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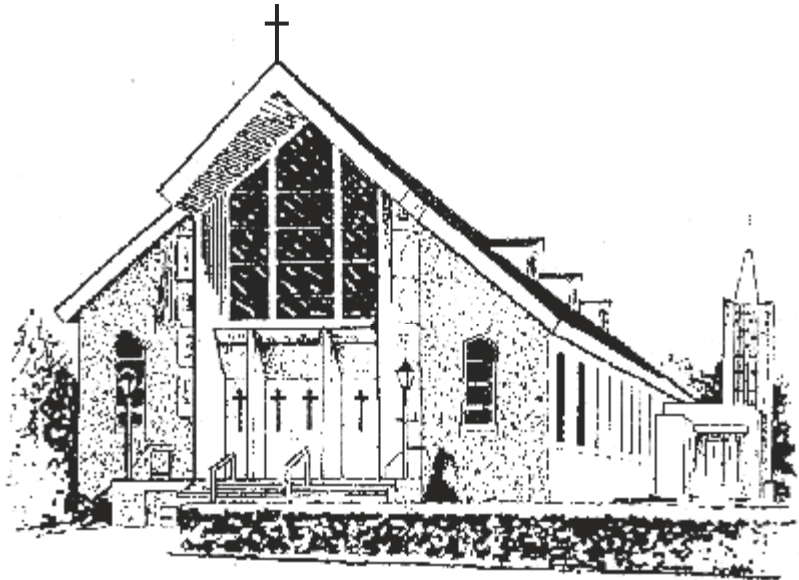
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**Our pre-pandemic Mass  
Schedule will resume  
on the weekend of June 5,6.**

**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.

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# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

**Reservations are no longer required to attend Mass, however MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR THOSE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.**

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

**(6:00 p.m. on Saturday; 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. on Sunday)**

## Mass Intentions for this weekend and next

### May 23, 2021:

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

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

### May 30, 2021:

10:00 - William Carroll requested by Margaret and Emily Hawkins and Katie and Rob Vail

12:00 - Gil Mauriello 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 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 continue to be **live-streamed** to our website ([www.stanthonyffd.org](http://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](http://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.**

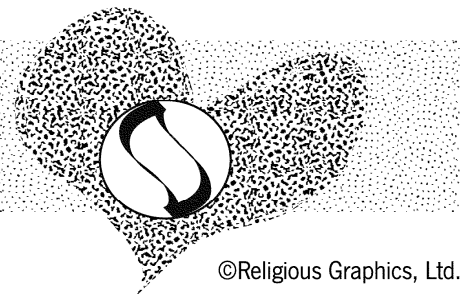
***Please continue your generous support!***

### 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.

**LORD, enkindle the fire  
of your love in our hearts**



Dear Parishioners:

This is the first weekend that reservations are not necessary in order to attend Mass. Whew! That has been an ordeal for us all, necessary, but cumbersome. Also as of May 19, NO MASKS are required for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who have not been vaccinated are to continue to wear a mask inside the church. Of course, if you are vaccinated but feel safer wearing a mask, by all means do so.

Most pews are available for seating, but a section of the church will be reserved for those who feel more comfortable socially distanced. Hymnals are back in the pews and CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS ALLOWED!!!! YAY!!!!!! We can once again kneel, the holy water fonts remain empty, and processions can resume. Our Masses will still be at 10 and 12 through May 30. Our pre-pandemic Mass schedule resumes on June 5, 6 - 6 pm Saturday, 8, 10 and 11:30 am on Sunday. Thank you, God, for getting us to this point!

**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.

**Breaking news!**—Calling all gardeners...do you like to play in the dirt? Weed? Sing to plants to help them grow? Whatever your particular bent is when working in the garden, we need your help! Under the leadership of Jerry Hemenway, we are planning a vegetable garden on the campus, with all the produce going to the Merton Center. We need your help to make this venture a success. Please contact Jerry at 203-727-8831 or [hemenwayjr@yahoo.com](mailto:hemenwayjr@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Merton Center Collection**—Despite some pandemic restrictions being lifted, the Merton Center continues to operate on a “take-out” basis distributing hundreds of breakfast and lunch meals weekly as well as maintaining a food pantry. St. Anthony’s continues to support this ministry and will conduct a collection from Sunday, 5/30/21, through Sunday, 6/6/21. Merton staff has indicated that current needs continue to include **bottled water, cereal-to-to cups, individual size apple sauce, cereal/granola/power bars, rice krispie treats, small packets of cookies, etc.** These items are added to the meals that are distributed at the door. Our parish collection point is the back porch of the rectory. Thank you for your faithful generosity especially during these most difficult times.

**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.

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport—Virtual Spring Fling:** Enjoy a Broadway-inspired musical with Chris Coogan and Michele Grace. They’ll provide a wide variety of music that’s sure to provide a memorable evening. **Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** RSVP to [ccgb.org/springfling](http://ccgb.org/springfling). The Zoom link will be provided to attendees. Can’t attend? Consider making an impact by donating to [ccgb.org/donate](http://ccgb.org/donate).

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport:  
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**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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