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## ☞ Schedule of Masses ☞

Saturday Vigil ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

## Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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)

Saturday, July 10 - 6:00 pm: Ralph Cinotti requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics (orig. 5/24/20)

Sunday, July 11 - 8:00 am: Mary Cielplinski and Rose Matis requested by their family (orig. 5/30/20)

10:00 am: Mariana Casola requested by the Farinola Family

11:30 am: Istvan Burany requested by the Burany Family (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.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. Thank you!**

### **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—The collection box has arrived!**

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, bring them to the vestibule.

### **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** to locate local blood drives.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!**

Dear Parishioners:

I came across the following reflection from Pope Francis in *Give Us This Day* and thought it was timely:

“Peter and Paul were very different individuals: Peter, a fisherman who spent his days amid boats and nets, and Paul, a learned Pharisee who taught in synagogues. When they went forth on mission, Peter spoke to Jews, and Paul to pagans. And when their paths crossed, they could argue heatedly, as Paul is unashamed to admit in one of his letters (cf. Gal 2:11). In short, they were two very different people, yet they saw one another as brothers, as happens in close-knit families where there may be frequent arguments but unfailing love. Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences.

Today’s (Tuesday’s) reading from Acts brings us to the source of this unity. It relates how the newly born Church was experiencing a moment of crisis: ...the community seemed headless, everyone fearing for his life. Yet at that tragic moment no one ran away, no one thought about saving his own skin, no one abandoned the others, but all joined in prayer. From prayer they drew strength, from prayer came a unity more powerful than any threat...

It is pointless, even tedious, for Christians to waste their time complaining about the world, about society, about everything that is not right. Complaints change nothing. (Three attitudes close the door to the Holy Spirit): narcissism, discouragement and pessimism. Narcissism makes you look at yourself constantly in a mirror; discouragement leads to complaining, and pessimism to thinking everything is dark and bleak... No one said: ‘If Peter had been more careful we would not be in this situation.’ Those Christians did not cast blame; rather, they prayed... They did not talk about Peter behind his back; they talked to God.

We today can ask: “Are we protecting our unity, our unity in the Church, with prayer? Are we praying for one another? What would happen if we prayed more and complained less, if we had a more tranquil tongue?”

Words to ponder as we navigate the situations in our Church and world...

*Eleanore*

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.

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 Iliá 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 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 mail it. 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 **\$61,360.**, 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.

**Attention Gardeners!!** Whatever draws you to gardening, enjoy more of it while lending a hand to tend the St. Anthony vegetable garden. 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.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** —

**Plastic Pollution—Part 3 ~ Legislation**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> step in CT’s plastic-bag ban took effect on July 1. No longer will single-use plastic bags be available in supermarkets. Since the 10-cent fee was assessed in 2019, 500 million plastic bags have been saved as shoppers adapted to using their own reusable bags. The CT Bottle Bill will double its fee for recyclable plastic and glass bottles in 2024 in an effort to encourage its residents to reclaim the higher fee by returning these bottles for recycling. The CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management cites the goal of “keeping materials in the economy for as long as possible and then recovering them to be reused and recycled into new materials.” To learn more about CT’s plans to improve recycling efforts, go to **CCSMM-CT.gov**.



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