



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INCLUSIVE – BECAUSE DIVERSITY WAS GOD'S IDEA

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Livestream

Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

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Welcome back to the monthly newsletter!

We took a small hiatus due to the pandemic. It is hard to believe that it has been six months. And while we have been unable to gather together for worship, a great deal of ministering has been going on. Indeed, the rhythm of our life together is different, but we have adapted some of our old activities and invented some new ones, to enrich our own lives and those of the greater

community. Evening and Morning Prayer services complement our Sunday livestream. The Prayer Shawl Ministry group continues to meet and deliver prayer shawls. Ed Happ and Ralph Nazareth host Poetry Slams. A joyful noise is made with Zoom Sing-alongs. Michele Beudert has masterfully kept Godly Play going with her personal, weekly mailings to the kids. Miles for a Mission had its most successful race, bringing in over \$38,000 for Equal Justice Initiative. We joined in on a Habitat for Humanity Work Day. And there is more. While we are not physically together, the spirit of St. Francis—loving, giving, pardoning—is alive and well. Thank you for your part in our life together, and I hope to see you soon.

The following is from a letter that we just sent to the parish:

As we near Rally Sunday and the start of the program year at St. Francis on September 13, I hope that this note finds you well, and blessings on you all now and always. I write to alert you to a few important items and events in our life together.

First and foremost, please understand we will not hold in-person worship at this time. While some churches have returned to their buildings, the wardens, vestry, and I, following the guidance of our bishops and others, feel that the risk of a possible infection is still too great. Our concern is for the safety of all members. It would be unconscionable for anyone to get sick due to our actions. Thus, we will continue with our Sunday livestream for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your patience in this difficult time.

Private Prayer Options & Health Screening Form

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LocalLive

Join us on **Sunday, September 13**, for our Rally Sunday worship service at 10:00 AM. We will be using our new livestream service, LocalLive. Here is the link for St. Francis: <https://events.locallive.tv/school/stfrancisstamford> While we will shift away from Facebook livestreaming, we invite you to go to the St. Francis Facebook page to stay connected during the service with other parishioners. The move to this new service will provide high quality and reliable broadcasting. It makes life immeasurably easier for David Woods who has made the livestream possible from the beginning of the pandemic. And it will also allow us to seamlessly transition to in-person worship while still providing a streaming option for parishioners.

Rally Sunday

Following the service on the 13th, join us for a special Rally Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom. We will hear from many of the committee chairs regarding ways to get involved and to continue the vibrant life we are engaged in at St. Francis. Please join us at: <https://zoom.us/j/809952475>

Cottage Meetings

The committee working on the clergy sabbatical grant will hold a number of cottage meetings (distanced in-person and on Zoom) over the next two weeks. We invite you to sign up for one of the following dates and times. Your input is very important to this process, and thank you for your participation. Sign up [here](#), and the dates include:

Sat, 9/12 2:00 pm Outside Mon, 9/14 11:00 am Zoom
Thurs, 9/17 3:00 pm Outside Friday, 9/18 2:00 pm Outside
Friday, 9/18 5:00 pm Zoom Sunday, 9/20 2:00 pm Zoom
Wed, 9/23 10:30 am Outside Thurs, 9/24 6:30 pm Zoom

Thank you for your part in our life together. I hope to see you soon, and blessings be with you in the meantime.

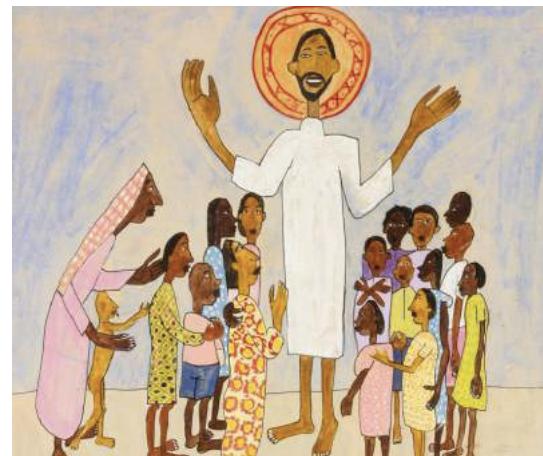
Peace,
Mark

A Prayer for the Start of School

“And Jesus took the children (and the teachers, school administrators, school staff, cooks, bus drivers, janitors, parents, grandparents) in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.” (Mark 10:16)

Wherever you find yourself this back to school season – at the computer, in a classroom, at home, wearing a mask, keeping distance, gathered in small groups, disinfecting every surface, learning with parents – this prayer is for you.

