



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](#)

PARISH OFFICE

Church : 2810 Long Ridge Road
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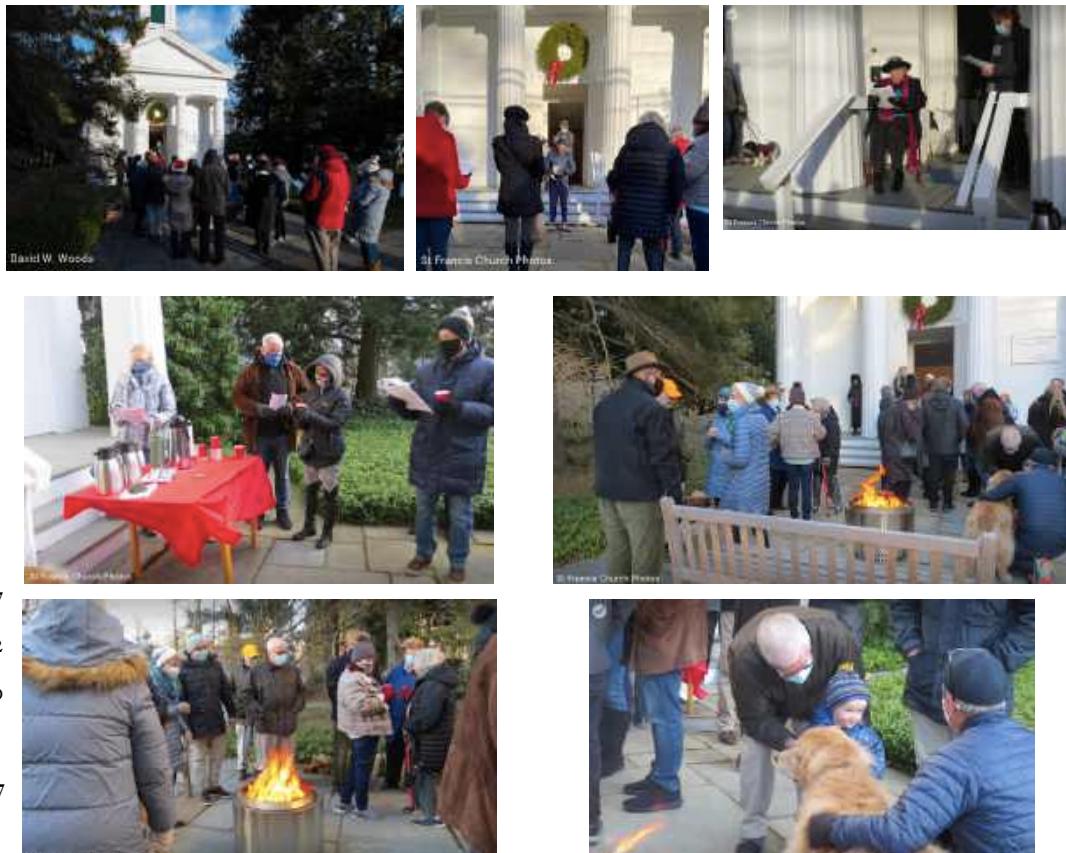
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Dawn Valenti	203-249-1535

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE A COVID TWIST ON A SEASONAL FAVORITE

It was wonderful to gather together in front of the Historical Church and sing seasonal favorites for our Lessons & Carols Service on December 19th. COVID altered the place (outside) but not the spirit!

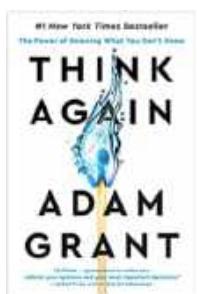


Note, the schedule for all in-person events is still subject to change. Please check stfrancisstamford.org/pages/google-calendar and the Weekly Newsletters for the most current information.

