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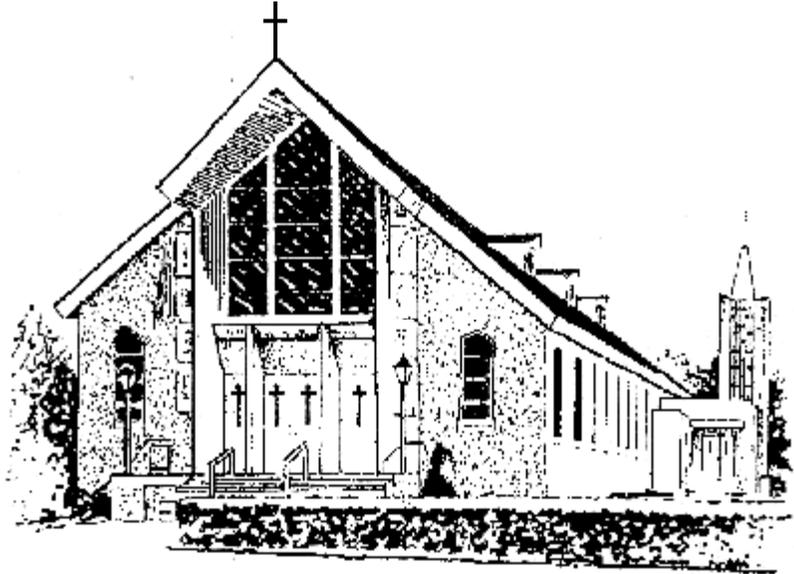
The Fairfield Jesuit Community
Sacramental and Liturgical Partners

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:
office@stanthonyffld.org



☞ 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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website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, September 18 - 6:00 pm: Josephine Ceccarelli requested by Laura Martin

Sunday, September 19 - 8:00 am: Irene Iwanicki requested by the family

10:00 am: Kathy Esquilin requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics

11:30 am: Mary Turko requested by Janet Magyar

Saturday, September 25 - 6:00 pm: Patricia Rose Kadar requested by the family (orig. 7/25/20)

Sunday, September 26 - 8:00 am: George and Anthony Zygmant requested by their family (orig. 8/8/20)

10:00 am: George DiRocco requested by the family

11:30 am: Deceased members of the Hurley and Kerzetski Families requested by the Hurley 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.

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) 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.

Assumption Parish presents September Fest—545 Stratfield Road, Fairfield; September 17, 18, 19; Rides, games, Bingo, Food! All proceeds from the fair support the parish which is home to more than 1,300 families.

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!

Religious Education News

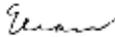
Registration forms for Religious Education classes, along with the calendar of class dates, will be available on the website on Saturday, September 18. If you wish to enroll your child, please download and complete the form, and return it to the parish office by dropping it off in the basket on the back porch of the rectory. Register your child by September 29. This year we are employing a hybrid method, with a combination of in person classes* (masked at this point), at home study and monthly attendance at Mass. *(Subject to diocesan, town and state Covid requirements)

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis has called for a more “synodal” church, which he hopes to accomplish by having a Global Synod. The purpose of the diocesan participation is to solicit feedback regarding a number of questions that will be identified in the preparatory document to be released this Fall. The local process will conclude next April, with the creation of a diocesan report to be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Roman Synod Office. Each diocese will then have representation at the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will conclude in Rome in October of 2023. The hope is that by involving participation at the grass roots level, the parish, more voices will be heard at the Global Assembly.

Our parish has designated Deirdre Walsh, Nancy Dallavalle, Patrick Donovan and Patrick Turner as our delegates. These four, along with delegates from all other parishes in the diocese, will be commissioned on Saturday, October 16, in a ceremony at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Weston.

Please pray for our delegates and for the success of this global effort to make the church more inclusive of the voices of the local churches.



Another garden??? We are planning a perennial garden, designed to attract pollinators, as a project for the parish next Spring. If you have an interest in helping with this endeavor, please contact the office. We need more butterflies !!!

The O'Rourke Invitational—Malta House extends an invitation to play as many holes as you can from sun up to sun down on September 27 at Innis Arden Golf Club. Nongolfers can enjoy the miniature golf “mini-thon” at Norwalk Cove Marina. For details or to RSVP, email Kathleen Rowland at Krowland@maltahouse.org by September 17, or call 203-857-0088. Malt House promotes the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services, and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

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 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: **\$102,130.—92% 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.**

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

Welcome to—Finley DeFina who was baptized into our faith community on September 12. Congratulations to Finley's parents, Vincent and Lauren, and to the godparents, family, and friends.

Care for Our Common Home—Yes, you can recycle plastic film at local grocery stores. All material must be dry and clean and squishy to the touch. Just, what IS plastic film? Examples: newspaper bags, bubble wrap, e-commerce envelopes (take off the label), bread bags, ice bags, produce bags, dry-cleaning bags, zip storage bags, and wrap on cases of water/paper towels/toilet paper. NO frozen food bags, chip bags, potting soil bags, dog food bags, bottles, six pack rings, or candy bar wrappers. Results of collection: after further cleaning to get rid of minute food particles, the product is transported to a recycling center where the plastic film is mixed with wood pulp and the mixture is heated to make decking and railing products.

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