



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person (HC)

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person & Livestream (Church)

Coffee Hour follows In Person & Online:

[HERE](#)

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ALL PROCEEDS TO

**NEW
COVENANT
CENTER**

focused on
hunger prevention
and social services
for a better life

A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

SEPT. 19-25 VIRTUAL RUN/WALK

SEPT. 25 IN PERSON RUN/WALK

2810 LONG RIDGE ROAD, STAMFORD

REGISTER & INFO

WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM/MFM

FAMILY AND DOG FRIENDLY!

PLUS DOGAPALOOZA COMPETITION

The 10th Annual Miles for a Mission race is almost here! Make sure to sign up and get your friends to join us! The race is a major event, and this year's beneficiary — New Covenant Center—does important work for so many in our region.

Join us! See you on the 25th!

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THANK YOU TO ALL AT
ST. FRANCIS FOR THE SABBATICAL
OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER!!



As I begin to dip my feet into the parish ministry pool after four months of sabbatical, one recurring sentiment that remains salient is gratitude. I am so very thankful to the small committee that discussed the possibility of accessing a Lily Grant to take sabbatical, and then said regardless of the outcome, I should take some extended time to rest and recreate. Thank you to Susanne Woods, Cathy Ostuw, Sue Rutz, Patricia Lydon, and Betsy Adams for their efforts to make this possible.

While away, there were innumerable items that were taken care of. Particular thanks goes to the executive committee of Jim Hawkins, Eileen Hynes, and John Coff. Their major efforts made my time truly time away from the cares and concerns of parish life. Thank you to all who filled in as lectors, helping to open or close the churches on Sunday, provided mail pick up and distribution, and so many other things. None of it would have been possible without Cindy Schroer's efforts in the office, Dawn Randall's careful management of the schedule, Cathy Ostuw's expertise in all areas, and Debra Slade's generosity in presiding at worship and preaching each month.

Please join us on Sunday, September 18, following the 10 AM service. I will offer a little snapshot of my time away and what was learned. The executive committee will also address the gathering regarding various lessons learned by the parish over these months. I am truly energized to be back and look forward to continued work with all of you in supporting our life together and sustaining the life of the world around us.

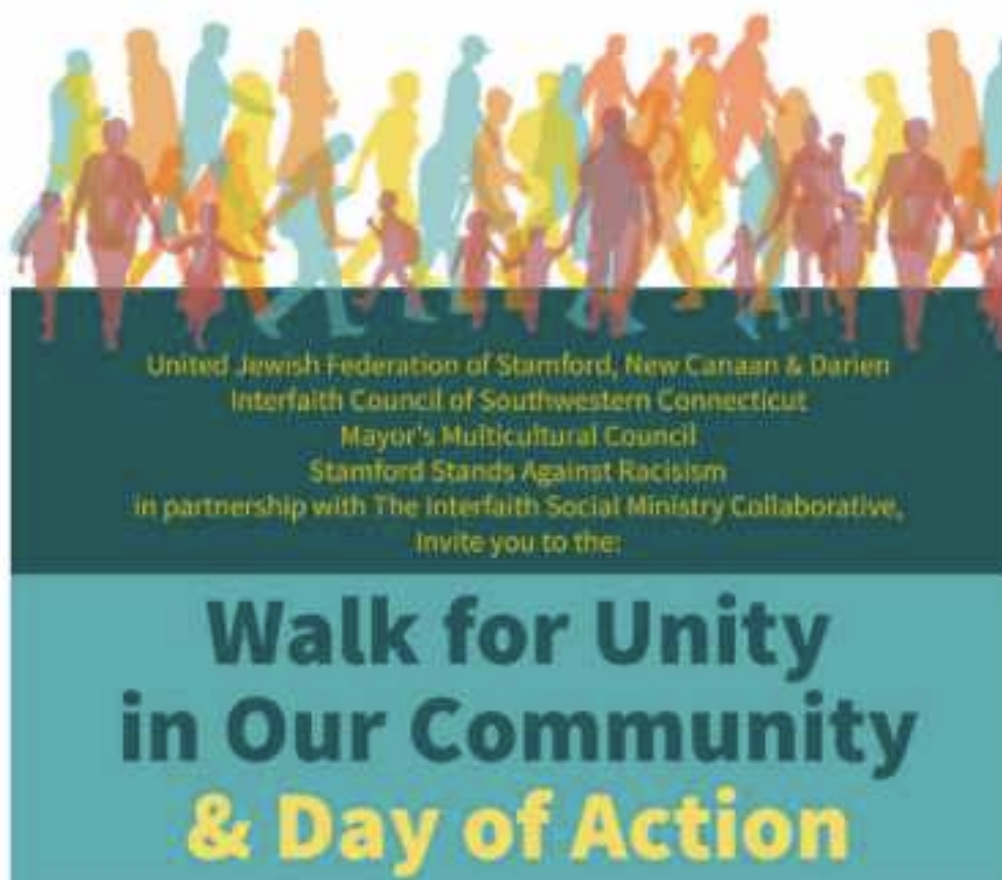
Blessings.





