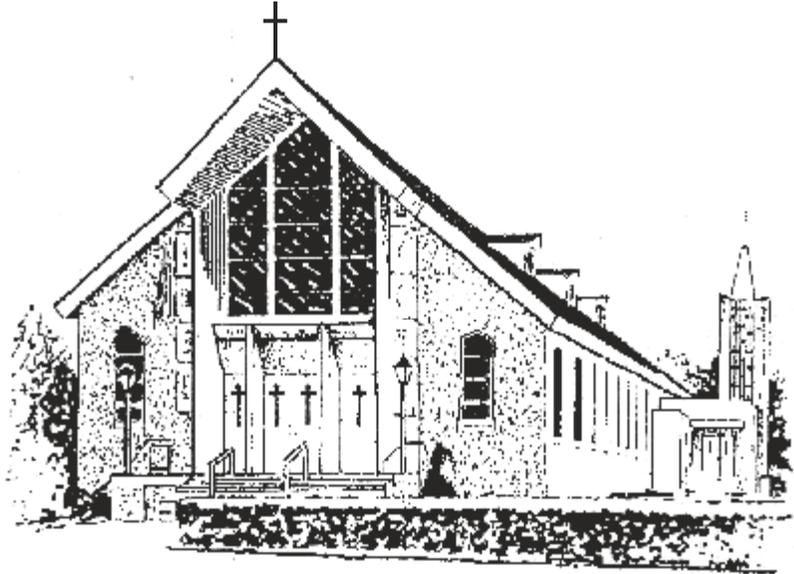
The Fairfield Jesuit Community
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Parish Office: (203) 259-0358

Office hours:

Monday - Wednesday 9-3

If you need to contact the office
at other times, please call and
leave a message or email:
office@stanthonyffld.org



✿ 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Due to the pandemic Mass will be celebrated only on Sundays (10:00 and 12:00) until further notice. 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 9, 2021:

10:00 - All Mothers

12:00 - All Mothers

Thursday, May 13, 2021, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 - All Parishioners

May 16, 2021:

10:00 - William Cornell requested by Natalie Velturo

12:00 - William Simon 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.

GOD is LOVE

Dear Parishioners:

On Saturday, May 15, 43 of our young parishioners will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time! This is such an exciting time for the children, their families and for the parish. Half of these youngsters have waited a year for this day, as the pandemic interfered with so many planned events last year (and continues to do so to some extent). Please remember these children and their families in your prayers, that they may have a lifetime of blessings from this and the many Eucharistic celebrations to come.

Today is Mother's Day! The parish staff offers a sincere thank you to all who play or have played a mothering role in someone's life. Whether you are a biological or adoptive mother, a grandmother, a godmother, an aunt, a mother-in-law, a teacher, a friend, or any other person who considers themselves a mother, you provide the nurturing and caring role that is so essential to everyone's emotional and physical health, and we applaud you. May God bless you abundantly, on this day and all days, and grant you the strength, courage, compassion and JOY that befits your role!



Parish Registration—To register with the parish, just fill out a yellow registration card found at the entrances to the church (or print one from the website) and drop it in the collection box, in the basket by the back door of the rectory, or drop it in the mail.

Men's Discussion Group—meets on **Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30 pm** on zoom. All men are welcome!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9634432098>

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.

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

Calling all old/broken/tired jewelry—If you were disappointed that we were unable to accept your jewelry for sale at the picnic this past summer, now is your chance to clean out your collection and donate what you no longer want. Through the kindness of Mary Anne Sulik, aka, the Jewelry Lady, we are able to place your donations at a consignment shop and garner some funds for the parish. There will be a box on the back porch for your offerings. Thank you!



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 **\$44,650.**, representing 40.19% 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 Laudato Si:

In order to better care for our earth we need to focus on the 5 Rs and not just on the 3 Rs learned in elementary school:

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle are the new norms. Think outside of your blue recycling box for how to reduce your consumption and work towards getting high marks in environmental care!

More information is available via www.recyclect.com

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