

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Westbrook, Maine

Welcome Guide



*So faith, hope, love remain,
these three; but the
greatest of these is love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of believers, we recognize that though we are many, we are one in Christ who strengthens and empowers us through the Eucharist, the Word and the other sacraments. Enabled by His Spirit, we work to become a holy and active family, reaching out to one another, especially to our young families and all our "home Catholics."

DIRECTIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Welcome...

We are a family of faith... diverse in talents and ages, coming together to worship God in prayer and song and to assist one another in God's call to be a people of justice in service to the world. We invite you to pray with us... you are always welcome. If you are looking for a Catholic parish to call home, we encourage you to get to know us better and invite you to discover your talents in answering God's unique call.

Directions to St. Anthony Parish

From I-95N:

1. Take Exit 48 toward ME-25/US-302/Riverside St./Larrabee Rd.
2. Turn slight right onto Larrabee Rd.
3. Go straight at traffic light after toll booth. 0.4 mi
4. At next traffic light turn slight right onto Main St. 0.9 mi.
5. Stay straight at rotary. Main St. becomes Cumberland St. 0.2 mi
6. Turn left onto Brown St. 0.6 mi
7. Church will be in front of you. Continue around to the right for parking.

From I-95S:

1. Take Rand Rd. Exit 47, toward ME-25/Westbrook Arterial.
2. Turn left onto Rand Rd. at traffic light after toll booth. 0.3 mi
3. Go straight at next 2 traffic lights. 1.5 mi
4. Turn left onto Main St. 0.5 mi
5. Go straight at next traffic light. 0.2 mi
6. Turn right onto Bridge St. 0.1 mi
7. Turn right onto Brown St. 0.1 mi
8. Church will be on your left.

Contact Information:

Parish of St. Anthony of Padua
268 Brown Street – Westbrook, ME 04092-2908
Tel.: 207-857-0490 Fax: 207-857-0494

Mailing Address:

63 Dana Court – Westbrook, ME 04092
e-mail: stanthonyparish@myfairpoint.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Chapel in St. Anthony Parish Center
(located at 22 Walker St.)

Mon. & Fri. – 5:00 p.m.

Tue. & Wed. – 7:30 a.m.

No Mass on Thursday

Church

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

(the 8:30 a.m. Mass is signed for the deaf)

Confessions – 3:30 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Fr. Reggie Brissette

Cemetery & Parish Secretary: Mary Hopkins

Church Bookkeeper: Mary Gallant

Wedding Facilitator & Parish Secretary: Trina Gagne

Maintenance: Sheldon Stewart

Religious Education & Faith Formation

Parish Catechetical Leader, RCIA: Rosalie Aube

Parish Catechetical Leader, Pre-K - 5: Lisa Champagne

Junior High: Kris Torrey

High School Youth Ministry: Mary Catherine Payne

Music Leaders

Nancy Edstrom: 207-879-1634

Judy Ferrante: 207-797-4493

Louis Philippe: 207-857-9002

Our History – The Merging of Three Parishes

St. Hyacinth was established in 1879 under Alexis D. DeCelles who, as pastor (1879-1901), named it for a Polish Saint, the patron of his home Diocese of St. Hyacinth in Canada. Originally a mission of the Cathedral, the parish had about 175 families at its birth and grew to number 650 before St. Mary Church was created out of it in 1916. Under Msgr. Philippe E. Desjardins as its pastor (1916-1969), the parish saw the construction of its modernized Gothic stone church by F.W. Cunningham & Son of Portland which drew on the quarries in Milton, New Hampshire. The parish is the mother church of St. Mary, St. Edmund and the Catholic churches of Gorham, Standish and Windham.

St. Mary Church was established under William J. Culbert, as its first pastor (1916-1932), by taking the English-speaking Catholics of St. Hyacinth Church in 1916. Patrick J. Barrett, an army chaplain from 1944-1965, was pastor (1965-1984) and opened the present church in 1973. From seventy-five families at its birth, the parish grew to 650 by 1991. Its school, which opened in 1929 under the Franciscan Sisters, came under the Sisters of Mercy in 1945 before it was forced to close in 1969. St. Mary Church closed in 2006.

The Pride's Corner area of Westbrook, as Catholics increased in number in the 1960s, found it difficult to think of themselves as a worshipping entity, divided as they were between the two churches.

Told by pastor, Monsignor Desjardins, "to start a mission," and with the generous assistance of the Roy families, owners of the Pride's Corner Bowling and Golf Center, the first Mass was celebrated on October 30, 1966, at the bowling alley – a novel arrangement but a start! Sisters of the Presentation of St. Hyacinth helped with CCD classes.

Fr. Roger D. Labrecque was appointed Administrator of St. Edmund Church in June, 1971. The official dedication of the new church took place on June 17, 1973, with Bishop Peter L. Gerety presiding. St. Edmund Church closed in 2004.

Westbrook, along with many parishes in the USA, suffered a decline in attendance with over 70% of baptized Catholics dropping from attending church. The Pastoral Councils of the three parishes, through a long study, decided that the Westbrook Catholics could no longer support three parishes. St. Hyacinth Church was the building chosen to serve the community. The name chosen by the parishioners for their worship and parish life – St. Anthony of Padua in 2005.

SACRAMENTS

Sacraments & Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms

The time to plan for your child's future in the Catholic faith begins even before your child is born, because it is founded on your dedication and practice of the faith. First time parents or those that have not previously attended a Baptism Preparation class will be expected to do so, preferably sometime before the birth of your child.



The Baptism Preparation Classes are held the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Parish Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Baptisms are celebrated the last Saturday or Sunday of the month during or after a Mass. Also, celebrated after any weekend Mass if the regular schedule is not convenient.

To arrange for a baptism, please call Rosalie Aube, Baptismal Prep. Coordinator at 207-857-0490, ext. 6.

Reconciliation

Parishioners have the option for either anonymous or "face-to-face" celebration of the Sacrament. Additional times are provided during the Christmas and Lenten seasons along with Cluster Penance Services sponsored in collaboration with neighboring parishes.

Confessions in Church:

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

To arrange for a private confession please call the Parish Office at 207-857-0490.

Confessions are also heard by appointment.

First Reconciliation

The reception of this Sacrament for the first time takes place in 2nd grade for children enrolled in our religious education program.

One session is held for parents in the fall to help prepare their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There have been changes in this sacrament and in the way to help your child acquire the habit of saying "I am sorry" and "I forgive you."

First Eucharist

Reception of First Communion takes place in the 2nd grade for children enrolled in our religious education program. The ideal is that children have two years of religious education and attendance at Sunday Mass.

contact the Parish Office at 207-857-0490. We have Eucharistic Ministers who visit nursing and private homes on a regular basis.

Confirmation

The Celebration of Confirmation is held during the spring for 2nd grade students already enrolled in our religious education program. A parent session for this sacrament is held in the fall. Children celebrate this sacrament during the same Mass as their First Eucharist.

Adult Confirmation

St. Anthony Parish helps adults desiring to participate in the sacrament by offering two preparation sessions. This can be a wonderful opportunity to grow and develop one's faith. The sessions are geared toward exploring how God acts in our lives and how membership in the Church strengthens our relationship with our creator, God, our savior, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office six months in advance of the anticipated date for the wedding in order to provide sufficient time to prepare for the sacrament. Contact the parish even if it is within the six months of your wedding date.



Marriage Preparation

As you proceed in your preparation for marriage, we hope that it will be a time for you to more fully understand God's will for your marriage and for your family.

A few times a year married couples on the Marriage Preparation Team share with engaged couples their experiences of living Christian Marriage. They lead the couples to a vision of marriage which goes far beyond the things which often pre-occupy a couple's mind before marriage (reception, guest list, photography, etc.). The hope of this program is that couples will prepare for a life, not just a day. An informational folder will be mailed to you when you contact the parish office with your marriage date.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

We encourage parishioners interested and called to serve God in the Church as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister. Please contact the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland Vocation Office at 207-773-6471 or email vocations@portlanddiocese.org

SACRAMENTS / FUNERALS

Anointing of the Sick

Pastoral care of the sick and dying is a very important part of our Catholic mission. The Anointing of the Sick can be administered to any Catholic who is seriously ill or anticipating surgery or a medical procedure. This sacrament can only be administered by a priest and should be received in the early stages of illness, not delayed until the person is dying. The sacrament is offered after any daily or weekend Mass. See Fr. Reggie.