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United Jewish
Federation of Greater
Stamford, New Canaan
& Darien,

Jewish Community
Relations Council

Interfaith Council of
Southwestern CT

Mayor's Multicultural
Council

Stamford Stands Against
Racism

in partnership with the
Interfaith Social
Ministry Collaborative

invite you to:

Walk for Unity in our Community and Day of Action

Sunday, September 11,

1:00pm-3:00PM

Mill River Park in Stamford

Please join us for this special day where we will build stronger ties within and between the diverse faith and cultural communities in Stamford, New Canaan & Darien and participate in volunteer activities to make the world a safer, happier and cleaner place to live and work.

This program is FREE, registration is required

Questions? Contact Sharon Lewis slewis@ujf.org 203-32-1373, ext 1005

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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RALLY SUNDAY
GET INVOLVED



RALLY SUNDAY & SABBATICAL PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 18

Our unofficial leap back into the program year begins on September 18. Information about committees and ways to get involved at St. Francis will be available. A festive coffee hour will follow the 10:00 AM service. We will also hold a forum following the 10AM service on Pastor Mark's recent sabbatical. Come out to hear stories and see pictures of the past four months and lessons learned.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th and beyond!

GODLY PLAY...

For Children Pre-K to Fourth
Grade begins on Sunday,
September 18.

In Godly Play children are invited to join the circle, enter the Bible and the history of God's people. We begin our time together with a story about the people of God or Jesus. We have a feast, and we finish with a response: either arts and crafts or working with the Godly Play materials. Older children will learn how to find stories in the Bible.

Please join us.





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**SNEAK PEEK
LECTIONARY STUDY
MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM**

[Join Here](#)



**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](#)



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LANDSCAPING MORNINGS SATURDAYS, September 17 & October 22

Thank you to Beazie Larned for keeping us organized and making the campus at St. Francis look so beautiful. The fall Landscaping Mornings will be held on Saturday,

September 17, and on Saturday, October 22. The October date will also be a clean up event, with work taking place on the grounds as well as in the basement.

You don't need any experience gardening to help, and many hands make light work. Show up for 30 minutes, an hour or more. Every bit helps. We start at 9 AM and will end around 11 AM. All help, for as little or as long as you can offer, is greatly appreciated!



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

SAVE THE DATES!!



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18**

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**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 16**

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**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19**

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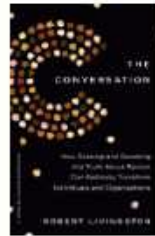
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FERGUSON LIBRARY

Join us for a discussion with
Dr. Robert Livingston
Monday, October 3 at 6 p.m.
Main Library Dudley N. Williams, Jr.
Auditorium



Dr. Livingston is a Harvard social psychologist and leading expert on the science of underlying bias and racism in organizations. He will discuss his book, *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*.



