

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

Our Mission:
To express faith in action,
welcome and celebrate diversity,
and be alive in prayer and worship!

All are welcome!



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday — 9 AM

Saturday — 5:30 PM

Sunday — 8:30 AM — 10:30 AM — 5:30 PM

Healing Mass — First Friday

Filipino Mass — Second Sunday — 5:30 PM

Native Mass — Third Saturday — 5:30 PM

Samoan Mass — Last Sunday — 10:30 AM

Youth Mass — Fourth Saturday — 5:30 PM

Adoration

Friday — 7-8 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday — 4-5 PM

Baptism

Baptism Parents' Class — First Sunday of each month, 9:45 AM in the Parish Office Building

Marriage

Meet with Pastor at least six (6) months prior to wedding

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office immediately after a death

Office Hours

Monday — Friday 8 AM — 4 PM

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Reflection for the Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to share with you our plan to reopen our Parish as other Parishes across the Archdiocese gradually begin to offer times for private prayer, devotion and adoration. In consultation with the staff, I have decided to delay the continuation of services for a while longer.

In accordance with Local Mandates and Public Health Guidelines, our Parish is required to have Archdiocesan approved COVID-19 mitigations plans for each phase of this reopening process. We currently have an approved Phase I mitigation plan; however, we do not have the necessary supplies and equipment that is specified in the plan.

Additionally, there will be a construction project in the Sanctuary starting next week and scheduled to finish by late May or early June. As a result, Saint Anthony will remain closed until this project is complete and we have the necessary resources. Please know that we do not take this decision lightly and we make them with your safety as our priority. For further details, please see the attached letter.

Thank you all for your prayers, support, patience and understanding through these unprecedented times. We have been praying for you during every step along the way. I know you hunger to once again be engaged in this faithful Community that we all hold near and dear to our hearts. But our Church is more than our facilities, it is our identity as Catholics and with us wherever we may be.

Stay safe and peace be with you,
Father Vince

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Seventh Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostle

Acts 1:12 - 14 (59A)

SECOND READING

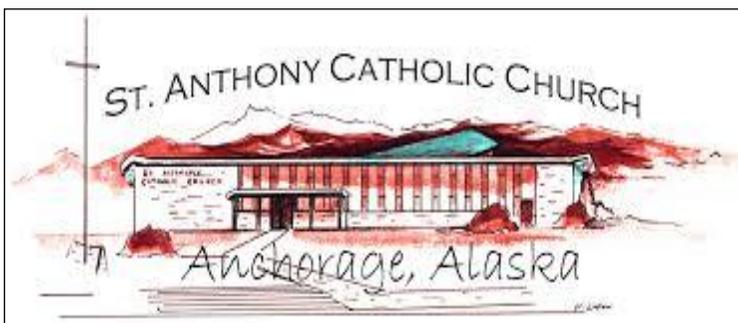
First Letter of Saint Peter

1 Peter 4:13 - 16

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

John 17:1 - 11a



Parish News and Events

Due to the current Public Health Emergency, all public Masses and other large gatherings are suspended or severely restricted at Saint Anthony and throughout the Archdiocese of Anchorage, until further notice. We are currently in the process of implementing our Phase 1 Reopening Plan, subject to approval and availability of required supplies, personnel, and training. All remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. At the same time, we remember our obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day. Our normal activities will gradually resume as it is determined that it is safe to do so.

Bishop Bellisario published an updated letter regarding the public health emergency response on Friday, May 8. A copy of the letter is included with this Bulletin. This letter contains important updates and guidance – all are encouraged to read it. It is also available on the Archdiocese, Catholic Anchor and Saint Anthony websites.

State and Municipal Authorities have mandated that non-essential business operations are severely restricted or prohibited. Saint Anthony supports our Civil Authorities and we are complying with this Emergency Order. During this time, the Staff of Saint Anthony Parish are practicing social distancing and self-isolation as much as possible. As a result, Office Hours during this time are by appointment only. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office - 333-5544. Please leave a message with your requests. You may leave a message by pressing "1" at any time during the voicemail announcement. We are instantly notified of new messages. If you wish to speak to Father Vince, please call for an appointment. Please call ahead to the Office prior to visiting. Thank you.

Our Parish is contending with the realities of this pandemic and this prolonged period of suspended Masses and Gatherings. Weekly Offertory has declined significantly over the past few weekends. Despite not having services, expenses are still mounting such as utilities, maintenance, Archdiocesan dues and personnel. We humbly ask if you have the means to consider supporting the Parish, please prayerfully consider doing so. You can contribute online at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4540, a link is available on the website or you can mail in offertory to the Office using the giving envelopes that you receive once a month. Thank you for your support throughout the years and your continued support.

Many of you have already continued your regular giving online or by mail. Thank you!

