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Closed on Thursdays

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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 register with the parish by completing a registration card (found at church entrances and online) or by stopping at the office.

Registering enables us to know you better and communicate more easily.

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, August 7 ~ 6:00 pm: Josephine Greco requested by Joyce and Tom Flynn (orig. 6/7/20)

Sunday August 8 ~ 8:00 am: Virginia Hagen requested by Pat Tyler (orig. 6/13/20)

10:00 am: Ilene Ianniello requested by Mary Jane Edwards (orig. 4/5/20)

11:30 am: Donna Boyle requested by the family

Saturday, August 14 ~ 6:00 pm: Deceased members of the Dowd Family requested by Dymphna O'Brien (orig. 6/14/20)

Sunday, August 15 ~ 8:00 am: Frank and Virginia Bebon requested by their family (orig. 6/27/20)

10:00 am: Elisa and Raymundo Erauda, Sr. requested by the Erauda Family

11:30 am: Linda Michaud requested by the Stuhlman Family

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.

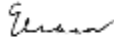
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!

Dear Parishioners:

Trees, trees, trees! It seems that trees and their upkeep are the major area of concern around the campus these days. You may have noticed that many trees around the church yard have become a bit “long in the tooth,” so to speak. This is especially noticeable on the many dogwoods we have, whose bare branches are particularly apparent in the summer. Other trees, such as the two weeping cherries and the few remaining maples, were in desperate need of a good haircut. The cherries were actually threatening to invade both the parish hall and church buildings! Both have been tamed and returned to a more pleasing appearance. All the tree work done today (I am writing on Tuesday) is in addition to the two trees at the back of the parking lot and those alongside the school that were taken down last year, as they were dangerously dropping limbs.

Have you noticed how lovely the flower gardens are? Our corps of volunteers is working hard to keep our campus looking its best, and their diligence is certainly paying dividends!

This maintenance is part of our overall concern for taking care of our environment, and preserving it for the future!



A Conversation on Faith, Religion and Culture—

Sacred Heart University is presenting a virtual event entitled: **Young Adults in the 21st Century; A conversation on Faith, Religion & Culture.** The event runs from September 9 - 11 and features such speakers as Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, from Chicago Theological Union; Kerry Robinson from the Leadership Roundtable; Christine Gebhardt, PhD, from the University of Notre Dame; Kaya Oakes from the University of California, Berkeley; and Sebastian Gomes from **America** Magazine. These keynote speakers will tackle several areas of concern for the future of young adults, and for their parents, teachers, and pastors. To register or to learn more visit: www.sacredheart.edu/youngadults. Flyers are available in the front vestibule of the church if you are interested. The future of young adults should be of concern to everyone...after all, they represent our future as well as the future of our Church.

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!

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)

Our “Merton” garden next to the equipment garage is flourishing! Produce is being supplied to the Center on a regular basis. Why not bring the extras from your garden to the porch to add to the bounty?



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.

Calling all old/broken/tired jewelry—Ladies and Gentlemen: Now is the time to review and clean out your jewelry collection and donate what you no longer want or need. 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. Please place your offerings in the box marked “Jewelry” on the back porch of the rectory. 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 **\$98,685.—88% 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.

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.

Care for Our Common Home—In 1774, according to a recent weekly newsletter from the Town of Fairfield, the patriotic citizens of Fairfield sent urgent donations of food to the people of Boston who were besieged by British warships and troops and in danger of starvation. Today, almost 250 years later, St. Anthony's Parish is supplying the Merton House with fresh vegetables grown from our own “Resurrection Vineyard” garden in gratitude for the abundance with which we are blessed, helping to support and sustain our hungry and needy brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome to participate in this “hands-on” project. Please contact Jerry Hemenway at hemenwayjr@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming involved with our garden. Thank you. (BTW, Fairfield sent the relief food to Boston and almost 200 years later, Boston sent us the Jesuits! Can't wait to tell our good friend, Fr. Charlie Allen!)

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