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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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☞ 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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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)

Saturday, October 9 - 6:00 pm: Patricia Rose Kadar requested by the family (orig. 8/15/20)

Sunday, October 10 - 8:00 am: Pat Lago requested by John and JoAnn Barton (orig. 8/16/20)

10:00 am: Joseph Gerics requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics (orig. 4/19/20)

11:30 am: Peter Carlucci requested by Rita Conte

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.

Check out 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!

If you decide to do this, please let the office know so we can cancel 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 **by September 29. After that date, call the parish office for information.**

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.

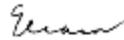
Welcome to—Wesley Patrick Doyle who was baptized into our faith community on September 26. Congratulations to his parents, Patrick and Sarah, and to his grandparents, godparents, family, and friends.

Dear Parishioners,

Here we are at the beginning of October—who can believe it? The new Religious Education year starts today (Oct. 3) at 9 am in the school building. (Be careful in the parking lot!). We are celebrating the Feast of St. Francis and his love and care for all creation this weekend, especially at the 10 am Mass. The Secular Franciscans are celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis at 4 pm in the church, followed by a reception. Our grounds and gardens are thriving, thanks to our many hard-working volunteers. Our “Merton” garden continues to yield much produce, for which we have received recognition in the *Fairfield County Catholic* twice!

We have new lampposts and lamps illuminating the driveway and sidewalk (thank you, Bob!); our sign in front of the church will soon be illuminated as well (thank you, Casimir!). We would like to plant a perennial garden and become part of the “pollinator pathway.” We are awaiting news on when work on the labyrinth will begin, and we are making plans for some kind of a parish celebration as soon as we can all be mask-less.

The parish is moving forward with plans (and hopes and dreams), and we are hoping for you to get involved in some way. Think about it!



Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi—will be held on Sunday, October 3, at 4 p.m. in the church. The Holy Spirit Secular Franciscan Fraternity welcomes all to attend. This annual Transitus service memorializes St. Francis' death and is a way for Franciscans and others to remember and celebrate the life and teaching of St. Francis. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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, 10/3 (1pm or 2 pm session) or Saturday, 11/20 (9 am or 10 am session). Pre-register your choice of sessions. Create (or log into) your admissions account at www.fairfieldprep.org/apply. Questions? 203-254-4210 or admissions@fairfieldprep.org

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits—8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in the Shadow Program. Experience a “day in the life” at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch, studying in the library and navigating hallways with a current student. To schedule your visit, go to www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton.

S.A.V.E.

Join us at the 10 am Mass this Sunday, October 3, when we celebrate St. Francis and the beauty of the creation he loved.



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!

Men's Discussion Group—will meet next on Tuesday, 10/12 at 7:30 p.m. We are offering both in-person (Community Room of the school) and Zoom connection for those who are not comfortable attending in person. We are reading chapters 3-6 of Richard Rohr's essay collection—**Contemplation in Action**. Any men of the parish may participate and may contact Brian Kelahan (bpke@optonline.net) for a copy of the book or to receive the Zoom link.

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. Thank you!

2021 Diocese of Bridgeport Annual Catholic Appeal—We are close to the finish line with our annual appeal goal...only \$8,025. left! Please consider helping us meet (or exceed!) this goal by making a pledge or gift this week. We are very grateful to all who have already given.

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!

Care for Our Common Home—Monday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of the environment and of animals. He is not only the namesake of our current pope, but is the most beloved saint in the Christian world. To celebrate his feast day, focus on biodiversity, the variety of all life in the world, which is seriously threatened by climate change. In recent decades, however, the field of conservation biology has identified a set of new strategies that show real promise in correcting this issue. Loosely gathered under the umbrella term, “rewilding,” these strategies amount to restoring wilderness areas and large-scale migration corridors in ways that protect both animals and entire ecosystems. You can help by planning a pollinator pathway in your yard for next Spring. Check out Caroline Fraser's [Rewilding the World](#).

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