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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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, August 21 - 6:00 pm: Renato and Romeo Erauda requested by the Erauda Family (orig. 6/14/20)

Sunday August 22 - 8:00 am: Frances B. Tebecio requested by her family (orig. 6/28/20)

10:00 am: Emily Cinotti requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics (orig. 4/5/20)

11:30 am: Walter and Wanda Messick requested by their daughter, Pamela Messick-Norman (orig. 4/5/20)

Saturday, August 28 - 6:00 pm: Anne and William McGuire requested by Valerie McGuire (orig. 6/14/20)

Sunday, August 29 - 8:00 am: Jane Banta requested by Peggy Roosa (orig. 7/11/20)

10:00 am: Lt. Albert C. Joyce, Jr. requested by Tom and Joyce Flynn (orig. 4/18/20)

11:30 am: Sandy Milone requested by Charlotte Hurley

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:

Pope Francis delivers a message each day that can resonate in our hearts and provide nourishment for our daily lives. This morning's message was no exception!

"The human eye always looks for grandeur and allows itself to be dazzled by what is flashy. Instead, God does not look at the appearance, God looks at the heart...Humility of heart enchants God."

These words can inspire us to look more deeply at people and circumstances before making judgments or decisions, by remembering what is truly important. Antoine de St. Exupery, in his book The Little Prince, was on the same page as the pope when he wrote, "It is only with the heart that one sees rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

The pope has another message for us, one that is particular to the pandemic. Pope Francis is urging all to be vaccinated, for their own health as well as for the health of others. That would seem to be an appropriate response to Jesus' teaching that we should love others as ourselves...



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!

The environmental component of our parish's social justice committee has a name:

S.A.V.E.

(St. Anthony's Values the Environment)

SAVE THE DATE: September 18, 2021; 3:00—5:00.

Join SAVE in a BEACH CLEAN-UP.

More details to follow.



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—The collection continues: Take inventory 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. Proceeds benefit works of charity, formation in faith, education, and catechesis. Need details? Pick up a pamphlet in the side vestibule. **Our goal for 2021 is \$111,100** (down from \$126,000 in 2020, and \$140,000 in 2019). Collection to date: **\$97,685.—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 Connecticut, recycling has been part of our environmental life since 1989. Different regulations have evolved during this time, and recycling markets are up which means **we need cleaner material**. All blue bin recyclables should be clean, empty, and rinsed. **A few DO NOT'S:** NO shredded paper, bagged recyclables, hoses, coat hangers or clothes, drinking glasses, pots and pans, single-use coffee containers, Styrofoam, gift wrap and gift bags, empty prescription bottles, or any black plastic trays, **because recycling machinery can't sort it.** Please check Recycling from A to Z under Sustainable Fairfield, Town of Fairfield (<https://fairfieldct.org/sfft>). Another source is the free RecycleCT Wizard app. Just go to your App store and type in RecycleCT Wizard (or type into your browser: www.recyclect.com). You can search for a particular item or the preprogrammed number of popular searches, e.g. Styrofoam, plastic plant pots/trays, plastic bags, etc. If your smartphone is not an iPhone, you probably know an alternative way of providing the app.

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