Christian Funerals

To make funeral arrangements for a loved one please contact the funeral home first. The funeral director will then work with parish staff to arrange for the Mass or Service of Christian Burial. The staff at the funeral home will provide you with a booklet explaining family participation and options for involvement in the Mass or Service.

Funeral Luncheons

Our parish offers funeral luncheons to registered parishioners. The funeral luncheons started a few years ago as a special ministry to families who have lost a loved one. If a luncheon is desired, the family needs to call the parish secretary at least two days before the funeral to confirm that the hall is available (the hall is not available on the 1st or 3rd Monday of each month) and so our volunteers may be contacted and given time to prepare the luncheon. At this time an approximate count of people attending the luncheon must be given. The luncheon begins after the family has returned from the committal service at the cemetery. Payment of \$3.50 per person is expected before or during the luncheon. No luncheon will be provided for a group smaller than 50.

ST. HYACINTH CEMETERY

Our cemetery is on Stroudwater Street. If you want to purchase a lot in the cemetery you need to contact Mary Hopkins at the parish office. The cost for a lot does not include the cost of a burial in that lot. For current pricing contact the parish office. Those who buy a lot do not buy the land. Rather, they buy the privilege to be buried in that lot. They may not do as they wish with that lot.

St. Hyacinth Cemetery Guidelines

We want to remind people that the cemetery belongs to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. You have burial rights to the lot from the Diocese of Portland. There are specific Diocesan Guidelines for Catholic Cemeteries. Please review the following guidelines and frequently asked questions.

What is a Burial Right? When you purchase a lot in our cemetery, you do not own that land. You only have "The Burial Right" to the grave spaces in that lot.

May non-Catholics be buried in a Catholic Cemetery? Yes. We believe that families should remain together even in death. A spouse, child, parent or relative who is not a Catholic may be buried in a Catholic Cemetery.

Does the church allow for cremation? Yes. Cremation has been an acceptable option for Catholics since 1963. The cremated remains must be treated with respect. They should be interred.

Is there a place to bury ashes? Ashes may be buried in a lot in the ground. St. Hyacinth Cemetery does not have Columbariums.

Are vigil lights, candles or solar lamps allowed? NO – they are not permitted, they can be hazardous, cause fire and attract vandals.

If we own interment rights and we move, can we sell them? No interment rights can be sold for profit. The interment right holder can transfer the ownership to another party or family member through the Cemetery Office.

When am I permitted to place "plastic or artificial" flowers? Plastic, silk, and artificial flowers or plants are NOT ALLOWED in the cemetery.

Why did someone remove the flowers on my relative's grave? They may have deteriorated and in the opinion of the maintenance personnel been removed for aesthetic reasons.

May toys, food or beverages be left at the grave sites? No! These become a hazard to others during grass cutting operations.

our marker? No! Only authorized staff and monument companies having a valid permit for that burial site and memorial marker may install or remove a marker. Stones or bricks around the perimeter of markers are not allowed under the bylaw for safety and aesthetic reasons.

Who is responsible for the repair of my relative's marker, which has been damaged? The family is responsible for any repairs to monuments. The Cemetery does not own the memorial markers.

Does the Cemetery sell monuments? No. We, however, can refer you to a monument company.

What is Perpetual Care? Perpetual Care is money paid to help provide maintenance to the graves and cemetery, such as lawn mowing and fertilizing. Perpetual Care is kept in its own account, and the money paid by the individual(s) purchasing a lot is deposited into that account. Only the interest, and not the principal, of the Perpetual Care account may be expended for care of cemeteries. Perpetual Care is not nearly enough to maintain the Cemetery. The average cost per week for lawn mowing alone is \$800.00! Due to the little funds available in Perpetual Care, the money is subsidized by the Parish. We are doing the best we can with the funds we have available. We welcome donations for the upkeep of the cemetery.

St. Hyacinth Rules of Conduct

- Since the Cemetery has an inherent sacred nature, it is requested that visitors be decently clothed, including shoes and shirts, and that they refrain from parties, picnicking and sporting activities of any kind on the grounds.
- A speed limit of 15 miles per hour within the grounds of the Cemetery must be observed to insure the safety of visitors and workers.
- All pets shall be kept in vehicles.
- Cemetery hours are **Dawn to Dusk**. It is illegal to be in a cemetery at night.

MEMBERSHIP

Parish Membership

Parishioners wishing to become registered members of the Parish will need to fill out a registration form. Forms are available at the church entrance and on the parish website or you can fill out the short form found in the bulletin, drop it in the collection basket, and the full registration form will be mailed to you.

Benefits of Membership

As a member of the parish you will receive periodic mailings from the parish and notices of church events and fellowship opportunities.

Offering Envelopes

Parishioners wishing to receive offering envelopes must first register as members of St. Anthony (see above) and check the envelope option on the form. We have envelopes available for new parishioners. This is the only way of receiving fact based receipts from the parish for income tax purposes. Our parish needs \$9,000.00 a week to meet our expenses, support our staff and our many programs.

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

As we strive to live as faithful and generous stewards, it is important that we understand all of the facets of stewardship. Here are just a few key aspects of stewardship. Stewardship is:

Spending Time with God – Stewardship involves spending time with God. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we strive to spend some of each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, scripture reading, quiet meditation and other spiritual activities.

Sharing Talent – Stewardship involves sharing talent. Recognizing that God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of Our Lord; we strive to share our own talents and to encourage and welcome others to also use their talents to carry out the mission and ministry of the Church.

Giving Treasure – Stewardship involves giving treasure. Giving time and talent does not excuse us from giving treasure. We know that throughout the Gospels, Jesus challenged us to give as it has been given to us. Recognizing the tremendous financial blessings that abound in our country; we strive to give at least 10% of our resources back to God, to support the building up of God's kingdom. Although this level of giving may not be immediately possible, we are aware of what percentage we are giving back and regularly strive to increase the amount, taking small incremental steps toward giving a full tithe. St. Anthony Parish is committed to live the gospel way of life as good stewards of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We have committed ourselves to tithing our parish offertory collection each week as an expression of our gratitude to God for His many gifts and to express our trust that He will provide us with all that we truly need.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

(Please see "Volunteer Profile" on page 15)

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, I come to You in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from You.

In faith and love, help me to do Your will.

I am listening, Lord God. Speak Your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear You clearly.

I offer to You this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school - to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give me the wisdom and insight to understand and Your will for me and the fervor to carry out my good intentions.

I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to You as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for You and my neighbor.

Help me to reach out to others as You my God have reached out to me.

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent & Treasure

Volunteer Profile

"Follow Me," Jesus simply but powerfully commanded of the Apostles and they did. That call is made to us as well on this day and in this time. How do we follow Jesus? We try to live our lives as He did – the example of the perfect steward. Stewardship is the care and use of all that we have been given by God and is often explained in terms of time, talent, and treasure.

St. Anthony Parish thrives because of the time and talent given freely by responsible and generous members of our faith community. This profile allows you to designate how you would like to share your time and talent, and helps us to know you better as we strive to make our parish a vibrant symbol of Christ's presence at work in our world.

Please take a moment to review the following two forms and if you wish to contribute time and talent, return the forms to the Parish Office. We will contact you shortly upon receipt. To inquire about any particular ministry, please call the Parish Office at 207-857-0490.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

Hebrew 16:16

Name _____ Today's Date _____
Street _____
City _____
Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work/Cell _____
Email _____

I would like to offer my time & talents at St. Anthony Parish:

Office Skills

- Photocopying & Collating
- Answering Phones
- Office Coverage
- Bulk Mailings
- Data Entry

Writing

- Publicity (News items, Flyers, etc.)
- Reports, Directions, Manuals, etc.
- Prayers

Church & Liturgical

- Help plan special liturgies
- Help plan seasonal events
- Homebound Services

Dedicated Worker-Long Term

(I'll be there every week)

- Clerical
- Teacher/Teacher's Aide
- Usher/Greeter
- Altar Server

Other Skills & Talents

- _____
- _____

Creative

- Graphic Design (*Poster, Flyers, etc.*)
- Photography
- Decorating
- Musical Talents
- Acting/Producing Skills

Public Speaking

- Lectoring
- Prayer Group Leader
- Witness Talks

Hospitality

- Cooking/Baking
- Organizing Hospitality Events
- Shopping

Dedicated Worker-Short Term

(Just give me directions & I'll do it!)

- Cooking/Baking
- Shopping
- Organizing Supplies
- Set-up/Clean-up
- Decorating
- Other: _____

Please complete this form, drop it off or mail it to:
St. Anthony Parish
63 Dana Court
Westbrook, ME 04092

Name _____ Today's Date _____
Street _____
City _____
Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work/Cell _____
Email _____

I would like to offer my time & talents at St. Anthony Parish:

Ministries

- Eucharistic Ministry
- Lectors
- Ushers/Greeters
- Interpreted Worship
- Baptisms/Baptism Prep.
- Marriage Prep.
- Cursillo/Ultreya
- Charismatic Prayer Group

Music Ministry

- Choir
- Musician/Instrument Player

Youth Opportunities

- Altar Servers
- Choir

Church Life

- Hospitality
- Sodality
- Knights of Columbus

Faith Formation

- Family Faith Formation
- Confirmation Program
- Adult Confirmation
- R.C.I.A.

Pastoral Care

- Homebound Care
- Bulletins for the Homebound
- Funeral Luncheons

Justice and Service

- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop
- Food Pantry

Other Ministries

- Evangelization Committee
- Vocations Committee

Please complete this form, drop it off or mail it to:

St. Anthony Parish
63 Dana Court
Westbrook, ME 04092

MASS OFFERINGS / FELLOWSHIP

Mass Intentions

Masses for specific times and dates may be arranged through the parish office during regular office hours. The offering for a reserved Mass is \$10.00. It would be very helpful if those requesting Masses could make the offering at the time they are reserving the Mass. To be assured of getting the desired Mass date please call well in advance. Some days and times are reserved many months in advance.

Mass Cards

Mass cards may be obtained and mailed out through the Parish Office.

Vigil Lights

Vigil lights may be obtained through the Parish Office. The offering for a Vigil Light is \$5.00.

Lenten Meals

As a way to build community and get to know each other better, we offer special fish meals on the Fridays of Lent. These meals are put on by volunteers and we invite you to call the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

Sunday Fellowship Following 8:30 Mass

Please join us for Sunday Hospitality. We gather together in fellowship every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass. We offer coffee and Tony's Donuts. Our parish groups take turns hosting. Donations are encouraged to help defray the expenses.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

St. Anthony Parish offers a variety of opportunities for its parishioners, young and old, to grow in knowledge of their faith. When we are baptized into the Faith our journey begins and does not end with Confirmation.



St. Anthony Parish is committed to the idea that we are life-long learners in our faith. Knowing about religion is one thing, but encountering Christ and living the resulting faith is another. Families are encouraged to supplement our religious education offerings with at home discussion and faith sharing. Adults are encouraged to participate in offerings about the Bible, basic Catholic beliefs, the Sacraments of the Church, prayer life and spirituality, and moral issues, to name a few.

Faith Formation / Family Catechesis

Sessions geared to families with children are offered beginning with Pre-K and continuing through high school. Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation begins in grade one leading to children's participation in the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and in Holy Eucharist in the spring of second grade.

Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission is responsible for educational policies and programs for all parishioners including:

1. Faith Formation for Children

2. Catechists (Teachers)

Rosalie Aube

Amanda Beesley

Sharon Blakeslee

Cynthia Crockett

Anissa Grant

Ashley Grant

Kristianna Torrey

Dollie Landry

Cheri O'Neil

Mary Catherine Payne

Paul Payne

Rosemary Pettengil

Karen Knapton

3. Sacramental Preparation Program

4. Adult Education and RCIA

5. Junior High Youth Ministry

6. High School Youth Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation: (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation or RCIA is the process by which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

adapted process of this rite, sometimes mistakenly referred to as Rite of Christian Initiation of Children or RCIC.

