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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

☞ 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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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)

Saturday, July 17 - 6:00 pm: Julian Sohon requested by the family (orig. 5/31/20)

Sunday, July 18 - 8:00 am: Michael Walsh requested by the Walsh Family (orig. 5/31/20)

10:00 am: Cathi Anne Silva requested by the family

11:30 am: Elizabeth Magyar requested by Janet Magyar

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) 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

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 box in the vestibule.

Thank you ,Andrew Geisert, for annually tending to the fatigued flag collection.

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:

You may have seen the backhoe on the side of the school building this past week. As you may or may not know, we have experienced a drainage problem in that area for many years. This has resulted in seepage into the school building and damage to the foundation and one inside wall. The wall has been repaired, and now the cause of the damage has been remediated by the installation of infiltrators.

The school building (parish hall) has been the site of several improvements, beginning with the installation of the new stove, which necessitated a different hood, a fire suppression system and a direct station fire alarm system throughout the entire building. Although this was a costly investment, it was an essential one in order to be in compliance with the town's fire requirements.

We will be on to the next project shortly and will keep you informed as we move forward. The funds that were raised by the capital campaign (We Stand With Christ), which many of you continue to support by honoring your pledges, are being put to good use in preserving and improving our campus.

Our parish has weathered the pandemic and is on its way back. Many new families have registered with the parish (even during the pandemic), and the number of Baptisms is an encouraging sign of new growth!

We are grateful for the sacrifices that so many of you have made over the past 16 months. Together we will move into our future, inspired by the Holy Spirit, as we work to bring the Gospel to life. *Ermano*

Next weekend (July 17 & 18) is Mission Co-op Week-end

—Over the years the diocese has hosted speakers from the developing world who shared with us the needs of their churches during our Mission Co-op Weekend. This year, pandemic constraints have prevented visits to our parishes. Because Covid 19 and variants are devastating populations in the developing world, proceeds from our second collection next weekend “will be equally distributed to the Catholic Pandemic Agencies in those parts of our global community that have been impacted the most by this scourge....The generosity of our parishes will help to serve our brothers and sisters, most especially children, who are battling sickness, fear, and economic dislocation.”

With gratitude for your consideration of this request and every best wish, I am,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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. **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/j/88352931320>

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—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. Pamphlets explaining the appeal and how you can help are 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 **\$88,760.**, representing **80% 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 Lovers of Gardening!! Please contact Jerry Hemenway at 203-727-8831 or hemenwayjr@yahoo.com for information about our parish garden. More volunteers are welcome. Parishioners are invited to view the garden's progress. All produce will be donated to the Merton Center.

Volunteers Needed at MALTA HOUSE—Volunteers are needed in the nursery, in the kitchen, and in the community outreach program. After twenty-two years in the same location, and having assisted 334 mothers and children, Malta House is moving to West Rocks Road in Norwalk. The move will enable them to increase capacity by 50%! Open Houses are scheduled for July 11, 21, and 25. RSVP to Kathleen at krowland@maltahouse.org. Visit Malta-house.org, Laila at lbravo@maltahouse.org or call 203-295-5646 regarding volunteering.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME — Plant a tree or a shrub! Trees and shrubs improve soil and water conservation, store carbon, and moderate local climate by providing shade and regulating temperature extremes. Trees increase wildlife habitat and improve the land's capacity to adapt to climate change. These are all benefits forests and shrubs offer the environment, and, in turn, us! Help make the world a better, more beautiful place one tree at a time!

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