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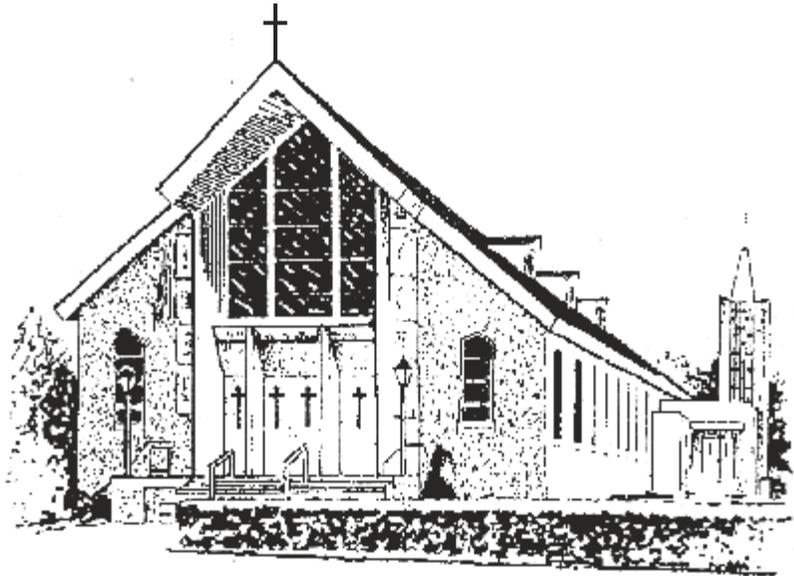
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Office hours:

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

The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 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 next weekend!!!
(6:00 p.m. on Saturday; 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. on Sunday)

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.

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Sunday, May 30 - 10:00 a.m.: William Carroll requested by Margaret and Emily Hawkins and Katie and Rob Vail

12:00 a.m.: Gil Mauriello requested by Joanna Wesson

Saturday, June 5 - 6:00 p.m.: Joan Sullivan requested by a friend

Sunday, June 6 - 8:00 a.m.: Joseph and Michael Vargas requested by Janet Shostak

10:00 a.m.: William Carroll requested by David and Mary Ann Welch

11:30 a.m.: Anne M. Griffith requested by the Stuhlman Family

Masses online*

Please Note: The St. Anthony Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will continue to 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 at Fairfield University has been suspended for the summer; Sunday Masses are at 11 am. The link for Mass:

<https://Fairfield.zoom.us/j/91693638989>

(Download the zoom app from the App Store first.)

Checkout the diocesan website for more info
www.bridgeportdiocese.org

Thank you—to the many parishioners who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes to the rectory office.

E-Giving—Thanks to those families who have been contributing to the parish electronically! Do you have an interest in contributing in this way? Just 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 do decide to use GiveCentral, please let us know so we can discontinue your envelopes.

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.

Praise GOD who
CREATES us
REDEEMS us
and **SANCTIFIES** us

Dear Parishioners:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran pastor who died at Auschwitz, said the ‘The transcendence of God is immanently present.’ If you were present at Mass this past Sunday, particularly at the 10, you would have witnessed both the immanence and transcendence of God in the joyous celebration of Pentecost. The increased numbers, the choir and instruments, the celebratory singing of the parts of the Mass and the rousing renditions of the hymns, not to mention the preaching, created an atmosphere that was full of God’s love for us, and of our love and thanksgiving to God. Those present were so happy to see one another and to worship together as a community after the past fifteen months of fear and isolation.

St. A’s is back! Come join us this Sunday at the 10 or the noon, and beginning next weekend (June 5-6), at the 6 pm Saturday, 8, 10 or 11:30 Sunday. Remember to vote with your feet for your favorite Mass time...every person counts!

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 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/>

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. Registering enables us to know you better and communicate more easily. 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.

Sports and Enrichment Camps: Summer at Loralton—

A non-profit sports and enrichment program catering to students entering grades two through eight. Campers explore fields of science, sports, Harry Potter and much more! Visit summer@lauraltonhall.org or call 203-877-2786, ext. 175.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME — This week’s concept, presented to help us all think more about how we can care for our Earth as presented by Pope Francis in his document ***Laudato Si***—

“There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle....such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper; reducing water consumption; separating refuse; cooking only what an reasonably be consumed; showing care for other living things; planting trees; turning off unnecessary lights; or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings.” -

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