Bless the school year ahead – fill it with compassion for those making difficult decisions, comfort to parents wondering how to manage home, work, and school, and strength to teachers navigating new ways of learning.



Bless the school year ahead – reminding us to see our neighbors as ourselves and Christ in all that we meet.

Bless the school year ahead – remembering that God always goes before us and claims us as beloved children of God.

Bless the school year ahead – trusting your grace in our lives and hope for what is to come.

Be with us this year. Grant us your wisdom, Lord, that we continue to seek it, and look for signs of your love all around us.

Kimberly Knowle-Zeller is an ordained ELCA pastor, mother of two, and spouse of an ELCA pastor.



RALLY SUNDAY

9/13/20

GET INVOLVED



JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 13!

We get back into the swing of the program year with Rally Sunday. As with so many things during the pandemic, this will be a Rally Sunday unlike others. We will have an expanded zoom coffee hour, with various committee chairs providing information about their committee work and ways that you can get involved at St. Francis. Join the coffee hour at: <https://zoom.us/j/809952475>

We look forward to seeing you!

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Weekly Worship Rhythms

Tuesdays between 10AM and Noon

Private Prayer in the Church

[Sign up here](#)

Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

[Connect here](#)

Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM

Evening Meditation

[Connect here](#)

Thursdays @ 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

[Connect here](#)

Thursdays between 2 PM and 4 PM

Private Prayer in the Historic Church

[Sign up here](#)

Fridays @ 11:00 AM

Zoom Sing-a-long

[Connect here](#)



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Prayer Shawl ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM during the pandemic. You can connect to the group using the following Zoom link:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7804365193?
pwd=MndRN3hWYlFFc2UyYXFsvVhxatJtdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7804365193?pwd=MndRN3hWYlFFc2UyYXFsvVhxatJtdz09)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DATES

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday, September 29

Tuesday, October 6

MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE



September 20

October 18

November 15

POETRY ZOOM READINGS

We gather via Zoom on the following Mondays for an open evening of reading poetry. We are led by poets Ralph Nazareth and Ed Happ.

Monday, September 14

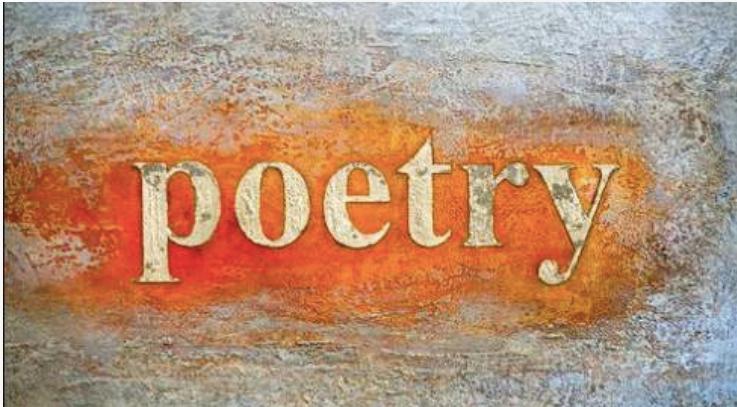
Monday, November 9

Monday, January 11

Monday, March 8

Monday, May 10

Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6993581055>

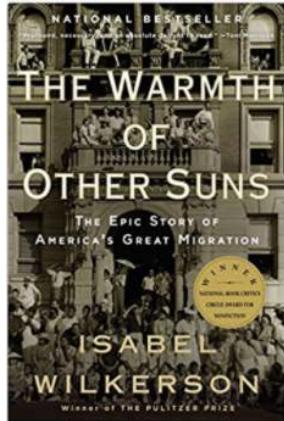




Book Club for 2020 - 2021

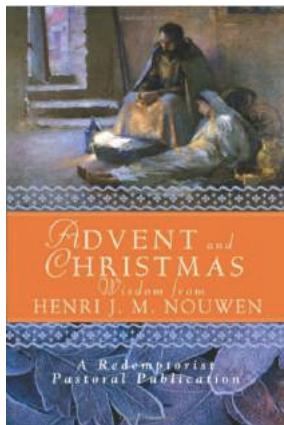
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The Warmth of Other Suns



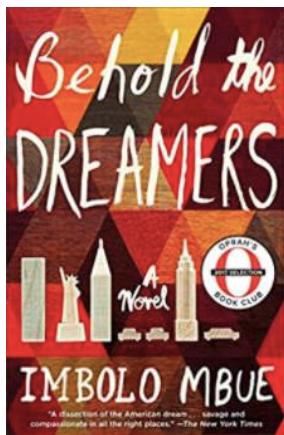
Sundays in Advent
Nov. 29
Dec. 6
Dec. 13
Advent &

