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Closed on Thursdays

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☞ 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

First Saturday of the month at 4:15 (prior to the 5 pm Mass) and 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.

☞ Schedule of Masses ☞

Daily (M-F) ~ 12:30 pm (Egan Chapel,
Fairfield University)

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:00 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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

Mass Intentions for This Weekend and Next

Saturday, February 18 - 5:00 pm: Hilda and Hugh O'Flynn requested by Tom and Joyce Flynn

Sunday, February 19 - 8:00 am: Theresa Dunn requested by the Dunn Family (orig. 5/8/20)

10:00 am: John and Catherine Short requested by the children AND Donald A. Santarsiero requested by the Wesson Family

11:30 am: Kevin Minogue requested by Larry and Eileen Lynch

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - 9:00 am: All Parishioners
6:00 pm:

Friday, February 24—9:00 am: Leo Callaghan requested by the family

Saturday, February 25 - 5:00 pm: The Choromanski and Vidoli Families requested by Marci and Don Vidoli

Sunday, February 26 - 8:00 am: Hilda and Hugh O'Flynn requested by Tom and Joyce Flynn

10:00 am: Keith Reynolds requested by Elaine Jachino AND William and Wanda Detmer requested by Mike Miska

11:30 am: Joseph Targowski requested by Jim and Barb Thibodeau

Thank you—to the many parishioners who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes to the office.

E-Giving—More parishioners are contributing to the parish electronically! Would this interest you? 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.

Marriage Formation—

Getting married in the Catholic Church takes time and preparation. Before setting a date, please contact the parish office to ask if your preparation will be with a local priest or deacon at your parish, or through the Institute for Catholic Formation. Please note that formation should begin six months before your big day. Waiting too long to begin formation might delay your wedding.

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 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.

Annual Bishop's Appeal

The Institute for Catholic Formation offers parishes resources throughout the year so that leaders can focus on what they do best: engaging with the faithful in the pews. From book clubs to reading groups and workshops to posters in Lent and Advent, the Institute provides free resources to make parish life better, a pastor's life easier, and the faithful more engaged. When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call 203.416.1470 or scan with your phone.



Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Our Masses on Wednesday are at 9am and 6 pm. In addition we will have a 9am Mass on the Fridays of Lent (except for Good Friday). Taizé Prayer will be offered each Friday at 7 pm in the church and Soup Suppers resume each Saturday following the 5 pm Mass. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. Here's to a fruitful Lent!

Cardinal Robert McElroy to speak at Fairfield U.—

On Thursday, February 23, at 5 p.m., Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego will present a lecture entitled, "America's Synodal Journey: God's People Point the Path Forward." The sixth bishop and first cardinal of the Diocese of San Diego, Cardinal McElroy is a steadfast proponent of the pope's synodal process, with its emphasis on listening to and empowering the diverse voices of God's people.

Presented by Fairfield's Office for Mission and Ministry, this event is free and open to the public. Prior to his 5 p.m. lecture in the Dolan School of Business Event Hall, there will be a reception with light refreshments, beginning at 4:15 p.m. All are welcome. Space is limited; to reserve your seat at this lecture and to learn more about the Cardinal's lecture and visit, see the related web site below: <https://www.fairfield.edu/news/archive/2023/february/cardinal-robert-mcelroy-to-share-his-message-of-radical-inclusion.html>.

LifeBridge Community Services Clothing Donations

Needed—LifeBridge would like to thank the St. Anthony parishioners who responded with their time to help at the Community Closet. There is another way to support LifeBridge—donations of **clean clothes, linens, and small toys**. Donations can be dropped off at 475 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport 06605, M-F, 10 am - 2 pm. If you have items to donate, please call LifeBridge (203-368-4291) or contact parishioner Mimi Canepari (203-650-6933) for more information.

Care for Our Common Home—S.A.V.E. and

ETHOS Sustainability Solutions will host **Pathways to Sustainable Living (PSL)** at St. Anthony's during Lent. PSL, an ecological spirituality workshop for individuals and families, is designed to show how the Church's commitments to sustainability are a community endeavor that can only be achieved through active participation. The free 5-session series will take place on Wednesdays from **March 1-29, at 7-8:30pm in the church meeting room**. All are invited. For info/reservation contact: pathways149@gmail.com

St. Anthony's Values the Environment (S.A.V.E.)



Centering Prayer—The Centering Prayer group is meeting virtually on Wednesdays, 9:15—11:15 a.m. Please contact the church office (203-259-0358) for details.



Need for Beds—Twin- and full-size beds are needed by the Furniture Ministry Program, a division of Catholic Charities which is now handling Sr. Eileen's furniture ministry. The program assists families in need in our general area. Contact FSmith@ccfc-ct.org or at 203-451-1619 if you have beds to donate. There is a constant need for them. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

J.E.D.I. (Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Tidbit)—

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in New York City, the first Black parish north of the Mason-Dixon line, has been sold to a developer in a \$16M deal. The historic property in Hell's Kitchen, which over its 154-year existence has hosted prominent Black Catholics from around the country, had been deconsecrated since 2017. The buyer is the JMM Charitable Foundation. It was the first Catholic church in New York City to welcome Blacks and was always used to call attention to racial prejudice in America. The church had moved from its original location in Greenwich Village, where the congregation was founded in 1883. In the late 1890s, the current property was acquired. The golden years of St. Benedict the Moor soon followed, with thousands of registered members and a congregation made up of roughly 50% converts; the church served as a national parish for all the African Americans of the city. Black Catholics and others also chose the venue for significant events, including the first stateside mass of Venerable Augustus Tolton, following his 1886 ordination in Rome as the first openly African-American Catholic priest.

Jewelry Collection—In with the new! Out with the old...and bring your old jewelry to St. Anthony's! The collection box is on the rectory porch. Stop by with your tired/broken/old jewelry so it can be recycled into funds that support St. Anthony's many outreach programs. Thank You!!



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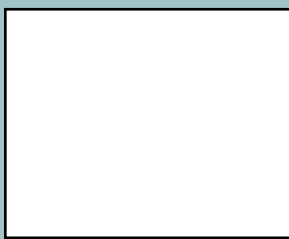
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 While talking about this issue is not easy, pre-need planning makes your wishes clear, reduces costs and helps your family avoid difficult decisions at a time of loss and grief.
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