Repairs to the stone wall behind the Altar will begin this week. The limestone block wall sustained significant damage during the November 2018 earthquake. Engineers and Architects have determined that the safest course of action is to reconstruct the wall to current Seismic Code Standards. By the grace of God, a generous anonymous donation for this project has made to make this repair possible. This project has been planned and budgeted for several months, however the mandated shutdown caused it to be delayed from the original start date earlier this year. This project is expected to take approximately two (2) weeks. Your patience and prayers are appreciated as we continue to work to restore the Sanctuary.

Saint Anthony Parish would like to recognize all our Parishioners who are graduating from College and High School. If you could send

us their name and picture along with the name of the high school, college or university and the degree they are graduating with. We will blast our Facebook Pages and Website with the Graduates until the end of May through June until each one is celebrated. Please email all information to office@stanthoniak.org.

Saint Anthony Community Garden opened for a modified season on Friday, May 15. Mike and Amy Reidell, Leaders of the Community Garden Ministry, have established protocols so that gardening activities can proceed with restrictions. Please contact Mike or Amy with any questions.

All are strongly encouraged to use our Parish Website, www.stanthoniak.org or Parishioner Facebook Page for news, updates and Parish information. There are links to the Bulletin online, streaming Masses, online donations and a wealth of other valuable resources. Just click the link on the upper right corner of this Bulletin to go to the website.

Many thanks to Peggy and Brenda Bergerud for their work on the Parish Website and the Parishioner Facebook Page. Specially during this difficult time, their efforts to provide everyone with current, accurate information is a true blessing and a gift to the Parishioners of Saint Anthony.

Copies of **The Word Among Us** for **Easter** are available. Copies may be picked up in the Office. Please call ahead to set up a time to pick up your copy.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **19th Annual Bison Hunt Raffle!** Winners receive an **all-expenses paid guided Bison Hunt** on Kodiak Island or **\$3,500 in cash.** Tickets are **\$20 each.** This is a major Fundraiser for our Knights and helps them to support our Parish Ministries. For more details or to purchase, contact Paul Lightner and Fred Schurman.

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has a listing of links to many available online Masses. This listing is available at the following - <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/online-masses-during-coronavirus-crisis.cfm>

Publication of the paper bulletins is currently **suspended**, since without Weekend Masses, there is no means for distribution.

The **Chrism Mass** has been **postponed.** We will share further details as they become available.

The **Christian Initiation of the Elect and the Reception into Full Communion and Confirmation of Baptized Candidates** at the **Easter Vigil** are **postponed** until after Public Masses resume. Pastors will determine the date and time.

First Holy Communion is **postponed until after Public Masses resume.** Pastors will determine the date and time. **Confirmations will be rescheduled for the Fall.**

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Updates.

Main Center. Our Main Center, 3710 E. 20th Avenue, **will be open to Employees only** at this time. Saint Francis House Food Pantry is still operating inside the Main Center as a fast track food pantry where clients can pick up a pre-packed box of food. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We continue to do our best to keep up with questions and inquiries. Thank you!

Volunteers. For the protection and safety of Clients and Volunteers, CSS has made the difficult decision to **temporarily suspend most onsite Volunteer Programming.** Offsite Volunteer Programming re-

mains active and up to each Volunteer Group's discretion. We will welcome back all our dedicated onsite Volunteers once we are through this difficult time.

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry is resuming! Our CH Meals Ministry will once again be providing meals to the families once a month. Please contact Alice Young for details. CH will also gladly accept financial donations or gift cards, see instructions below. Please note "**Clare House Meals**" on your donation. Many thanks and blessings to Alice Young and all the Volunteers who have provided meals to CH over many years.

Can you help? CH needs a variety of different donations. Currently, **we need of toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and baby wipes.** CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Your generous support of these families in crisis is a great blessing, a worthy offering to our loving and merciful God.

Instructions for making donations to CH. To keep Clients, staff, and donors safe, here is how to drop off donations to CH. Donations must be new or very gently used. Donations are being accepted from **10 AM - 5 PM, 7 days a week.** Donors are asked to **call ahead to CH at 563-4545 ext. 100.** Staff will leave a receipt outside the door before you arrive if requested. Please ring the buzzer and communicate through the intercom when you arrive at Clare House, 4110 Spenard Road. Staff will instruct you to leave the donation outside the door of CH. Once you have walked away a safe distance, Staff will collect your donation. **Thank you for sharing God's love with these families!**

Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry could use some breakfast items - oatmeal packets are preferred and breakfast bars, canned proteins, and vegetables. Gift cards to U-Haul for new boxes would be a great blessing! **To keep Clients, Staff and Donors safe, here is how to drop off donations to SFH -** Donations must be new and unused. Donations are being accepted from 9 AM – 4 PM on Fridays. Donors can leave donations in the shopping carts at the E. 20th Avenue side of the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E. 20th Avenue. One cart will be designated for FOOD and the other will be for NON-FOOD items. If you would like a receipt, you can email Molly Cornish at mornish@cssalaska.org and we can scan and/or mail one to you. **Bless you for your generosity!**

SFH Food Pantry: SFH Food Pantry has converted to a fast track pantry. This means pre-packaged food boxes can be picked up at SFH. Hours remain the same. Shoppers should always bring their ID when visiting the pantry. First time Shoppers will be asked to complete a form upon arrival. Shoppers may bring the form already completed or fill it out when they arrive. **SFH is so grateful for the continued support of our Community.** We are starting to open limited Volunteering opportunities: packing food boxes for Clients. If you are interested in packing food boxes, hours are **Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM – 1 PM – 3 people maximum per day.** Email Bronwen Nicholls at bnicholls@cssalaska.org with questions or to volunteer. Thank you!

