

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, November 20 - 6:00 pm: 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

Saturday, November 27 - 6:00 am: John Flanagan, Jr. Requested by his family (orig. 5/5/20)

Sunday, November 28 - 8:00 am: Christopher Fabry requested by Don and Jane Pogoda

10:00 am: Glenn Lambert requested by the family

11:30 am: Dica Smith requested by the 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!

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.

St. Anthony Youth Group News:

Youth group meeting: Monday, 12/6, in the church meeting room.

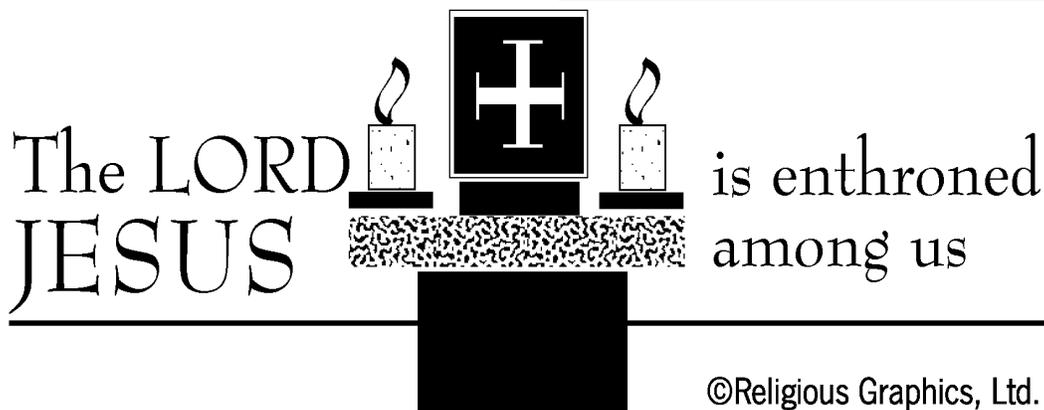


7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Prayer, Play & Pizza!

Open to all High School students.

Join Us!



Dear Parishioners,

As we look forward to gathering with family and friends this week, in Thanksgiving for our many blessings, may we take a moment to breathe deeply and imagine that our God, who loves us unconditionally, is speaking these words directly to us:

*May the wellspring of Compassion be opened in you.
May soothing words find a home in you.

May tenderness bless you as you reach out to comfort
in body, mind and spirit.

In the midst of fear or frustration may courage be given
you.

May patience keep vigil with you and peace of mind
calm you.

May your heart find a song to sing even when you are
weary.

May abundant love lift you and gratitude bless you as
you live the mission of care entrusted to you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Courtesy of Pat Bergen, CSJ



Advent Evening of Reflection

Sunday, December 5, 6:30 pm

**Please join us in the church for
an evening of meditative music**

**and an anointing of healing and peace as we enter
into the busy pre-Christmas rush. Savor the
peace and prayerful atmosphere to calm your
soul and better prepare yourself for the coming of
the Lord. All are welcome!**

Attention: Readers at Mass - Please pick up your 2022
Lector Wookbook in the sacristy when you come to Mass.

Merton Center Collection—Despite some pandemic restrictions having been lifted and because of its unique circumstances, the Center continues to operate on a “take-out” basis. St. Anthony’s monthly food collection to support this ministry will take place from **Wednesday, 11/24, through Sunday, 11/28**. The staff at the Center confirmed the continued need for **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.** These items are used in the meals-to-go that are distributed at the door of the Center. Our parish collection point is the back porch of the rectory where baskets will be provided from 11/24 through 11/28. Thank you, again, for your faithful generosity during these difficult times and now, during this time of Thanksgiving!

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!



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. 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

Secular Franciscan Fraternity

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.

Care for Our Common Home—More Green Cleaning!!

Natural ingredients are an environmentally safe alternative and just as effective as chemical cleaners. Many are already in your kitchen! The most common recipe ingredients include white vinegar, baking soda, Borax, lemons, and castile soap. These ingredients have known cleaning properties that make them safe, eco-friendly, and are usually sold with minimal packaging. In many cases the recipes are the old-fashioned original formulas to our modern chemical company synthetic versions. These green cleaning recipes came first! White vinegar is great for cutting grease, deodorizing, and disinfection. It is a primary ingredient in homemade countertop and glass cleaners. Baking soda is commonly used to deodorize, cut grease, whiten, and lift dirt stains. Lemons make ideal disinfectants due to their acidity. Lemon juice works as well as an artificial acid to clean aluminum, and a lemon doesn’t threaten your health or pollute the earth. Visit www.womensvoices.org/avoid-toxic-chemicals/diy-recipes to find non-toxic DIY recipes for soft scrub, furniture polish, all-purpose cleaners, and more.



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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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