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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, November 21, and December 19, are the designated Sundays in 2021.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, November 6 - 6:00 pm: Mary Turko requested by Janet Magyar (orig. 9/19/20)

Sunday, November 7 - 8:00 am: Charlie Dilberger requested by Ann Guchek (orig. 9/26/20)

10:00 am: Angelo Cinotti requested by Joseph and Susan Gerics

11:30 am: Robert Dunn, Sr. requested by the Dunn Family

Sunday, November 13 - 6:00 am: Vivienne Finn requested by her family (orig. 10/3/20)

Sunday, November 14 - 8:00 am: Dimitri and Athena Rigea requested by Mary Rigea (orig. 10/4/20)

10:00 am: Frank and Virginia Bebon requested by the Bebon Family

11:30 am: Francis McCormack requested by Joanna Wesson

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 12:10 pm 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

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits—8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in the Shadow Program—November 3—16; November 17—30, and December 1-8. To schedule your visit, go to www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton.

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.

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!

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

St. Anthony Youth Group News:

Youth group meeting, Monday, 11/8, in the church meeting room.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Prayer, Play & Pizza!

Open to all High School students.



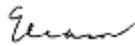
Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity

Dear Parishioners,

You may have heard some talk about the “Global Synod” called by Pope Francis. And you may remember that our parish called forth four members to be our delegates for the local synod.

A bit about what the Synod is and what is hoped will be accomplished by the process: “In the Catholic Church, a synod is traditionally a gathering of bishops for the purpose of establishing guidance in the areas of catechism, morality, or Church governance. A synod is more or less a church council... Synodality is the practice of “journeying together”, listening, praying, adapting to new situations, and moving forward as one. A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.”

The hallmarks of the synod, in the pope’s estimation, are “communion, participation and mission.” Pope Francis is calling on all parishes to hold listening sessions to ascertain what Catholics desire for the Church, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us forward. He is anxious that we reach out to those who are marginalized and to non-Catholics as well, to find ways of walking together toward our future. not to produce documents, but to ‘plant dreams, draw forth prophesies and visions, (to) allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands’” (Preparatory Document, 32). May it be so! Let us pray...



Men’s Discussion Group—will meet on Tuesday, 11/9/21, 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 continuing to read 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas School—Open House for Pre-K and 1st Grade on Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hoops with coach; Fun fall craft for kids; Library Story Time. Please visit info@stasonline.net for more information.

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!

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!



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!

Center for Catholic Studies—Theology, Religion, and Society—On Wednesday, **November 10**, 7:30 pm, at Fairfield University’s Dolan School of Business, the 28th Annual Christopher F. Mooney, S.J., Lecture in Theology, Religion & Society, will be presented by The **Rev. Cass L. Shaw**, former President and CEO of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport. Rev. Shaw’s topic is **Meeting the Moment, How Faithful is the Church?** In-person gathering is welcomed or you may register for the streaming at Fairfield.edu/cs.

2021 Diocese of Bridgeport Annual Catholic Appeal—We are so close to the finish line with our annual appeal goal...one final boost will get us over the finish line. 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—Cleaning Products Connect to Climate Change. One of the many contributing factors to climate change is **consumption** because it increases the need to extract resources like petroleum and gas that are used to manufacture goods including many of the cleaning products that we all use. Did you know that consumer products that include cleaning products emit just as much VO pollution in our air as do the tailpipe emissions from cars and trucks? While cleaning products are just one sector of the chemical industry, they still play a significant role in climate change by the amount of energy used in the production and distribution of those products, the use of chemicals and plastics, and the energy used by customers when they use hot water for washing clothes or dishes. **Ways to reduce the negative effect cleaning products have on the environment include buying less, opting for fragrance-free, and especially making your own.** Tips for making your own cleaning products will be posted in upcoming bulletins. Visit <https://www.women’svoices.org> for additional information.



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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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