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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, November 13 - 6:00 pm: 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

Saturday, November 20 - 6:00 am: Alice Daly requested by Maureen O'Hara

Sunday, November 21 - 8:00 am: Lawrence Ciccarelli requested by the Sohigian Family

10:00 am: William J. Carroll requested by Fredric and Monica Wheeler

11:30 am: Thanksgiving for the Erauda Family requested by the Erauda Family

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

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!

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits—8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in the Shadow Program which runs November 3—December 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.

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, 11/22, in the church meeting room.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Prayer, Play & Pizza!

Open to all High School students.



All time belongs to the Lord

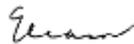
Dear Parishioners,

The world is moving and changing so quickly that it is sometimes hard to keep up. One area that frequently brings that message home is our church calendar. Take for example the upcoming weekends. Next weekend, November 20-21, is being asked to hold several meanings: it is the final Sunday of the church's liturgical year, the Feast of "Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe," as well as the Sunday during which our remembrance of Thanksgiving takes place. It is also the weekend on which we are asked to take up a second collection for the "Health and Welfare of the Retired Priests of the diocese of Bridgeport." (This collection is not to be confused with the December 19 offering for "Retirement Fund for Religious.")

If that is not enough to think about, let's move to the next weekend, November 27-28, which is the First Sunday of Advent, as well as the mid-point of our parish Thanksgiving collection (items needed will be listed in next weekend's bulletin) for the Merton Center. It is also the weekend when the Youth Group's Giving Tree project (\$10. gift cards for Dunkin' Donuts, Walgreens, McDonald's or Subway) for Sr. Eileen's Street Ministry becomes visible with the addition of that tree to the sanctuary. Are you with me? What is clear is that Thursday, November 25 is Thanksgiving Day, of that we can be sure.

Moving into Advent, the parish will be offering an Advent Evening of Reflection on the Second Sunday of the Season, December 5, at 6:30 pm in the church. You may remember that our friend Gregory Norbet traditionally joined us for this, but is no longer able to do so. Frank Macari and our adult choir will engage us in reflective music, and an anointing will be part of the service. It will be a joy to return to one of our parish's annual events. Please consider joining us for what has always been a meditative and meaningful evening.

While all these events are occurring, followed closely by the preparations for Christmas, we can't get so busy that we lose sight of why we do what we do. On these particular Sundays, as on all Sundays, we come together as a community to worship our Creator, Redeemer and Advocate, giving thanks for the gifts we receive daily, asking for what we need, asking forgiveness for our failings, remembering those who are in need, and rejoicing that we are so blessed to be a community whose members uphold one another in joy and in sorrow, sharing God's love as we do so.



Communion Between Men and Women Through the Lens of St. Joseph—Presentation by Dr. Greg Bottaro discussing how God created men and women to actually become better versions of themselves. Saturday, November 20; 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the St. Pius X Church Faith Center Community Room. Hot breakfast provided. \$20 pp. Contact Larry Rollins at larry@twentyfourwealth.com with questions. Register and pay at bit.ly/spxbreakfast. (834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield)



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!

Clothing Collection Update—Your generous donations provided the Secular Franciscan Fraternity with 150 winter hats for distribution at the Thomas Merton Center, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and Pastoral Care Offices at our two local hospitals by members of The need continues. The Fraternity is requesting **winter gloves and scarves** for the rest of the donation period which ends on November 30. A collection box is on the rectory back porch for donations. Thanking you for your donations on behalf of those who would do without them this winter, Susan Lenahan

The need for GLOVES for Sr. Eileen's Street Ministry continues! Please help! Thank you!

Religious Education Reminder. Students, in the Religious Ed program, grades 1 through 9, are scheduled to attend the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, November 21. Families are welcome to attend a different Mass if there is a conflict.

Care for Our Common Home—

Homemade eco-friendly laundry soap can be made in about 20 minutes and is simpler than you would think. It's inexpensive, helps to minimize your carbon footprint, and is a great alternative to purchasing bulky plastic containers of commercial detergents or even the sometimes questionably marketed "green" products. Using a simple 3-ingredient recipe, a cheese grater, and a bucket, you'll find making laundry soap at home can easily become an empowering regular practice. Ingredients can usually be found in your local grocery stores. Find full recipes here: <https://www.tentree.com/glogs/posts/how-to-make-your-own-eco-friendly-laundry-soa-for-cheap>. Further minimize your carbon footprint in the laundry room by using cold water which is just as effective as hot for washing clothes, and replace liquid laundry softener with 1/3 cup white vinegar. Save energy by using a clothesline which will also help your clothes last longer, keep their shape, and retain their colors.



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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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