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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:
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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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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)

Saturday, July 24 - 6:00 pm: Rudolph Vida requested by Brian and Jaimee Solomon (orig. 7/7/20)

Sunday, August 1 - 8:00 am: Caridad and Simeon dela Rea, Jr. requested by the Erauda Family

10:00 am: Wanda and Walter Messick requested by their daughter, Pamela Norman

11:30 am: Edmund R. Dailey requested by his family (orig. 7/7/20)

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:

This past weekend we said good-bye to Fr. Michael Tunney, Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community. Fr. Tunney has celebrated Mass for our parish community since 2018, and has presided at many funerals and other liturgical events. He will be missed!

Fr. Tunney will be joining the Jesuit Provincial as his Assistant to interface with the Jesuit colleges and universities from Maine to Maryland, and will be stationed in New York City. We wish Fr. Michael well and hope that his new position will be a fulfilling one. We look forward to his visiting us from time to time.

Fr. Michael's successor as Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community is Fr. John Mulreany, who comes to Fairfield from St. Francis Xavier Church in NYC where he served as the Associate Pastor. Fr. John graduated from Regis High School and Williams College, and has earned graduate degrees from NYU, Loyola Chicago and Boston College. We are happy to welcome him to our parish, where he will soon become part of the rotation of celebrants for us. We are so blessed!



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—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, through today—Sunday, July 25, St. Anthony's will conduct our monthly food collection to support this ministry. 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 are provided. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Fairfield Social Services News—For rental and utility assistance, call 844-864-8328. Facing possible eviction? Get legal assistance at 800-453-3320. Food resources: Operation Hope, 636 Old Post Road, Fairfield; M, W, F, 10 a.m.—noon. Thursdays, 4p.m.—6 p.m. Unable to get to Operation Hope? Call 203-256-3170 to see if you are eligible for the Mobile Food Pantry. CT Food Bank: 1316 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, CT; Saturdays, 7:45—10:30 a.m.

S. A. V. E. —

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.



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.

Stop and Shop Cards—There are people who are in need of those Stop and Shop cards that you so graciously drop in the basket. Please continue to do so! Thank you!

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 **\$91,035.—82% 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 Malta-house.org, Laila at Lbravo@maltahouse.org or call 203-295-5646 for more information.

Care for Our Common Home—

Have you ever thought about how much water, energy, and plastic go into **laundering our clothes**? SAVE committee member Sara Tieke discovered Kind Laundry Detergent Sheets are one solution to shrink her family's carbon footprint and reduce the amount of plastic used since laundry detergent is mostly water and comes in plastic containers. Kind Laundry Detergent Sheets come in small recycled lightweight boxes (which eliminate plastic in the packaging and saves tremendous space and weight in shipping) and are made of 5 plant-derived ingredients. This eliminates plastic in the packaging and saves tremendous space and weight in shipping. You are encouraged to check out **kindlaundry.com** to learn more and consider giving the product a try. Also, visit www.sopicky.com/us/best-laundry-detergent-sheets for additional products and brand comparisons.

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