



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INCLUSIVE – BECAUSE DIVERSITY WAS GOD'S IDEA

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person (HC)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person & Livestream (Church)
Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

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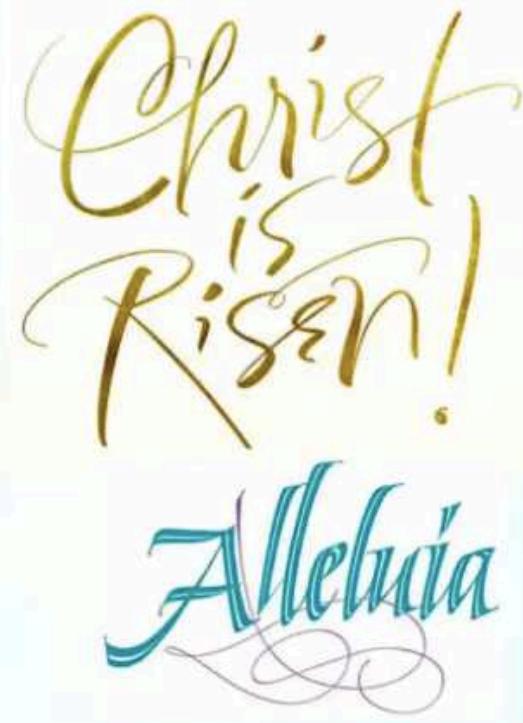
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FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

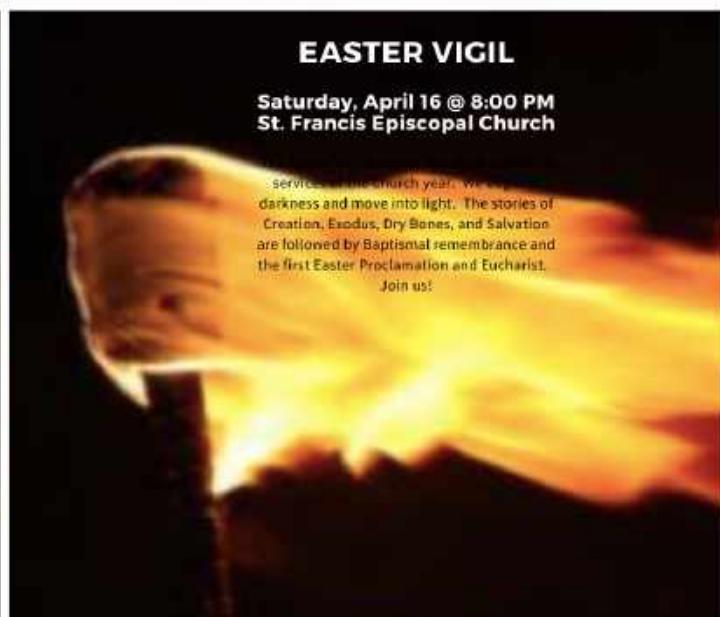
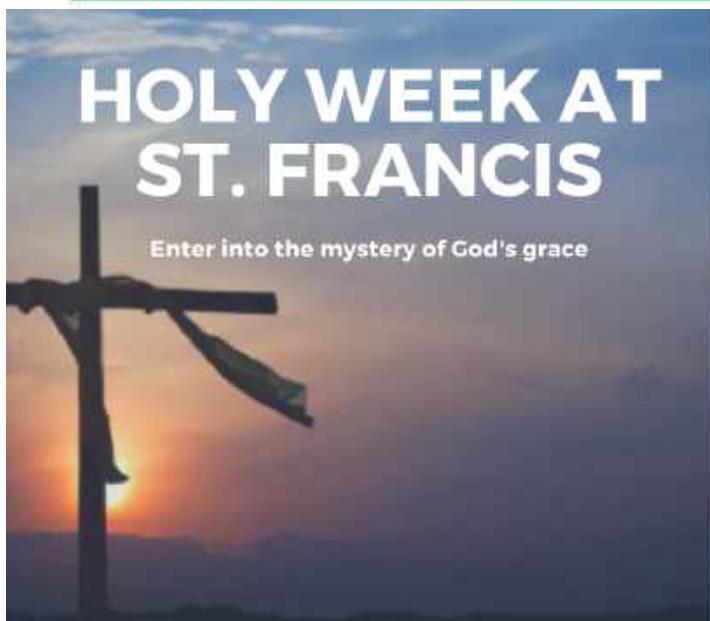
Join us for the Feast of the Resurrection and the celebration of the great mystery of God's victory over death. We worship at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 17, at the Historic Church and 10:00 AM at the Church. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Click Here for 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday



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Click Here for
Maundy Thursday

Click Here for
Good Friday

Services will be held in-person and via Livestream for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. The Easter Vigil will be an in-person only service.



