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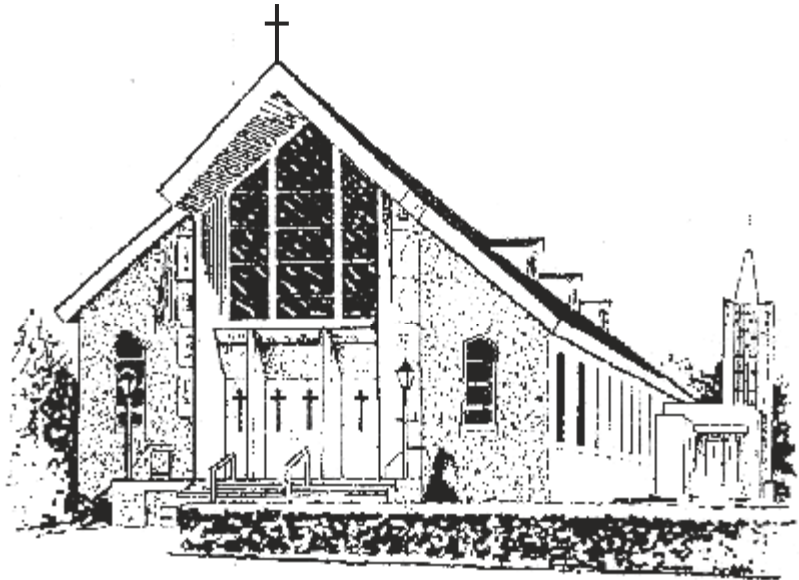
The Fairfield Jesuit Community
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Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
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Closed on Thursdays

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



**Our pre-pandemic Mass
Schedule will resume
on the weekend of June 5,6.**

**No more reservations!
Join us to celebrate!**

**The church is open daily for
private prayer from 9 am until
4 pm.
Sundays until 1 pm.**

✿ 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.

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 16, 2021

This Sunday, May 16, is the LAST Sunday where reservations are required to attend Mass! MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED!

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NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR MAY 23 or MAY 30!

May 16, 2021:

10:00 - William Cornell requested by Natalie Velturo

12:00 - William Simon requested by Joanna Wesson

May 23, 2021:

10:00 - Ro Kelly requested by Rena and Terry Howard

12:00 - Margie Tallman requested by Maureen O'Hara

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 is 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.

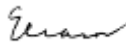
the LORD has set his throne in heaven

Dear Parishioners:

It is with great joy that I tell you that reservations are no longer necessary to attend Mass as of the Feast of Pentecost (May 23), and that our parish will be returning to our pre-pandemic Mass Schedule as of the weekend of June 5-6; that is, 6 pm on Saturdays, 8,10 and 11:30 am on Sunday mornings. We resume this schedule not knowing how many people are ready to come back. We will assess attendance to determine if the pre-pandemic schedule is still the best one for our parish, so please return to your favorite Mass to help us manage our resources appropriately.

The bishop is welcoming and urging all parishioners to return to in-person Mass, and has issued a short video which you may have received in your email. It can also be accessed on the diocesan website (www.diobpt.org).

It is appropriate to celebrate coming home to our parish on the Feast of Pentecost, for the Holy Spirit has guided us through the pandemic and continues to inspire us as we move forward, together!



Service of Remembrance—On Friday evening, June 11, at 7 pm, we will hold a Vesper Service in concert with all the parishes of the diocese. This service of healing and anointing will be offered for all who have died or have suffered greatly from the impact of the pandemic. Please contact the office with the names of those you would like to be remembered by name on that evening. All are welcome; no reservations needed.

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Fairfield	
We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption	
Total Pledged:	\$2,202,064
Total Collected (As of 5/6/21):	\$964,516 (44%)
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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.** 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>

Parish Registration—To register with the parish, just fill out a lavender 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. Thank you.

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's Social Services Department has limited funds available to help eligible individuals and families navigate temporary crises. It is also a resource for Covid 19 vaccinations for homebound residents. 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 to Fairfield Social Services Monthly Newsletter.

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*.

May 24 is the sixth anniversary of *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, Pope Francis' encyclical addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. "Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, God's boundless affection for us." How are we reflecting God's love for all creation? Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/laudato-si-care-our-common-home>.

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