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If you need to contact the office
at other times, please call and
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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.



☞ 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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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

Saturday, July 24 - 6:00 pm: Patricia Rose Kadar requested by the family (orig. 5/31/20)

Sunday, July 25 - 8:00 am: John Kappel requested by Margaret Kappel (orig. 6/6/20)

10:00 am: Sandra Milone requested by Nora and Keith Bradley

11:30 am: Tommy McCole requested by Ann Guchek (orig. 4/4/20)

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) 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:

The Gospel of Mark this Sunday tells us that Jesus told his disciples to “come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Isn’t that what we all long for, in these days of summer ... a quiet place, away from phones and electronic equipment...a gentle breeze, not many responsibilities. If we are fortunate we have the opportunity to do this very thing. And even if we do find such an escape, as in the Gospel, people and situations encroach on our solitude and bring with them issues that need to be addressed. Responsibilities can only be held at bay for a short time. And that is a good thing, for it is our responsibilities to one another that cement our connections and add to our lives.

Where do you go when you need renewal and refreshment? Perhaps it is to the beach, or to the mountains...or maybe peace can be found in your own backyard. Wherever that special place is, be sure to take the Lord with you. As this Sunday’s psalm tell us, “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want; in verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.” Happy Summer!

How does your garden grow? There is nothing like fresh produce from your own garden. But, as every home gardener knows, an abundance of vegetables often occurs. Why not share that surplus with the Merton Center? Bring your extras in bags and leave them on the back porch of the rectory (near the back door). They will be picked up and delivered on Monday & Thursday mornings!

Merton Center Collection—At this point, the Center continues to operate on a take-out basis and the demand for the Center’s food resources continues unabated. Every weekday the Center distributes hundreds of breakfasts and lunches, and opens its food pantry every other Wednesday. From Wednesday, July 21, to Sunday, July 25, St. Anthony’s will conduct our monthly food collection to support this ministry. Staff at the Center has alerted us that current needs continue to include: **bottled water, cereal-on-the-go cups, individual-size apple sauce, cereal/granola/power bars, rice krispie treats, small packets of cookies, etc.** These items are added to the meals-to-go. Our collection point is the back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

This weekend (July 17 & 18) is Mission Co-op Weekend—Covid 19 and variants are devastating communities in the developing world. Proceeds from our second collection this weekend will benefit 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 available in the side vestibule. **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—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.

Volunteers Needed at MALTA HOUSE—If your gift is working with infants, cooking, or engaging in outreach projects, Malta House needs you. Training is provided. Malta House is moving to West Rocks Road in Norwalk. Visit Maltahouse.org, Laila at Lbravo@maltahouse.org or call 203-295-5646 for more information.

Welcome to—Elle Wilusz, Isla Violette, Braedyn Allen, and Aiden McCormack. They were baptized into our faith community this past spring. Congratulations to the parents: Philip and Kim Wilusz, Michael and Gia Violette; Matthew and Corey Allen, and Scott and Jessica McCormack. Best wishes, also, to all the godparents, families, and friends.



Care for Our Common Home—A recent NYTimes article, “Get Involved in Citizen Science”, revealed that people who participate in environment volunteer efforts tend to be healthier, more active, and less prone to depression. The more people learn about climate change, the more they tend to adopt environmentally-friendly behaviors such as reducing their impact on the environment while also promoting group efforts to protect and conserve the earth...our common home! See Tatiana Schlossberg, NYTIMES, June 16, 2021.

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