Instructions for in-kind donations for all CSS programs, except CH. Donations are being accepted from 9 AM – 4 PM on Fridays. Donations must be new or very gently used. Donors can leave

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CSS Financial Donations and Electronic Gift Cards are welcomed!

Send gift cards electronically to mcor-nish@cssalaska.org or via mail to Catholic Social Services, 3710 E 20th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99508. Paper checks are also welcomed at this address! These gift cards can be for Amazon, Carrs, Costco or Fred Meyer. You may also order items from the wish list and have them delivered directly to the Recipient Program by the Vendor. Thank you for your understanding as we adapt services and operations to keep our Community safe.

Did you know? CSS provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families. If you or someone you know is a **veteran** or has served at least one day of **active duty** in the **military** and needs **rental assistance**, we may be able to help. Learn more at our website: https://www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/homeless-family-services/veteran-services/?fbclid=IwAR1oqbnFfrNysUdaWwS-71E6tBgG_I78gTc46JkslP-eTuYt90eut4Utdl8.

RAIS needs the following: cleaning supplies: Clorox wipes, sponges, spray bottles, etc., toilet paper, laundry detergent, hand soap, diapers - all sizes, food items - rice, dried beans, cooking oil, lentils, flour, sugar, black tea, gift cards - Walmart or Fred Meyer, gardening soil. Donations must be new or very gently used. Donors can leave donations at the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E. 20th Avenue. Please label items **RAIS**.

RAIS needs raised garden beds. RAIS had planned to hold a class with Clients and build them together, but due to COVID-19, we are not holding in person classes. If you are interested in building a raised bed, please contact Keenan at kplate@cssalaska.org and he can help with sizing and instructions. We also request Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart gift cards to buy soil and supplies for raised beds. Thank you for your help!

Pregnancy and Adoption Support Services - If you would like to help women and families struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, please consider donating **diapers and wipes**. **They are always need diapers and baby wipes would be a blessing!** They are always open to donations of anything pregnancy and baby related.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) - Hide the TV Remote and Go on a Date! Meet up with couples and priests from around the state for an hour of prayer, dialogue and supportive friendship sponsored by WWME. **We meet virtually every Thursday evening** from 7 - 8 PM. This is for all who have made a WWME Weekend even if you have not participated in any WWME Activity since your weekend. Email bill.sherry.tunilla@wwme.org for details.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to **cancel the Alaska Catholic Youth Conference (ACYC) 2020, the Alaska Catholic Mission for Junior High and Middle School Teens 2020, and the Source and Summit Archdiocesan Summer Missionary Program 2020.** Many of you have sacrificed time, knowledge and energy in planning for these activities. Thank you for your efforts, patience, and understanding as we journey together through these challenging days, one step at a time. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Matthew Beck, Director of Evangelization and Discipleship, Archdiocese of Anchorage at mbeck@caa-ak.org.

Prayer List for Our Sick and Suffering

If you have a name you wish to be added to the listing, please contact the Parish Office or send it to the Bulletin Editor, sapbulletin@gmail.com.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Pacita Agron	Teresita Lolesio
Wes Bergsrud	Bobby Nickarz
Jorge Bernal	Christopher Nickarz
Edward Berube	Nick Nickarz
Neddie Canete	Dominador Ochoa
Ed Cordova	Elmer Pagalilauan
Nan Dietz	Fern Parent
Josie Duenas	Mary Patania
Frank Javier	Gwendolyn Roth
Donna Jez	Josephine Skeete
Jerome Karella	Onya Stein
Joshua Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Sam Kutzgar	Richard Varee
Joyce Lightner	Chris White
Peter Lizama	

Parishioners with any concerns about **Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety** or who need information about **Safe Environment Compliance** at Saint Anthony, please contact our **Safe Environment Coordinator, Jill Popoalii**, 333-5287, or via email at jpopoalii@stanthonyak.org

Are you new to Our Parish?

Do you have questions about our Faith Community? Have you been attending Saint Anthony and would like to register as a member of our Parish? Do you need to update your contact information? Call the Parish Office, 333-5544 or via email Office@stanthonyak.org.

Would you like to receive the Bulletin by email? You may not be aware that the Bulletin can be emailed directly to you or anyone with an interest every week. If you would like the current Bulletin in your inbox on a weekly basis, please contact the Parish Office. We will gladly add you to our Mailing List.

The Saint Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are unavailable until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Question of the Week

The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength.
When have you experienced this?

Question of the Week for KIDS

The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside.
When do you need to be strong?