Christmas: Wisdom from Henri Nouwen



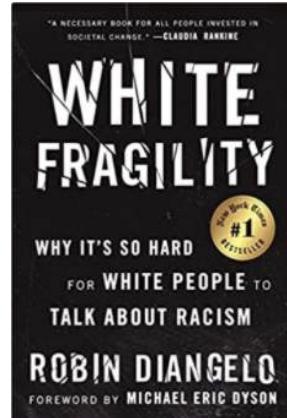
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Behold the Dreamers



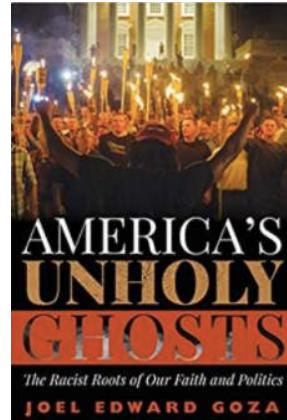
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White Fragility



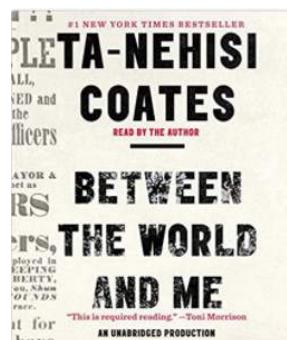
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America's Unholy Ghosts



June 13

Between the World and Me





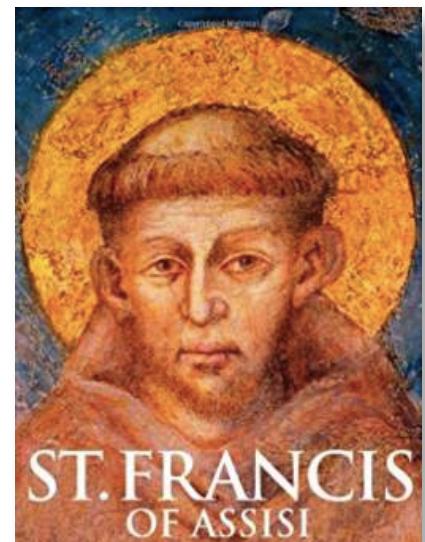
**ALTAR GUILD BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
9:00 AM**

The Historic Church and New Church Altar Guilds will meet via Zoom on Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 AM for breakfast and a planning session for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Beazie Larned or Claudia Bilotti. You can connect to the meeting via Zoom [here](#).

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
VIRTUAL *BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS*
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 10:00AM
AND DURING THE ZOOM COFFEE HOUR**

We continue with the blessing of the animals on the Feast Sunday of our Patron Saint, St. Francis of Assisi. This year we

will hold a virtual blessing during the 10:00 AM service, and we invite everyone to jump on the coffee hour zoom for a special blessing for each pet. This is a difficult time, but it is always good to celebrate our furry friends who are so special to life's journey. You can access the Coffee Hour Zoom [here](#).



**ST. FRANCIS
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Adult Forum

First and Third Tuesdays of Each Month
7:00 - 8:00 PM

This year we will partner with St. John's Lutheran in providing educational opportunities for both churches. The link to the zoom meetings is [here](#).

September 15

Book Study: [The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration](#),
Isabel Wilkerson

October 6

Inni Kaur, Guru Tegh Bahudar Ji Foudation (Sikh Tradition)

October 20

Joan Carty, President and CEO of the Housing Development Fund

November 3

Book Study: [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#),
Robin Diangelo

November 17

Imam Ashraf Nassar, Islamic Cultural Center of New York, Stamford

December 1

Rev. Dr. Michael Christie, Union Baptist Church & Prison Chaplain

December 15

Rafael Pagan, Ex. Director of Pacific House & Chair of Open Doors Fairfield Cty

January 5

Ben Wade, Stamford Hospital

January 19

Book Study: [America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics](#),
Joel Edward Goza

February 2

Guy Fortt, President of the Stamford NAACP



236TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 14-18, 2020

This year the Convention will be virtual due to the Coronavirus pandemic. There will be reports of various committees, resolutions for the church in Connecticut, election of officers, and the approval of the ECCT budget. Some items and images below give you a flavor of the richness of the Church in Connecticut.



Young Adult Task Force

[REPORTS](#)



Camp Washington

[REPORTS](#)

Hispanic Ministry Network

[REPORTS](#)

Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation

[REPORTS](#)

Liturgy Commission

[REPORTS](#)





**THANKSGIVING SERVICE
THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 28
10:00 AM**

We will offer a virtual Thanksgiving Service this year. More information will be coming. Save the date, and join us at 10:00 AM to begin your Thanksgiving observance.

Homeless Persons
Interfaith
Memorial Service

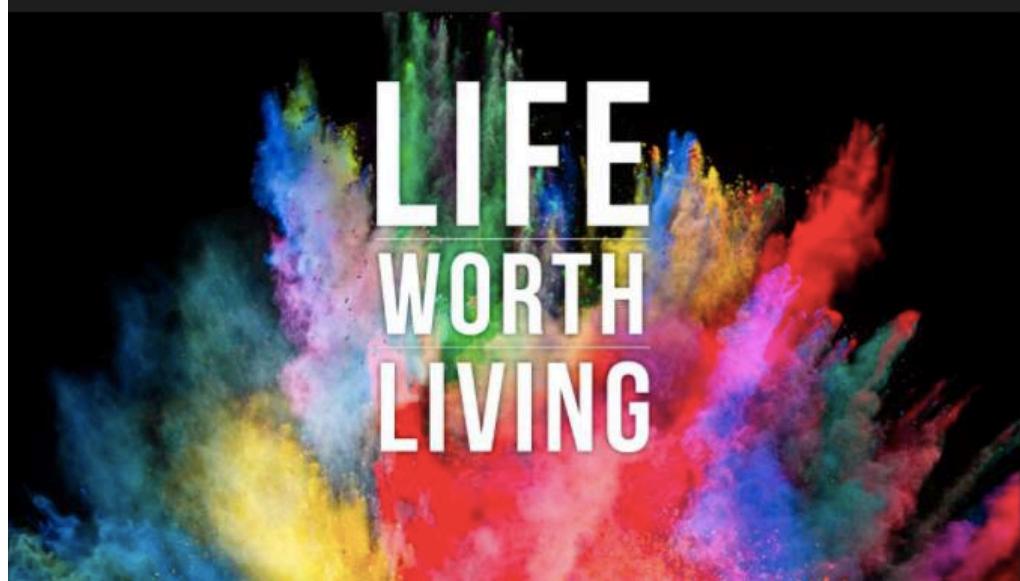


**WORLD AIDS DAY
SERVICE
Tuesday, December 1
7:00 PM**

Access to worship TBD

**HOMELESS PERSONS
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Monday, December 21
6:30 PM**

Access to worship: TBD



**MIDWINTER
INTERFAITH
THEOLOGICAL
STUDY**

***WHAT IS THE LIFE WORTH LIVING?
AN EXPLORATION OF RELIGIOUS RESPONSES***

Thursday, January 21

St. John's Lutheran

The Rev. Duane Pederson

Thursday, January 28

Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

Thursday, February 4

Imam Kareem Adeeb

Thursday, February 11

Church of the Archangels

Father Harry Pappas

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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| | | | | 1 9:00 AM Morning Prayer | 2 11:00 AM Music Sing-a-long | 3 9:00 AM Altar Guild Meeting |
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UPCOMING EVENTS ~

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 2:00 PM | COTTAGE MEETING |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 10:00 AM | RALLY SUNDAY WORSHIP |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 10:45 AM | RALLY SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 11:00 AM | ZOOM COTTAGE MEETING |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 7:00 PM | ZOOM POETRY READING |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 5:00 PM | PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 6:00 PM | EVENING MEDITATION |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 7:00 PM | ADULT FORUM: BOOK DISCUSSION- <i>THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 6:00 PM | VESTRY MEETING |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 9:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 3:00 PM | SOCIALLY-DISTANCED COTTAGE MEETING |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 11:00 AM | ZOOM SING A LONG |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 2:00 PM | SOCIALLY DISTANCED COTTAGE MEETING |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 5:00 PM | ZOOM COTTAGE MEETING |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 10:00 AM | WORSHIP |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 10:45 AM | ZOOM COFFEE HOUR |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 2:00 PM | ZOOM COTTAGE MEETING |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 4:00 PM | SERVICE FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 5:00 PM | PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:00 PM | EVENING MEDITATION |
| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 10:30 AM | SOCIALLY DISTANCED COTTAGE MEETING |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 9:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM COTTAGE MEETING |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 11:00 AM | ZOOM SING A LONG |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 10:00 AM | WORSHIP |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 10:45 AM | ZOOM COFFEE HOUR |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 11:00 AM | BOOK CLUB: <i>THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS</i> |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | | YOM KIPPUR |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 9:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER |