

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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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:
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

website: www.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.

Religious Ed Reminder: The St. Anthony's Religious Education schedule/curriculum includes attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass once a month. Students (and parents!) are reminded that October 17, November 21, and December 19, are the designated Sundays in 2021. .

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

- 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)
- Saturday, October 23 - 6:00 pm: Lily Dowd requested by Dymphna O'Brien (orig. 9/6/20)
- Sunday, October 24 - 8:00 am: Catherine M. Short requested by her children (orig. 9/13/20)
- 10:00 am: Ralph Cinotti requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics
- 11:30 am: John and Alice Welch requested by the Welch Family (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.stanthonyffd.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

to love
is the
command
of the LORD

Dear Parishioners,

If you were at the 10am Mass last Sunday, or if you viewed it from home, you would have heard about the Global Synod convened by Pope Francis that day. This Synod differs from others in that the pope is looking for participation of all of us. This effort is in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, and begins with input from parishes. Delegates from our parish...Nancy Dallavalle, Patrick Donovan, Patrick Turner and Deirdre Walsh...will be commissioned on Saturday, the 16th, and will lead our listening sessions in the parish. The goal is to engage the faithful in the local church by listening to **laypeople**.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, the pope is hopeful of hearing from those who don't usually have a voice, as well as those who are ordained, in an effort to elicit a broader and more representative picture of the hopes, dreams and struggles of the faithful. Included in those the pope hopes to reach are those who do not currently attend church, or are alienated from the church for some reason.

Please pray for our delegates and for our church, that the plans for this Synod come to fruition and will be of great benefit to the People of God.

Merton Center Collection—The demand for the Center's food resources continues. Every weekday the Center distributes hundreds of meals-to-go, and their food pantry is open every other Wednesday. From **Wednesday, October 20, through Sunday, October 24**, we will collect food to support this ministry. Needed 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.** Our collection point is the back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided from October 20 to October 24. Thank you, once again, for your faithful generosity during these most difficult times.

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!

35th Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet—To be honored: Eli Manning, Jackie DiNardo, Rich Marazzi, Tom and Donna Finn, Special Olympics Connecticut athletes. Special guest: Coach Jim Calhoun. Monday, **10/18/21**; 5:30—9:30 pm., Aqua Turf Club (Plantsville, CT); \$75.00. Benefitting Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care; visit flcenter.org or franciscanhc.org.

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!

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 \$4,350. 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.

Care for Our Common Home—

When mealtime dish duty calls, follow these tips to save water and energy: **Skip the sink wash.** If you have a dishwasher, use it. Running a full load uses a fraction of the water compared to hand-washing methods; **Upgrade your dishwasher.** The most efficient ones carry the Energy Star label; **Let the dishes air-dry.** Be sure your dishwasher's "heated dry" feature is off. Thanks to the energy saved, you'll lower the carbon footprint of the cycle by more than ten percent. Check Natgeo.co/planet.

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If you're concerned about your end of life plans, searching for a Catholic cemetery, or have loved ones who are buried in one of the 14 Catholic cemeteries throughout Fairfield County, now might be a good time to begin planning for yourself or other family members.

While talking about this issue is not easy, pre-need planning makes your wishes clear, reduces cost & helps your family avoid difficult decisions at a time of grief and loss.

Start your planning now by contacting Bob Ross, one of our Family Advisors (and Saint Anthony of Padua parishioner) at 203-814-9893.

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