In the wake of the social unrest of 2020 and growing calls for racial justice, many business leaders and ordinary citizens were asking a simple question: How can I become part of the solution?

In *The Conversation*, Dr. Livingston provides a science-based road map to answer this question and help uproot entrenched biases along with candid, fact-based perspectives on race that will lead to increased awareness, empathy, and action.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

In partnership with the City of Stamford, Fairfield County's Community Foundation, the Mayor's Multicultural Council, 100 Black Men, Domus Equity Institute, Stamford Community, Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford NAACP, Stamford Public Education Foundation, and Stamford Stands Against Racism.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE DINNER SERVICE AT PACIFIC HOUSE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Outreach Committee invites members of St. Francis to help with preparing and serving a meal to guests at Pacific House Emergency Shelter on Tuesday, October 4. Volunteers are needed to prepare dinner for 48 individuals. More information and a sign-up list will be available the week of September 12th.





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Movie Discussion Night

Sunday October 2, 2022 • 6 PM

This Month's Selection is:

Out of Africa



Watch the movie at home and join us outside in the Cloister (weather permitting)
Food will be provided and bring your favorite beverage.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St Francis Main Church

2810 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT

RSVP to Aleta Shipley - aleta.shipley@gmail.com



ALTAR GUILD BREAKFAST

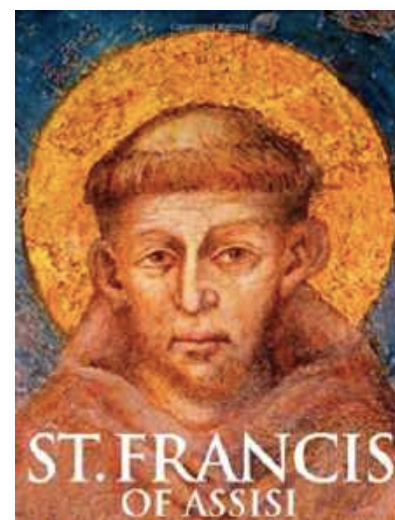
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00 AM**

The 8 AM and 10 AM altar guilds will hold a joint breakfast on Saturday, October 1, to plan for the coming year. We will meet in the Meeting Room on Old Long Ridge Road. These gatherings are always a fun time. If you have any interest in the altar guild, please contact Beazie Larned (BEAZIE@AOL.COM) or Claudia Bilotti (CLAUDIA_BILOTTI@HOTMAIL.COM).

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 8 & 10AM SERVICES

Join us on Sunday, October 2, at either the 8 AM or 10 AM service, as we celebrate our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. Pets are welcome to these services, and we will hold a liturgy for the blessing of the animals in the midst of the service.

People get communion. Pets get a blessing!!





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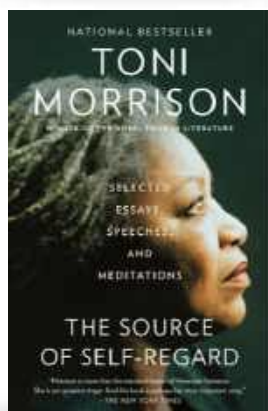
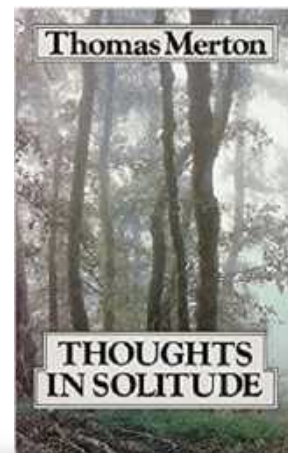
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BOOK CLUB



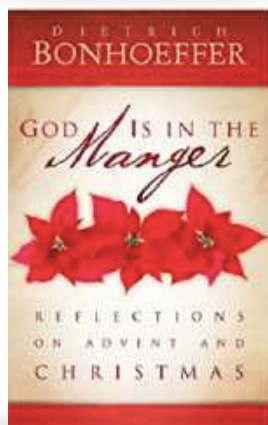
Sunday, October 2
Hiding in Plain Sight
by
Orlene Allen Gallops
(The author will be present
for the discussion)

