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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.

email: office@stanthonyffld.org

website: www.stanthonyffld.org

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

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

Saturday, October 16 ~ 6:00 pm: Joan Fortuna requested by Helen Brennan and Barbara Felner (orig. 8/22/20)

Sunday, October 17 ~ 8:00 am: George and Anthony Zygmant requested by their family (orig. 9/5/20)

10:00 am: Jane Kappel requested by Margaret Kappel (orig. 4/25/20)

11:30 am: Ilene Janniello requested by Joan and Bill Joyce (orig. 4/26/20)

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.

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—

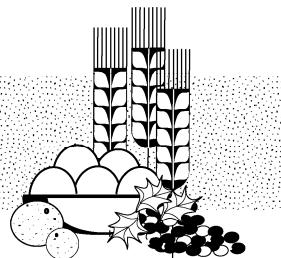
When you are watching a Mass online and cannot receive the Eucharist in person, say this prayer:

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.

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.

Fairfield Prep Open House—Fairfield Prep is a Catholic Jesuit high school for boys on the campus of Fairfield U. There will be an in-person Open House on 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

*Lord of the Harvest,
bless the work of our hands*



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Dear Parishioners,

As you are probably aware, Beth Paris has been leading our Youth Ministry very successfully for many years now. She has facilitated the creation of a caring community of young people who have prayed, eaten pizza, completed outreach projects and played together. They have learned about themselves, about how to cooperate in a group and how to value one another...and they have learned about the role of faith in their lives, and how God is always loving and available to them.

Beth is also the Director of the Darien Senior Center, responsible for people, programs and the building. She has long days, and when combined with caring for older relatives, not much time left for her personal life. So, regrettably, and regrettably, Beth has had to leave her work here at the parish. We will miss her and wish her well.

Youth Group will continue under the capable leadership of parishioners Jeff and Patty McHugh. Life-long Fairfield residents, Jeff and Patty had been active in music ministry for the Folk Mass at Assumption (Fairfield) where they first met Frank Macari. They worked with Fr. Bill Sangiovanni and Frances George in prison ministry in Bridgeport and later continued with them, providing music and retreat experiences for the worship community at Sacred Heart University. They both have had successful careers in the public schools in Fairfield, and look forward to continuing their involvement with young people at St. Anthony's.

Our parish has been, and continues to be, blessed by our leadership in youth ministry.

Youth Group will begin again on Monday, October 25, from 7 until 8:30 pm, in person. Watch this space for more information. God bless Beth, and welcome Jeff and Patty!

Erin

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!

Pollinator Garden—We would like to plan a garden as part of the Pollinator Pathway. If you are interested in helping with this project please call the parish office.

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!

S.A.V.E.

A new, green recycling bin is available for parishioners to drop off plastic bags and film that cannot be deposited in town recycling bins. Look for the bin on the church porch after all the Masses this weekend.



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.

100+ Women Who Care Fairfield County — was founded in March 2015 for women who are interested in making a positive impact within their local community. This is a giving circle focused on making collective gifts to local nonprofits. The women gather four times a year, contributing \$100. each time. They vote on which non-profit will benefit from each collection. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 19, at Milestone Restaurant, 2 Main Street, Redding, beginning at 5:30pm for socializing, 6:30 meeting and out by 7:30. If interested, participants may remain for dinner. Check this out at: www.100Womenwhocarefairfieldcounty.org

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.

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