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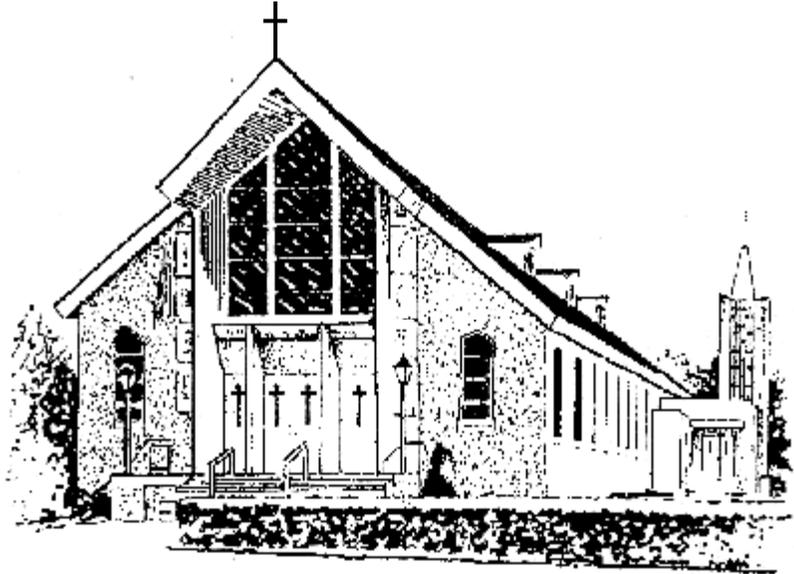
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
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## ☞ Schedule of Masses ☞

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

## Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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

Sunday, September 5 - 8:00 am: Ron Clayton requested by Lindsay Clayton (orig. 7/12/20)

10:00 am: Romeo, Renato, Romulo, Elma, Editha Erauda requested by The Erauda Family

11:30 am: Doris Marie Brideau Hyde requested by Anne Hyde

Saturday, September 11 - 6:00 pm: Elizabeth Magyar requested by Janet Magyar (orig. 7/18/20)

Sunday, September 12 - 8:00 am: Richard Petite requested by Bill Petite (orig. 7/19/20))

10:00 am: Mary Ellen Bolton requested by the family

11:30 am: Mimi Puebla requested by Corinne Wohlforth

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.stanthonyffld.org](http://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.

Checkout the diocesan website for more info  
[www.bridgeportdiocese.org](http://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.

**Lourdes-In-A-Day**—Saturday, 9/18/21, 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. All, especially the sick, handicapped, and frail are welcome. For details of full agenda, visit [sllvnchrth@gmail.com](mailto:sllvnchrth@gmail.com) or call Mark Sullivan at 860-523-1405. Reservations are required.

### **Religious Education News**

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

CHRIST  our LIGHT

Dear Parishioners:

As the crisis in Afghanistan continues to unfold, many of us are left wondering how we might be able to assist those refugees who are coming to our area to settle. Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has responded to request of Goodwin University and the University of Bridgeport (UB) to join in the effort to assist recent Afghan refugees coming to Connecticut. At the request of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Mike Donoghue, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, has reached out to Goodwin/UB president Mark Scheinberg to offer his support. Bishop Caggiano said the University of Bridgeport's initiative to offer assistance to Afghan refugees is absolutely necessary given what is unfolding in their country. "It is a commitment to stand with those who are homeless, refugees and poor; it is a pro-life issue for which I wish to express my gratitude for President Scheinberg's leadership, vision and support. I am also proud and grateful that Catholic Charities will be join in this important work." To help, please donate to Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, or see the Amazon and/or Target wish lists for items you can order to help refugees settle in. These are our brothers and sisters; we must help them.

**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](http://www.sacredheart.edu/youngadults). 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.

**Holy Cross Church Annual Picnic**—Sunday, 9/12/21, noon to 6 p.m., 750 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield. Wide menu including many traditional Polish specialties. Live music (The Polka Quads), children's activities, vendors, raffle. Free admission. Rain or Shine!

**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](mailto: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: **\$100,530.—90.45% 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**—In a message read July 26 at the preparatory meeting in Rome for the United Nations' Food Systems Summit in September, Pope Francis said that it is a scandal that "we produce enough food for all people, but many go without their daily bread."....."The careful and correct transformation (of systems of producing and distributing food) must increase resilience, strengthen local economies, improve nutrition, reduce food waste, provide healthy diets accessible to all, and be environmentally sustainable and respectful of local cultures." Pope Francis also wrote that "We have a responsibility to realize the dream of a world where bread, water, medicine, and work flow in abundance and reach the most needy first." (Taken from **To Feed the World, Start With Family Farms, Pope Says**" by Cindy Wooten of Catholic News Service, August 3, 2021.)



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