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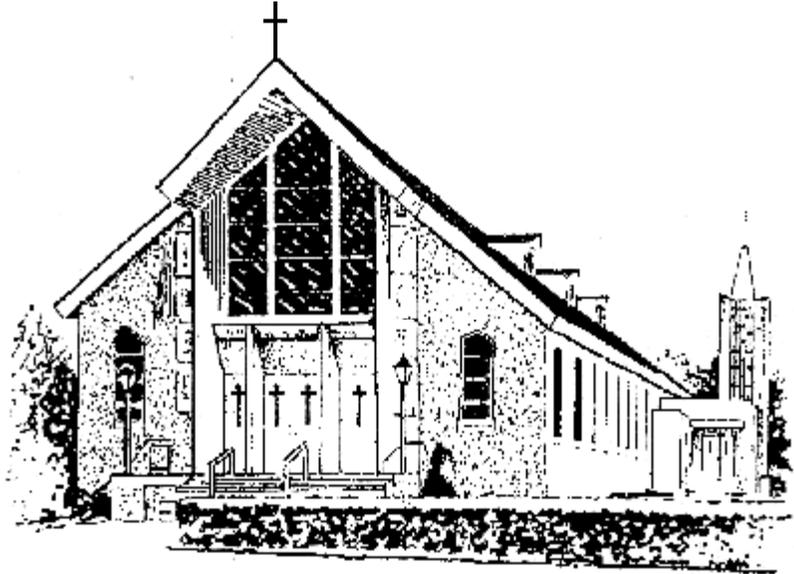
The Fairfield Jesuit Community
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Parish Office: (203) 259-0358

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday - 9:00-3:00
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 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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

Saturday, September 4 - 6:00 pm: Theresa and John Primich requested by their family (orig. 7/4/20)

Sunday, September 5 - 8:00 am: Romeo, Renato, Romulo, Elma, Editha Erauda requested by the family

10:00 am: Doris Marie Brideau Hyde requested by Anne Hyde

11:30 am: Ron Clayton requested by Lindsay Clayton (orig. 7/12/20)

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.

Mass Information: as above plus -

The 12:10pm daily Mass at Fairfield University is now open to the public, Monday through Friday.

Please Note: The St. Anthony Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will continue to be **live-streamed** to our website (www.stanthonyffd.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.

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:

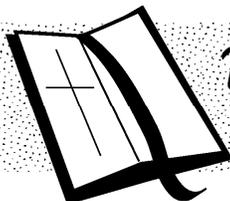
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you are already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Worn US Flag Collection

This weekend is the final one for the collection of worn U.S. flags. Thank you to all who participated.
Thank you, Andrew Geisert, for organizing this project.

Religious Education News

Registration for Religious Education classes will take place in early September. Information will be published in the bulletin. Watch this space!



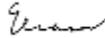
*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend there will be a special collection called for by the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, for the humanitarian aid and long-term recovery of the people and the country of Haiti. Still reeling from political unrest, and a major earthquake in 2010, the people have now been the victims of another devastating earthquake. The Haitian people have suffered in an extraordinary way and are in desperate need of support.

The USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund will be the recipient of the funds raised through this collection, which will be channeled through Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, to be distributed where the greatest need exists.

Please respond in your usual generous fashion to this collection. As members of the Body of Christ, we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, wherever they are located. Let us show Christ's compassion to the Haitian people.



Young Adults in the 21st Century: A Conversation on Faith, Religion & Culture—a virtual event, sponsored by Sacred Heart University, September 9 - 11, 2021, will feature a wide array of professional moderators and topics including concern for the future of young adults, their parents, teachers, and pastors. Visit: www.sacredheart.edu/youngadults. Flyers are available in the front vestibule of the church. 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.

Parish Fair—St. Leo Parish (24 Roxbury Road, Stamford) announces its 40th Annual Parish Fair, 8/31—9/3, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 9/4, 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Ride bracelets are available every day, 2—6:00 p.m. for \$30.00 International foods, live entertainment, Bingo Parlor, **\$10 raffle (1st prize — \$30,000 in Amex Gift Cards.)** Visit stleostamford.org.

How does your garden grow? If you find an abundance of produce in your garden, 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!

Join S.A.V.E.

(St. Anthony's Values the Environment)

in a **Fairfield Beach Clean Up.**

Saturday, 9/18/21, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER/more information,

contact Marcy at vidoli@sbcglobal.net

RSVP by September 15

Kayakers/Paddle Boarders are also welcome to join!

Community Service Hours available for TEENS!

Bags and gloves will be provided to St. Anthony's REGISTERED participants.



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: **\$98,270.—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.

Merton Center Collection—September 1 through September 5:

The Center continues to operate on a "take-out" basis. The need for the Center's food resources continues unabated. Your donated items (**peanut butter, jelly, brown paper lunch bags, bottled water, cereal on-the-go cups, individual size apple sauce, snacks such as granola/power bars, rice krispie treats and small packets of cookies etc.**) may be left in the baskets on the back porch of the rectory any time, Wednesday, September 1, through Sunday, September 5. As always, thank you for your faithful generosity, especially during these most difficult times.

Care for Our Common Home—Did you know that 25% of all food and beverages bought in the US are thrown away costing a family of four about \$1,365 to \$2,275 a year on average? **THINK*EAT*SAVE*REDUCE** your footprint is a refrain that can help us start saving money and reducing food waste. Here are a few ideas to help: **PLAN** before you shop. Assess what you already have in your pantry so you don't buy more. **DON'T** shop on an empty stomach as it leads to excessive buying. **START** small. Take a smaller serving and return for seconds if you are still hungry. **EAT** your leftovers. Doggie bags from dining out or refreshing your own cooking for a second night prevents food from being wasted. For more information on reducing food waste, enter **Food Waste Reduction and Recovery** into your browser. Several links come up including a Connecticut-specific site.

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