Together Again

Dare we breathe? We've been holding our breath for so long, but now is it time?

Dare we say, Yes, it is?

Dare we plan a special “hello” reunion and a tender “so long”?

Please join us for an extended Joyful Hour, following the 10:00 service on Sunday, April 24th, when we will celebrate being Together Again, and giving our beloved Rector a happy Sabbatical send off.

Treats, surprises, music, smiles and lots of tissues.

For planning purposes, please let us know if you are able to join us.

Of course we know that every one of you will want to be Together Again and especially to bid Mark, “bon voyage”.

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REINTRODUCING WINE INTO THE EUCHARIST



Throughout the history of the Church, communing with both kinds--bread and wine--has been common practice and salutary for those who partake. In the common elements of bread and wine, we receive the extraordinary gift of God's love and grace. The pandemic has challenged those of us who cherish this sacrament. Initially, we learned to cope with the hard reality that we could not receive either bread or wine in the sanctuary, as we worshiped remotely. With the return to in-person worship, we have returned to communion with one kind: bread.

We write with good news regarding the reintroduction of wine to communion. In the past, we used the common cup, either drinking from the cup directly or intincting (dipping the wafer in the wine). With health concerns regarding the practice of the common cup, we will try an experiment for the final Sundays in Lent (April 3 and 10) and for Easter Sunday (April 17).

For those who would like to receive wine, we will use a shallow bowl to intinct the wafer in (to prevent fingers from coming in contact with the wine). The wine will be consecrated with the bread on the altar. We will pour a small amount of wine into a shallow bowl. One priest will serve wafers to those who would like to receive bread only. The other priest will take the wafer, dip it into the bowl, and serve the intincted wafer in the palm of the communicant's hand. As has been our practice, we invite you to return to your seat to consume the elements.

We hope that this experiment will be helpful to your worship practice. Please let us know if you have any questions and what your experience is. After the three Sundays, we will develop a plan going forward. As always, we invite each person to practice what they are most comfortable doing. As the body of Christ is diverse, there are many ways to commune. The important thing is that we recognize that Christ is the host, and all are welcome. Thank you for your flexibility and your understanding during this time. Again, please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Regathering Committee

Jane Lazgin
Cathy Ostuw
Mark Lingle

Aleta Shipley
Deborah Meyers

Jim Hawkins
Richard Weidlich

Eileen Hynes
Claudia Bilotti



**Midweek Lenten Services
with St. Francis and St.
John's Lutheran**
***Metanoia:
What are You Turning
Toward?
What are You Turning
From?***

Wednesdays in Lent at St. John's Lutheran Church
(884 Newfield Avenue)
6:15 PM Soup and Bread
7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service
To join remotely, [click here](#)

Wednesday, April 6

SUNDAYS IN LENT
WALTER BRUEGEMANN

Walter Brueggemann is one of the most
respected Old Testament scholars of our day.
We invite you to view his presentation on the
following topic before this Sunday.



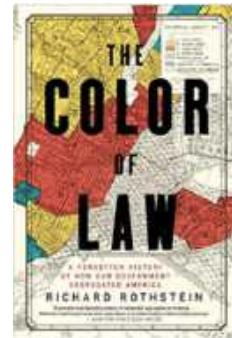
Sunday, April 3
Being Prophetic in Today's World

CLICK HERE

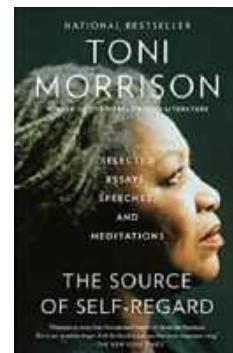


Book Club for 2021 - 2022

May 1
*The Color of
Law*



June 5
*Source of Self-
Regard*



Sunday, May 15,

@ 4:00 PM

Broadway Fab Five

Sarah Bleasdale, Christina De

Richard Weidlich

Charles Widmer, and Kenneth

Gartman on piano





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This summer, we will again join with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to collect new socks and underwear for Stamford's neediest individuals. We will bring our collection to St. Andrew's for distribution on Sunday July 10th "Good Samaritan Sunday." Last year we jointly collected over 1,000 packages of socks and underwear, a value of over \$5,000. Plan to join the fun again! Stay tuned for details about collection dates and most needed items.

**CHURCH LANDSCAPE
AND CLEANUP
MORNING
SATURDAY, APRIL 23
AT
9:00 AM**



Upcoming Landscaping Dates:

May 7 (plant annuals & weed))

June 4

July 9 (Cut down daffodil foliage & weed)

August 6

September 10

October 22 (final clean-up)



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS . . .



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

TUESDAYS @ 5:00 PM

[Join Here](#)



EVENING PRAYER TUESDAYS @ 6:00 PM

[Join Here](#)



MORNING PRAYER THURSDAYS @ 10:00 AM

[Join Here](#)



ONLINE SING-A-LONG FRIDAYS @ 11:00 AM

[Join Here](#)

Adult Forum

**ADULT FORUM ON THE
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF
EACH MONTH**

7:00 - 8:00 PM

We continue to partner with St. John's Lutheran in providing educational opportunities for both churches.

[Join the conversation here.](#)

Tuesday, April 5

Ecology and Faith

Tuesday, April 19

Sabbath and Sabbatical

Tuesday, May 3

Book Discussion

The Color of Law—Richard Rothstein

Tuesday, May 17

TBD



**SNEAK PEEK
LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY
MONDAYS**

**AT
7:00 PM**

Join with members from St. John's Lutheran as we review and discuss the upcoming texts for Sunday. Every Monday at 7:00 PM we meet via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. This is a great way to enrich your experience of the Bible and Sunday worship.

April 4

Luke 19:28-40

April 11

Luke 24:1-12

April 18

John 20:19-31

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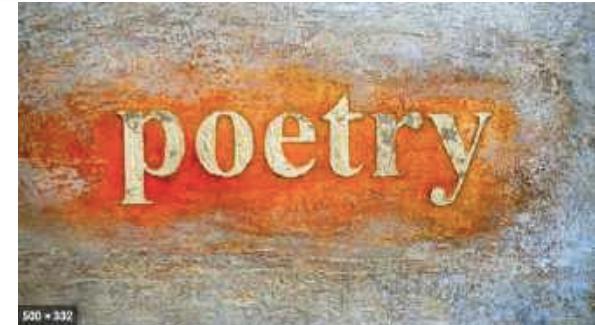
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**MONTHLY
SERVICES
FOR PETS
AND
THEIR PEOPLE
AT
4:00 PM**

April 17



**POETRY EVENING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, AT
6:00 PM**

Join us every other month for a Monday evening Poetry Reading. Our resident poets, Ralph Nazareth and Ed Happ, lead our sharing.

[Join Here](#)



**Prayer
Shawl
ministry**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 5:00 PM

The group has been meeting weekly throughout the pandemic. It is a great way to catch up with others, knit prayer shawls or caps for various causes, and enjoy the company of others.

[Join Here](#)



NEW COVENANT CENTER

focused on
hunger prevention
and social services
for a better life

A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES



MILES FOR A MISSION PARTNER SELECTED NEW COVENANT CENTER WILL BE 2022 ROAD RACE RECIPIENT

The Outreach Committee has selected a partner for the 2022 Miles for a Mission Road Race. We are pleased to announce that the proceeds from this year's race will go to support the important work of New Covenant Center. If you would like to help with the planning of the race, please contact the chairs of the race Cynthia Russell (cynthia@clrussell.net) or Claudia Bilotti (claudia_bilotti@hotmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 9:00 AM**

**New Covenant Center • 174 Richmond Hill Ave
Stamford, Connecticut 06902 • (203) 964-8228**

The mission of New Covenant Center is to provide a nutritious meal to all those who are hungry. By creating a safe, warm and compassionate environment, we are taking the first steps toward empowering men, women and children to reach their full potential and regain their dignity and self-respect.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE MIDNIGHT RUN!!

The first Interfaith Collaborative Midnight Run was a success. On Saturday, March 26, over 30 people gathered at St. John's Lutheran to put the run together, and a group made the trip into New York City to distribute a truckload of clothing and food to those on the streets there.



APRIL

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 2 |
| 3 Lent 5C 8 AM Worship (HC) 10 AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Lenten Discussion | 4 6:00 PM Zoom Poetry 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study | 5 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM Reimagining Church 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 6 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting 6:15 PM Soup and Bread @ St. John's 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service | 7 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 8 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 9 |
| 10 Palm/Passion Sunday 8 AM Worship (HC) 10 AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour | 11 1:30 PM Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study | 12 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | 13 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 14 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (at St. John's) | 15 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (at St. Francis) | 16 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Service (at St. Francis) |
| 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship (Church) 4:00 PM Service for Pets and Their People | 18 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study | 19 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM Reimagining Church 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 20 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry | 21 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 22 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 23 9:00 AM Landscaping Morning 9:00 AM Reimagining Church Meeting |
| 24 8 AM Worship (HC) 10AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Together Again Event | 25 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study | 26 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM | 27 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 28 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 29 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 30 |

MAY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting | 2 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study | 3 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 4 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 5 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 6 | 7 9:00 AM Landscaping Morning |
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| 29 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour | 30 Memorial Day | 31 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry | | | | |