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Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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Closed on Thursdays

If you need to contact the office
at other times, please call and
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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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

❖ 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.

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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

Saturday, October 2 ~ 6:00 pm: Carol Schwab requested by her family (orig. 8/9/20)

Sunday, October 3 ~ 8:00 am: Elizabeth Palmer requested by her family (orig. 4/19/20)

10:00 am: Edna Miller requested by her family (orig. 4/19/20)

11:30 am: Anthony Incerto requested by Monica and Fred Wheeler (orig. 8/9/20)

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.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.

Religious Education News

Registration forms for Religious Education classes and the calendar of class dates are available on the website. (They are also available in the church.) 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). Questions about the program can be directed to the parish office - office@stAnthonyffld.org - 203-259-0358.

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!

Dear Parishioners,

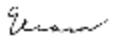
Every funeral is a sad one, and people are missed and mourned by their family and friends regardless of their age, their occupation or their contributions to their community, but simply for who they are. But sometimes there are people who have made a great impact on a community who leave us too soon, and in the last few weeks, our parish has experienced the loss of two such people: Fred Wheeler and Frank (Chip) Cieplinski.

Each in his own way, Fred and Chip have made their mark among us: Fred as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, an adult server at Mass, a leader in the Men's Group, a member of Pastoral Councils...the list goes on.

Chip was the single "Special Minister" when I arrived at the parish over 19 years ago. He arranged the polka dances, headed the Parish Finance Committee, was a Trustee of the parish...the list goes on.

What Fred and Chip had in common was a great love for their families, a desire to serve the Lord, and an unshakable faith in this parish and its parishioners. They were also trusted and faithful friends of the leadership, whether of Fr. John or me. I treasured their support and friendship, and will miss them both immensely.

Rest in peace, Fred and Chip.



Fairfield Prep Open House—Fairfield Prep is a Catholic Jesuit high school for boys located on the campus of Fairfield University. To learn more about Fairfield Prep and the admission process please join the in-person Open House on Sunday, October 3 (1pm or 2 pm session) or Saturday, November 20 (9 am or 10 am session). Please pre-register for your choice of Open House sessions, please create (or log into) your admissions account at www.fairfieldprep.org/apply.
203-254-4210; admissions@fairfieldprep.org

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 !!!

Merton House Collection—Our apologies for this late notice. The Merton Center continues to operate on a "take-out" basis, and the need for food resources continues unabated! In St. Anthony's efforts to continue supporting this vital operation, we will collect donations from Wednesday, 9/22, to Sunday, 9/26. Requested items include peanut butter, jelly, brown paper lunch bags, bottled water, cereal-on-the-go cups, individual-size apple sauce, snacks such as cereal/granola/power bars, rice krispie treats, small packets of cookies, etc. The collection point is the back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided. Thank you for your faithful generosity, especially during these most difficult times.

S.A.V.E.

St. Anthony's SAVE Group spent time last Saturday cleaning several areas around our local beaches. They left tired but happy (with cupcakes, no less!) that they had contributed to cleaning up the environment!

Thank you for making a difference!



Centering Prayer—The Centering Prayer group is meeting virtually! Please contact the church office (203-259-0358) 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—Fall is a good time to clean. When you're in the process, take inventory of your jewelry and donate what you no longer want or need. Through the kindness of Mary Anne Sulik, aka, the Jewelry Lady, donations are placed at a consignment shop and garner funds for the parish. Offerings go 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: **\$102,400.—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—Wyatt James Bogardus, baptized into our faith community on September 18. Congratulations to his parents, Joseph and Angela, and to his godparents, family, and friends.

Care for Our Common Home—The annual Season of Creation is observed from September 1, (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation), to October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of the environment). As Pope Francis wrote, "We are particularly happy that the Season of Creation is becoming a truly ecumenical initiative. Let us continue to grow in the awareness that we all live in a common home as members of a single family." This year's symbol, Abraham's Tent, expresses our interreligious call of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and non-human, in the household (oikos) of God. All are invited to participate in a celebration of the close of the Season of Creation next Sunday, October 3, at the 10 am Mass.

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