Sundays in Lent
Thoughts in Solitude
by
Thomas Merton



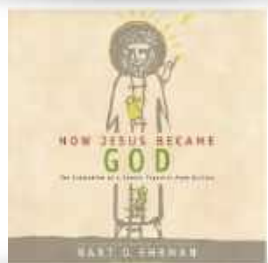
Sunday, November 20
The Source of Self-Regard
by
Toni Morrison

Sunday, May 7
See No Stranger
by
Valerie Kaur



November 27
December 4
December 11
December 18
God is in the Manger
By
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sunday, June 11
The 1619 Project
by
Nikole Hannah Jones



Sunday, January 22
How Jesus Became God
by
Bart Ehrman



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

ANNUAL CONVENTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Once a year, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut gathers together in one place for prayer, listening, learning, and to conduct the business of the Church. This year marks a major event in the ordination of the 16th Bishop Diocesan, The Rev. Jeffrey Mello.

ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF THE REV. JEFFREY WILLIAM MELLO

XVI Bishop Diocesan of the
Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Saturday, October 15
Connecticut Convention Center

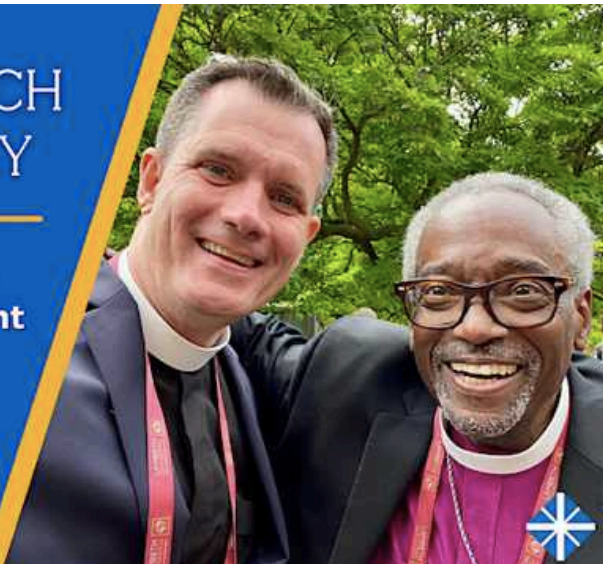
Doors open: 10 AM
Service: 11 AM

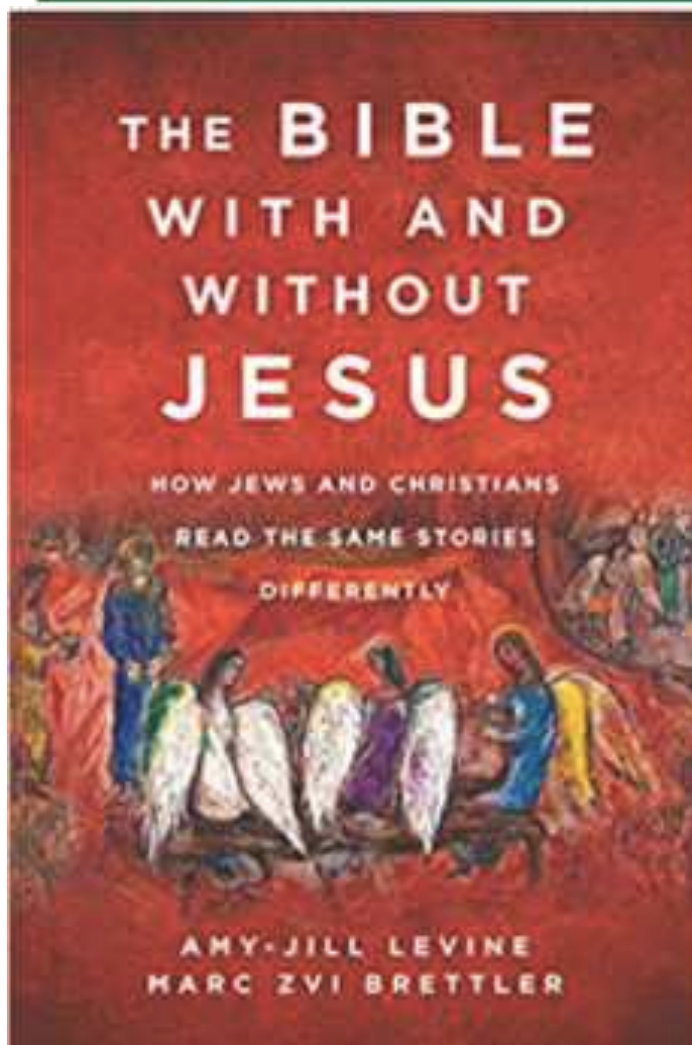


MEETING AND LUNCH WITH ECCT CLERGY

Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello
Consecration Weekend Event

Friday, October 14
11 AM - 1 PM
Christ Church Cathedral





The Bible With and Without Jesus

This is a Jewish & Christian study with members from Temple Beth-El, St. John's Lutheran Church, and St. Francis. These discussions begin at 6:00 PM and run for the last two Thursdays in October and the first two Thursdays in November. We will provide the sections to be discussed the week prior to gathering. This is a great way to learn more about Judaism as well as deepening your understanding of Christianity. We hope that it also becomes an opportunity for our respective congregations to develop stronger connections and further the work of understanding, mutual respect, and collaborative action. We will be meeting in person at Temple Beth-El and St. John's, and we will promote links to join online.

Join us!

October 20 @ Temple Beth-El

On Bibles and Their Interpreters

October 27 @ Temple Beth-El

A Virgin Will Conceive and Bear a Child

November 3 @ St. John's Lutheran

Drink My Blood: Sacrifice and Atonement

November 10 @ St. John's Lutheran

An Eye for an Eye & Turn the Other Cheek



MIDNIGHT RUN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7:00 PM

St. Francis joins with the other Churches and Synagogues that make up the Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative to hold a Midnight Run on Saturday, November 5. We will gather at St. John's Lutheran Church (884 Newfield Avenue) at 7:00 PM to prepare the bag lunches, sort the clothes, prepare the hygiene bags, and load the truck. Those making the "Run" into New York City will leave around 9:00 PM and return around 2:00 AM. The Midnight Run provides food, clothing, and hospitality to those living on the streets in New York City. We will collect clothing and hygiene items starting at the end of October and through November.

You can drop them off at the Church or at the Meeting Room.

The clothing and hygiene items needed for the "Run" include:

Tee shirts	Pants	Socks	Hats	Light
Jackets	Blankets	Sleeping Bags	Shirts	
Sweaters	Shoes	Underwear	Toothbrushes	
*TS Toothpaste	*TS Soap	*TS Shampoo	*TS Mouthwash	
*TS Shaving Cream	Deodorant	Towels	Washcloths	

**Travel-Sized*



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THANKSGIVING SERVICE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 10:00 AM

Join us at the Historic Church for this quintessential New England service. The Historic Church is a lovely setting, the hymns and texts are enriching, and the Eucharist is a wonderful way to begin your day of Thanksgiving.



WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE Thursday, December 1 7:00 PM First United Methodist Church



HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL SERVICE Wednesday, December 21 6:00 PM Bethel A.M.E. Church 150 Fairfield Avenue



INTERFAITH THEOLOGICAL FORUM

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD:

RELIGIOUS RESPONSES IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CRISIS

Third Thursday of each month@ 7:00 PM

These gatherings will be In-Person at the designated church, and the online link will be available for the meetings from October on next month.

SEPTEMBER 15

Host: St. John's Lutheran & Online Link: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stjohnelca>

Presenter: Dr. Kareem Adeeb (President of the Interfaith Council/Islam)

OCTOBER 20

Host: Temple Beth-El

Presenter: Duane Pederson (St. John's Lutheran)/Mark Lingle (St. Francis Episcopal)

NOVEMBER 17

Host: Church of the Archangels Greek Orthodox

Presenter: Kristina Hansen (First United Methodist)

DECEMBER 15

Host: Islamic Cultural Center of New York in Stamford (or First UMC)

Presenter: Jay TelRav (Temple Sinai)

JANUARY 19

Host: First Presbyterian Church

Presenter: Sathya Sai Baba Community (Representative to be determined)

FEBRUARY 16

Host: Temple Sinai

Presenter: Andrew Kryzak (St. John's Episcopal)

MARCH 16

Host: Bethel A.M.E. Church

Presenter: Harry Pappas (Church of the Archangels Greek Orthodox)/
Chris Altrock (Stamford Church of Christ)

APRIL 20

Host: Stamford Church of Christ

Presenter: Josh Hammerman (Temple Beth-El)/
Inni Kaur (Guru Tegh Bahudar Ji Foundation/Sikh)



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BrC's 7th Annual Colloquium The Road to CT: Forced Migration, Integration, and the Power of the Community

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2022

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
& Silent Auction

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Panel Discussion and Q&A

The Stamford Yacht Club

97 Ocean Drive West, Stamford CT

Muzaffar Chishti, a lawyer, is an MPI Senior Fellow and Director of the MPI office at New York University School of Law. His work focuses on U.S. immigration policy at the federal, state, and local levels; the intersection of labor and immigration law; immigration enforcement; civil liberties; and immigrant integration.

Michael Hernández is an MPP candidate at the University of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a dual degree in Political Science and Economics in the Honors Program. Off-campus, he has worked on political campaigns, the U.S. Census, the Stamford Housing Affordability Study, and the historic Afford to Dream Act.

Kathryn Libal, Ph.D., is the Director of the Human Rights Institute and an Associate Professor of Social Work and Human Rights at the University of Connecticut. Since 2007, she has taught at the School of Social Work and Human Rights Institute, specializing in human rights, refugee resettlement, and social welfare.

Jennifer Williams, Esq., is BrC's Immigration Removal Defense Director and will moderate our panel. Since 2007, Jennifer has practiced as an attorney specializing in immigration law, with a focus on removal defense representation cases that involve the intersection of criminal-immigration law.

Our Panelists



Muzaffar Chishti



Michael Hernández



Kathryn Libal, Ph.D.



Jennifer Williams, Esq.





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THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

The United Thank Offering presents

THE GREAT EPISGOPAL RACE

in partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries

Register soon for the Great EpisGOPal Race

Oct. 14-23

REGISTER TODAY

The United Thank Offering and Episcopal Migration Ministries are teaming up for this fall's Great EpisGOPal Race, **now scheduled for Oct. 14-23**. This virtual event offers multiple fun ways—run, bike, swim, hike, paddle board, and more—to participate and raise funds to support refugee resettlement and other special ministries and missions. Sign up on your own or create a team. [Learn more.](#)



SEPTEMBER

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4 8 AM Worship 10 AM Worship	5 Labor Day	6 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	7	8 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service 7:00 PM Building One Community Colloquium	9	10
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18 RALLY SUNDAY 8 AM Worship 10 AM Worship 11 AM Rally Sunday & Sabbatical Presentation 2:30 PM Long Ridge Cemetery Annual Memorial Service 4:00 PM Service for Pets and Their People	19 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	20 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum	21 Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 5:00 PM Outreach Committee 7:00 PM Vestry	22 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service	23	24
25 Miles for a Mission Road Race 8 AM Worship 9:00 AM Road Race & Dogapalooza	26 Rosh Hashanah 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	27 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	28	29 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service	30	1 9:00 AM Altar Guild Breakfast

OCTOBER

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