The RCIA process at St. Anthony is a year round process, which means whenever an adult or parent calls or inquires about the process, they are given an initial interview by the director, introduced to the parish priest and the rest of the RCIA Team, and then begin the first stage of the process. For more information on RCIA, please contact Rosalie Aube at the Parish Office.

Protecting God's Children

The Safe Environment Program was implemented in the Portland Diocese in 2002. All clergy, employees or volunteers who work with children/youth on a regular basis must attend a Protecting God's Children training session which is a sexual abuse awareness and prevention program. This program is directed by Lisa Champagne.

Child Lures Program

The Child Lures Program enables the entire parish to be educated in prevention and safe environment with one flexible program. The Lures approach enables children to recognize behaviors that can put them at risk, rather than vague ideas about strangers, or to rely on feelings which can vary from child to child. This program is directed by Lisa Champagne.

Catholic School Subsidy

We continue to encourage students to attend a Catholic school. The parish offers subsidies to families who need financial assistance to attend a Catholic school. To receive a parish subsidy, families need to follow these guidelines:

1. Be registered members of St. Anthony Parish
2. Attend church every week and use budget envelopes for one year before applying for a subsidy.
3. Volunteer a minimum of 24 hours annually to help the parish in ministry or any parish activity or project.
4. Present a signed copy of their income tax form to the parish committee in charge of subsidies.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Bulletin

The parish publishes a weekly bulletin. Items may be submitted for consideration. Please submit items in writing or via email by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the weekend.

email: stanthonyparish@myfairpoint.net

Parish Website: www.stanthonysparish.org

The parish maintains a website in which much of the information found in this booklet may also be found. The weekly bulletin is uploaded to the website for easy viewing. There are also links to other web sites that may be of interest to our parishioners.

PARISH STATISTICS

2008

Baptisms	30
First Communion	33
Confirmations	36
Marriages	13
Funerals	52

2007

Baptisms	27
First Communion	19
Confirmations	20
Marriages	12
Funerals	47

SOCIETY & THE WESTBROOK FOOD PANTRY

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Located in the former St. Hyacinth School, Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic group of all volunteers, whose goal is to relieve the suffering of those in need in whatever way resources will allow. For more information call 207-857-0490, leave a message and someone will contact you.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop

Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop is run by a dedicated group of volunteers and is located in the former St. Hyacinth School building on Walker Street. The Thrift Shop is open each Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. It is closed during the summer months. The thrift shop is filled with quality used clothing, books, toys, small appliances, dishes, and other household goods.
*Donations are greatly appreciated.

The Westbrook Food Pantry

The Westbrook Food Pantry is run by Jeanne Rielly and a group of volunteers. It is located in the basement of the former St. Hyacinth School, in a room rented by the city, and is open every Tuesday from 12 noon - 2:00 PM and from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
The food pantry serves all the citizens in Westbrook who are in need. If you are interested in contributing to the food pantry, you can drop off your offerings at the two entrances of the church.
*Donations are greatly appreciated.

MINISTRIES & PARISH GROUPS

Liturgical Ministries

The ministries within our Eucharistic celebrations include Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Leaders of Song, and Musicians.

All those desiring to serve in Eucharistic Ministry, Lectoring, or Altar Serving receive training provided by the Parish in the fall of each year.

Eucharist Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are active, adult Catholics who wish to serve their fellow parishioners and have a love of the Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers are ordinary Christians who model Christian living in faith and conduct in their ministry and in their daily lives.

Each week a number of parishioners bring the Eucharist to the home-bound, who cannot by reason of illness, infirmity, or age, get to Mass. Prayers are said, Scriptures are read, and the Eucharist is given, bringing healing, strength and a source of unity with Jesus and one's fellow parishioners. Those engaging in this ministry are trained, approved and commissioned by the parish.

We accept high school students in this ministry.

Ministers of the Word

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations and Prayers of the Faithful. With deep faith and confident voices they announce the good news of salvation to their sisters and brothers in the parish.

Lectors read at weekend Masses and Holy Days. Lector handbooks are provided that contain all the readings for the church year and may be studied at home if desired.

Altar Servers

This ministry of service during Mass is open to both boys and girls. Two Altar Servers, a "Cross Bearer" and a "Book Bearer" are scheduled for each of the weekend Masses, and for special celebrations such as Holy Days.

We welcome adults, families, and students from the fourth grade and above to join.

Greeters / Ushers

Greeters welcome and distribute our weekly bulletin and attend to the needs of the congregation. At the end of Mass they pick up any stray bulletins or items left behind by parishioners.

Ushers are a group of dedicated men and women of all ages who gather the offertory collection into a large basket to be presented along with the gifts of bread and wine at the Preparation of the Gifts.

Interpreted Sunday Worship

St. Anthony Parish is committed to providing worship experiences for all of God's people. To this end, a signed Mass is offered at 8:30 AM on all Sundays.

Music Ministry

Among the many signs and symbols used by the Catholic Church to celebrate its faith, music is of pre-eminent importance. It forms an integral part of solemn liturgy.



Anyone gifted in singing or playing an instrument is encouraged to meet with the music leader at the Mass they attend.

Saturday 4:00 PM: Nancy Edstrom 879-1634
Sunday 8:30 AM: Judy Ferrante 797-4493
Sunday 11:00 AM: Louis Philippe 857-9002

Liturgy Committee

In order to encourage parishioners to participate fully, consciously and actively in liturgical celebrations, St. Anthony Parish has established a committee of parishioners who prayerfully consider ways to offer liturgy that promotes the spirituality and mission of its people. This committee, run by Lisa and Russ Champagne, has a core group of volunteers in charge of planning the decorating of our church:

Ruth Chretien
Peter & Ida Dugas
Paul & Patricia Fecteau
Linda Gouzie
Dolly Landry

Bud & Jeanne LeClair
Phil & Mary LeClerc
Cynthia Murphy
Doris Tanguay
Bob & Maryann Usher



Charismatic Prayer Group

In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, people come together to praise, worship, and listen to the Lord in a variety of ways. Through prayer, praise, scripture, song, and chrisms (gifts) of the Holy Spirit, they hope to enter a deeper, more personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Each week they pray and intercede for the needs of all those who have requested prayer.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! For more information, contact: Joe Godin: 207-854-1189.

Cursillo/Ultreya is a movement in the Church to help the laity discover and achieve their calling to live and share what is fundamental to being Christian. Cursillo is literally, a "short course in Christianity." Ultreya is a monthly follow-up, open to people who have made a conscious commitment to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact George Nason: 207-856-6250

Rosary

Each week we meet to pray the Rosary before the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday. The Rosary is also prayed before every Weekday Mass.



Reflections on Sunday Readings

A lectionary based scripture reflection group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the parish center. Those who attend read, discuss, reflect and pray with the upcoming Sunday readings. The sessions are conducted by Chris Young who has a Masters of Divinity from Weston (Jesuit) School of Theology. This group does not meet during the summer months. For more information please contact the parish office.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is a spiritual organization for Catholics, lay and religious. The purpose of The Holy Name Society is to give honor to the Most Sacred Names of God and Jesus and to assist members to grow in holiness and achieve their personal salvation. The Holy Name Society embraces Catholics from all walks of life. They give an achievement award each year to a deserving high school senior.

Sodality of St. Anne

The Sodality of St. Anne is an organization honoring St. Anne. The Sodality is a spiritual and charitable organization open to anyone in the parish. The Sodality provides social and cultural activities for the parish, and sponsors charitable causes. Members of the Sodality donate baptismal symbols used in the rite of baptism ceremony and are given to the babies to keep. They also sponsor a yearly pilgrimage to St. Anne Shrine in Quebec.

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, following the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus

Although not strictly a parish organization, the Knights of Columbus are a group of men dedicated to the parish in many ways. Many Knights serve as ushers. Membership in the Knights is open to Catholic men who are interested in committing themselves to works of charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights of Columbus members are comprised of Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and acolytes. The Knights also give two scholarships each year to high school graduates from our parish.

The 4th degree of K of C meets on the first Monday of each month. The 3rd degree of K of C meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 PM.

Daughters of Isabella

The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. The Daughters are a sisterhood that comes together to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The Daughters meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who work with the parish priest. It is made up of people who are involved in various aspects of parish life through regular meetings, prayerful thought, and action. The council cares for the entire parish community. The members advise and assist the priest in providing programs and direction the parish may be interested in. The Parish Pastoral Council will begin meeting in October 2009.

Finance Council

In addition to the consultative help of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Pastor benefits from the practical advice and expertise of several parishioners who serve on the Administration and Finance Committee. The Pastor meets with the council and consults with them about matters relating to budgets, administration, property management and improvement.

Members include:

Russ Champagne

Ted Desveaux

Philip Mailhot

Greg Penk

Richard Silver

All Finance Council meetings take place on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

The Social Justice and Peace Commission is a dedicated group of volunteers, led by Joan Hodgdon, who do their best to help under privileged people in our community.

Some of the responsibilities of this commission are:

- Help at the Food Pantry
- Wayside Soup Kitchen
- Mission Boxes for the Needy
- Salvation Army bell ringers
- Making up food baskets during holidays
- Back to School Project

Members include:

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| Marie Carroll | Elba Parr |
| Theresa Cressey | Terry Patten |
| June Doyle | Paul Phelan |
| Jean Foley | Agnus Prescott |
| Evelyn Orman | |

If you are interested in joining please contact the Parish Office.

Senior Card Club

The senior citizen community at St. Anthony Parish meets weekly for a time of games, fun, and fellowship. The group will start meeting in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Monday in September and will have regular meetings during the year at 1:00 PM on the 1st Monday of each month. Doors open at noon with coffee and cookies served. The 3rd Monday of each month there will be a catered meal at noon. Doors will open at 11:00 AM. The group does not meet during the summer months. If school is canceled due to a storm, the club will be canceled as well.

For more information please contact Phil Mailhot at 207-854-5220.

FUNDAMENTAL CATHOLIC PRAYERS

Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Our Father

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

*Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.*

Amen.

Glory Be

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.*

Amen.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

And born of the Virgin Mary,

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen

Act of Contrition

O my God,

I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee

and I detest all my sins,

because I dread the loss of heaven

and the pains of hell,

but most of all because they offend Thee,

my God,

who are all good

and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve,

with the help of Thy grace,

to confess my sins,

to do penance,

and to amend my life

Amen.

*Bless us O Lord,
and these Thy gifts,
which we are about to receive,
from Thy bounty,
through Christ,
our Lord.
Amen.*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Breathe into me Holy Spirit,
that all my thoughts may be holy.*

*Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.*

*Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.*

Amen.

Prayers to Our Lady

The Rosary

The rosary consists of fifteen decades. Each decade focuses upon a particular mystery in the life of Christ and his Blessed Mother. It is customary to say five decades at a time, while meditating upon one set of mysteries.

Joyful Mysteries

- I. *The Annunciation*
- II. *Lithe Visitation*
- III. *The Birth of our Lord*
- IV. *The Presentation of our Lord*
- V. *The Finding of our Lord in the Temple*

(Prayed on Mondays, Thursdays, and the Sundays from the 1st Sunday of Advent until Lent)

Sorrowful Mysteries

- I. *The Agony in the Garden*
- II. *The Scourging at the Pillar*
- III. *The Crowning with Thorns*
- IV. *The Carrying of the Cross*
- V. *The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord*

(Prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and the Sundays of Lent)

Glorious Mysteries

- I. *The Resurrection*
- II. *The Ascension*
- III. *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*
- IV. *The Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven*
- V. *The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth*

(Prayed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and the Sundays from Easter until Advent)

Luminous Mysteries

- I. *The Baptism of the Lord*
- II. *The Wedding of Cana*
- III. *The Proclamation of the Kingdom*
- IV. *The Transfiguration*
- V. *The Institution of the Eucharist*

(Prayed on Thursdays)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we turn to Thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To Thee we come, before Thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise our petitions, but in Thy mercy hear and answer us.

Amen.

Holy Days of Obligation

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter

Solemnity of the Ascension

August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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