



# 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)

Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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People of St. Francis

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On Sabbatical May - August

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## **LISTENING TO YOUR LIFE...**

Years ago, I drove a group of students from Wooster School to New York City for a Midnight Run. It was well past midnight, and we were scheduled for a stop near Times Square. Because of the time of day, the drive should have been relatively easy. However, a prize fight had taken place that evening, and the fans of the winner had flooded the streets. It was bumper to bumper with people celebrating in the streets. I remember thinking that I could never have imagined that night as a young boy growing up on a farm in northern Minnesota! Indeed, much of life has been beyond my wildest imaginings.

One of those unimaginable experiences is about to take place. I have been given the gift of time—four months to be exact—by you, the generous people of St. Francis. This sabbatical has been 30 years in the making, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to step away from the daily concerns of parish life. I know that many do not and cannot experience a sabbatical. Thus, I am doubly thankful for this blessing of time. I will be using much of the time to reconnect with family and friends in Minnesota, Montana, and the Adirondacks. While doing this, I will also engage in a good deal of hiking, which is a love that I have had for a good deal of my life.

I know that St. Francis is in good hands. Wardens, Jim Hawkins and Eileen Hynes, have worked tirelessly to prepare for coverage while I am away, and the good work of the Sabbatical Committee will ensure that things run as smoothly as possible. While this is an opportunity for me to step away, it is also an opportunity for the parish to grow more deeply into its ministry. Indeed, there are a number of activities that you will see in this newsletter that will engage members of St. Francis. I look forward to hearing about your experiences when I return in September. Please know you remain in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings.

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## SABBATICAL COMMUNICATIONS



As Pastor Mark prepares to begin his sabbatical, there is important information to send out about communication and coverage over the next four months. Thank you to wardens, Jim Hawkins and Eileen Hynes, and the Sabbatical Committee of Aleta Shipley, Deborah Meyers, Rich Lee, Dawn Randall, and John Coff for the excellent organizing that they have done to prepare for the sabbatical coverage.

Things you should know:

- Throughout the summer someone will be in possession of the Church cell phone. The number is: **203-939-5571**. Please call this number if you have an emergency, a question, or a concern. Calls into the office will also be forwarded to this number.
- There is a designated email the wardens will use for Church related business. You can reach them at: [wardens.stfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:wardens.stfrancis@gmail.com)
- There are local clergy who will be on call each week in case of a pastoral emergency. Again, please call 203-939-5571 if you are in need of pastoral care.
- The Friday weekly email will continue to be published, and it will include the calendar information. Please use this to stay up to date with activities and events.
- The Saturday email (worship service link, bulletin, and sermon) will go out on Saturday. The Monday email with links to the activities of the week will also be published with the Saturday mailing.
- Stand alone emails will also be published. If you or a committee you are a part of need to get information out, please let Jim Hawkins ([jrhawkinsii@gmail.com](mailto:jrhawkinsii@gmail.com) or 203-940-3512) or Eileen Hynes ([eghynes@yahoo.com](mailto:eghynes@yahoo.com) or 203-249-6391) know, so that those emails can be coordinated.

Thank you for your attention to this information, and thank you for your help over the coming months.





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## SECOND ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA EVENT GREAT FUN!



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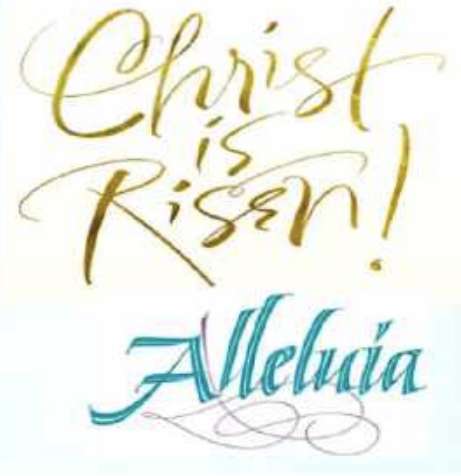




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## IMAGES FROM OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS







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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022**  
**AT 2:00PM**

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

**GERRIT V. LYDECKER**

St. Francis Church  
2810 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, CT

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:  
33 SWEET BRIAR ROAD  
STAMFORD, CT

**RSVP: [askmags@gmail.com](mailto:askmags@gmail.com)**



Dad loved his vegetable garden and we will plant it again this year in his memory. If you would like to bring one of his favorite vegetables to be added to the garden, please bring it with you to the reception at our home following the memorial and it will be planted in your name.



# *Together Again*

We had a wonderful event following the 10 AM service on Sunday, April 24. Thank you to the musicians, Richard Weidlich, Nicole Salomon, and Jim Fredericks who treated us to some classic standards. Thank you to all who supplied the wonderful refreshments. Thank you to all who joined in to this *Together Again* venture. And thank you to Margery Irish for organizing this first major get together in years!







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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, MAY 7 AT 9:00 AM**



### **Upcoming Landscaping Dates:**

June 4  
July 9 (Cut down daffodil foliage & weed)  
August 6  
September 10  
October 22 (final clean-up)

## MONTHLY OFFERINGS. . .

During the Sabbatical, we are trying on monthly activities to reconnect and enjoy the company of those at St. Francis. Information will be sent out for each of the events (e.g. location, movie, etc.).

Contact the following:

Hiking: John Coff ([johncoffjr@gmail.com](mailto:johncoffjr@gmail.com))

Men's Group: Jim Hawkins ([jrhawkinsii@gmail.com](mailto:jrhawkinsii@gmail.com))

Movie Night: Aleta Shipley ([aleta.shipley@gmail.com](mailto:aleta.shipley@gmail.com))

Bowling: Eileen Hynes ([eghynes@yahoo.com](mailto:eghynes@yahoo.com))

### MEN'S GROUP @ 9:30 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 7

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

SATURDAY, JULY 23



### HIKING CLUB @ 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 21

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

SATURDAY, JULY 30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

\*RAIN DATE THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING



### BOWLING GROUP @ 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

SATURDAY, JULY 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20



### MOVIE NIGHT @ 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 15

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

SUNDAY, JULY 17

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7





**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED  
WITH THE INITIAL LANDSCAPING  
MORNING**



**THANK YOU FOR THE  
EASTER FLOWERS!!**





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## POETRY EVENING

MONDAYS

**JUNE 6 & AUGUST 1, @ 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](#)



**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](#)



**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.

**May 2**

**[John 10:22-30](#)**

**May 9**

**[John 13:31-35](#)**

**May 16**

**[John 14:23-29](#)**

[Join the conversation here.](#)





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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](mailto:cynthia@clRussell.net)) or Claudia Bilotti ([claudia\\_bilotti@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Gerrit Lydecker Memorial	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Landscaping Morning <b>9:30 PM</b> Men's Group
<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>5:00 PM</b> Movie Night	<b>16</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Hiking Club
<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>Noon</b> Rain Date for Hiking Club	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry				



# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	2 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	3	4 9:00 AM Landscaping Morning
5 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour	6 6:00 PM Poetry Zoom Night	7 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	9 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	10	11 9:30 PM Men's Group
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26 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour Noon Rain Date for Hiking Club	27	28 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	29 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	30 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist		

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Landscaping Morning
<b>10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>11</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Bowling Group
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<b>24</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Hiking Club
<b>31</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>Noon</b> Rain Date for Hiking Club						



# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Poetry Zoom Night	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Landscaping Morning
<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>5:00 PM</b> Movie Night	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>Noon</b> Rain Date for Hiking Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Executive Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>31</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting			