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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.



## ☞ 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.

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# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

## Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, June 26 - 6:00 pm: Fran Dunn requested by a friend

Sunday June 27 - 8:00 am: Irene Iwanicki requested by the White Elephant Ladies

10:00 am: Linda Tschilske requested by the family

11:30 am: Donna Boyle requested by the Stuhlman Family

Saturday, July 3 - 6:00 pm: Virginia Bensey requested by Deborah Bennett (originally 5/24/20)

Sunday, July 4 - 8:00 am: Mark Driscoll requested by the family (originally 5/24/20)

10:00 am: Deceased members of the Choromanski and Vidoli families (orig. 3/22/20)

11:30 am: Helma Paetzold requested by Mary Ellen and Bill Higgins (orig. 3/29/20)

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 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.

### **Worn US Flag Collection**

United States' flags should be disposed of with dignity and properly when they reach a worn/tattered/faded condition. Take a look at your flags, and if you have any that need to be retired, get ready to bring them to the collection box we'll have in the vestibule. The actual arrival date of the box will be announced soon.

### **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.

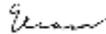
**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!**

Dear Parishioners:

Last weekend's bulletin contained a plea for someone to come forward to help keep the grounds, specifically the gardens, weeded, watered and looking healthy and beautiful. By Monday, a volunteer had offered his services and on Tuesday, another volunteer showed up and she dug right into the work offered by the garden adjacent to the back porch of the rectory (which was overgrown, so say the least!). Ask, and you shall receive!

I was thrilled with the response, but I shouldn't have been surprised. After all, this parish is home to a myriad of volunteers who are anxious to contribute to the well-being of their faith community. Whether the talent offered is for hospitality, ushering, being a minister of the Word or Communion, mowing the lawn, trimming the hedges, laundering the liturgical linens, opening and locking the church, arranging flowers and caring for those flowers and plants, teaching or assisting with religious education, running or belonging to one of the parish groups, helping in the parish office - indeed, for any of the plethora of opportunities available here at the parish, our parishioners are volunteers *par excellence!*

John O'Donoghue, a Catholic writer, refers to a place where a person can bring all of oneself and be connected in relationship as a "nest of belonging." It seems to me that St. A's is such a place, and aren't we all so blessed, and grateful, that it is?



**Attention Gardeners!!** Whatever your particular bent is about gardening, we need your help! Under the leadership of Jerry Hemenway, we have planted a vegetable garden on the campus (far corner of the parking lot) and plan to donate the fruits of our labors 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.

**How to Fight Racism**—The Council of Churches is sponsoring a facilitated conversation on Zoom discussing Jemar Tisby's new book, How to Fight Racism. This will be a 5 part series that begins on Thursday, July 1, at 7:30-8:45 pm, and runs every two weeks thereafter. Register at [www.ccgb.org/summerseries](http://www.ccgb.org/summerseries). There is no charge.

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

(**S**. **A**nthony's **V**alues the **E**nvironment)

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. FYI: Creighton University is hosting a major **online** conference on Climate Change/Our Common Home on **July 13—15**, and one of the conference themes will be about creation-care groups in parishes. There will also be keynote addresses by Cardinal Blasé Cupick (Diocese of Chicago) and Ilia Delio, OSF, a woman Franciscan theologian and author. For more information visit: <http://www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate>

**S. A. V. E.**



**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**—Please 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 **\$60,360.**, representing 54% 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 are 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** —  
**Plastic pollution part 2**

A frightening fact, experts tell us, is that **Recycling Plastics Does Not Work!** Only a very small percent of plastic is recycled with modern technology. The long-term solution to our plastic pollution is to stop using single-use plastic. Each of us can make a conscious decision to wean ourselves off of disposable plastics. Go to <https://pledge.2050.org> and see how you can make a difference. Simple changes, like purchasing and using a reusable water bottle and a metal or bamboo straw; and no longer buying plastic wrap or bags can spare the environment hundreds of plastic items per person per year. Spread the word to family and friends;  
**you can be part of the solution!!**

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