

# St. Anthony of Padua Church

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## ☞ Schedule of Masses ☞

Saturday Vigil ~ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30

We welcome new parishioners.  
Please introduce yourself after Mass and at your  
convenience you may register at the parish office  
or online.

We invite you to become an active  
member of our parish community.

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## ☞ 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.

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

**No reservations are needed to attend Mass.  
MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR THOSE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.**

**Our pre-pandemic weekend Mass schedule has resumed.**

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

Saturday, June 12 - 6:00 p.m. Romano Chiarini requested by Mr. and Mrs. Sollima (from May 16, 2020)

Sunday June 13 - 8:00 a.m. Duane Wething requested by the family (from May 17, 2020)

10:00 a.m.: Mary Flannery requested by Kathleen Gilbert

11:30 a.m.: Walter McEvoy requested by Megan and Dave Pirrello

Saturday, June 19 - 6:00 p.m.: Helen and Bill Valus requested by the Valus Family (May 17, 2020)

Sunday, June 20 - 8:00 a.m.: All Fathers, Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m.: All Fathers, Living and Deceased

11:30 a.m.: All Fathers, Living and Deceased

### **Masses online\***

**Please Note:** The St. Anthony Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will continue to be **live-streamed** to our website ([www.stanthonyffld.org](http://www.stanthonyffld.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 Mass is 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](http://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.

### **Blood Donations Needed!!!**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. There is no substitute for blood; it can't be manufactured; it can only come from volunteer donors (you and me!). Blood products have a limited shelf life, and so supplies must be replenished constantly by donors whose generosity ensures the continued availability for patients who depend upon it. Blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care begins with one person making a generous donation. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to locate local blood drives.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!**

Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. As it was also the parish's first foray back to our pre-pandemic Mass schedule, I was paying close attention to every aspect of the Masses and was struck by one over-riding emotion...JOY! Everyone was so happy to be back, to celebrate the Eucharist and to see one another again.

As I was thinking about the joy I both experienced and witnessed, I happened upon Pope Francis' homily for that day and was moved by many of his words: "The Church must be a great hall. Not a small and closed circle, but a Community with open arms, welcoming towards all. Let us ask ourselves this: when someone who is hurt, who has made a mistake, who has a different life path, approaches the Church...is it a large room to welcome him and lead him to the joy of the encounter with Christ? The Eucharist wants to nourish those who are tired and hungry along the way...The Church of the perfect and the pure is a room in which there is no room for anyone; the Church with open doors, which celebrates around Christ...is a large room where everyone, righteous and sinful, can enter.

It is the Lord who asks for nothing but gives everything. To celebrate and live the Eucharist, we too are called to live this love. You cannot break the Sunday Bread if your heart is closed to the brothers (and sisters). You cannot eat this bread if you do not give bread to the hungry...do not share the sufferings of those in need. At the end of every-thing, even our solemn Eucharistic liturgies, only love will remain...our Eucharist will transform the world to the extent that we allow ourselves to be transformed and become bread broken for others.

Let us open our hearts in love, to be the spacious and hospitable room where everyone can enter to meet the Lord. Let's break our lives in compassion and solidarity, so that the world sees through us the greatness of God's love. And then the Lord will come, he will surprise us again, he will make himself food for the life of the world. And it will satisfy us forever, until the day, when, in the banquet of heaven, we will contemplate his face and rejoice without end."

From my perspective, I think St. A's is on the right track, with Pope Francis as our fearless engineer...



**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.



The environmental component of our parish's social justice committee has a name ~ **S.A.V.E.** ~

**(St. Anthony's Values the Environment)**

We will periodically post information on the church website about how we as individuals and as a parish can work to care for our common home. Check it out!



**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 the 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 **\$54,950.**, representing 50% 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 help us make (and exceed!) our goal.

**Calling all old/broken/tired jewelry**—If you were disappointed that we were unable to accept your jewelry for sale at the picnic last 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, your donations placed at a consignment shop and garner some funds for the parish. There is a box on the back porch for your offerings. Thank you!

**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 in Pope Francis' **Laudato Si:** In order to feed the world's growing population we need ever more food. **Bumble bees** are renowned for their role in providing high-quality food (honey, royal jelly, and pollen). But, the work of bees entails much more! The greatest contribution of bees is the pollination of nearly 3/4 of the plants that produce 90% of the world's food! The population of the western bumblebee, however, has plummeted by 93% in the last two decades. Let's be aware of the consequences of our actions in nature **by reducing the impact of pesticides and conserving pollinator species and habitats.** Let's take care of our bumblebees! For more, visit <https://backyardbeekeepers.com>

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