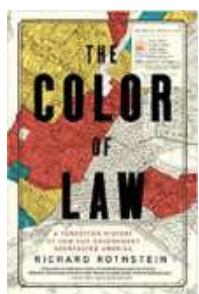


Book Club for 2021 - 2022

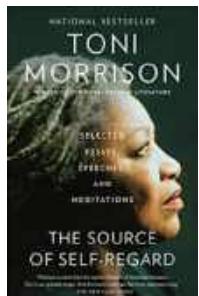
February 6
Think Again



May 1
The Color of Law



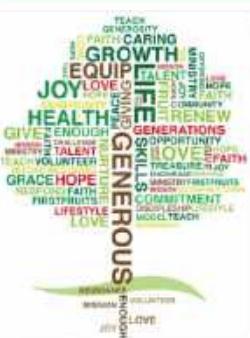
June 5
*Source of Self-
Regard*



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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PLEDGED FOR 2022

We are close to reaching our goal of \$250,000 in pledges for 2022. Thank you to all who have given so generously. If you would like to pledge, it is not too late. You can send in the pledge card, email Pastor Mark at marklingle.pastor@gmail.com or pledge online at: <https://www.stfrancisstamford.org/give>



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE DOVE PROGRAM!

St. Francis raised \$1571.82 to support Person to Person's Dove Program. Along with other organizations, we made it possible for Person to Person to provide a full days meal to almost 800 seniors.

Thank you all!!



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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
FIRST AND THIRD
TUESDAYS OF EACH
MONTH**

7:00 - 8:00 PM

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

[Join the conversation here.](#)

Tuesday, January 4

Source of Self-Regard, Toni Morrison

Tuesday, January 18

Sacred Ground Material/MLK day

Tuesday, February 1

Gordon Walker—Norman Porter

Tuesday, February 15

Book Discussion

Think Again -Adam Grant



**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 will meet via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Sunday's This is a great way to enrich your experience of the Bible and Sunday worship.

January 3

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

January 10

[John 2:1-11](#)

January 17

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

January 24

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

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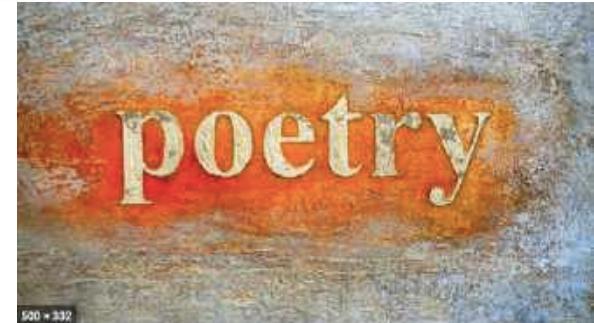


**MONTHLY
SERVICES
FOR PETS
AND
THEIR PEOPLE
AT
4:00 PM**

January 16

February 20

March 20



**POETRY EVENING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3,
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](#)



**POSTPONED DUE
TO COVID UNTIL
FALL OF 2022**

GUNSMOKE



**POSTPONED DUE TO
COVID**
**FRANK MASTRONE AND
FRIENDS**



**Sunday, May 15,
@ 4:00 PM**

Broadway Fab Five

Sarah Bleasdale, Christina DeMaio,
Richard Weidlich
Charles Widmer, and Kenneth
Gartman on piano

**BROADWAY
REVISITED**



Dylan Mello

**GUEST PREACHER
DYLAN MELLO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut employs four Region Missionaries to support the work of parishes and encourage collaboration. Dylan Mello is in charge of the Northwest and Southwest portion of Connecticut. He will preach at St. Francis on Sunday, January 16, and briefly discuss the work of region missionaries. Dylan comes from a sports medicine background, working previously as an athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut and EO Smith High School in

Storrs, CT. He is originally from Massachusetts and has lived in several places on the East Coast prior to coming to Connecticut. His hobbies include traveling and exploring new areas as a local. Dylan is married and has two young daughters.

BRACE YOURSELVES

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS
COMING**

**PARISH
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30
11:00 AM**

Please join us for the annual meeting for St. Francis. We will receive reports for the past year, approve the budget for 2022, and confirm a new warden and vestry class. We look forward to seeing you on the 30th.



MIDWINTER THEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

JONAH

**THURSDAYS 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, & 2/10
7:00 PM**

JEWISH & CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON JONAH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

**PRESENTERS: JOSH HAMMERMAN AND HARRY PAPPAS
AT TEMPLE BETH-EL**

GIRARDIAN & SOCIAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVES ON JONAH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

**PRESENTERS: VANESSA AVERY AND MICHAEL CHRISTIE
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

IMAGES & WORDS (JONAH IN ART & THEOLOGICAL THEMES IN JONAH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**PRESENTERS: CHRIS ALTRICK AND MARK LINGLE
AT STAMFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

A COVID ANALYSIS & A POLITICAL ANALYSIS USING JONAH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**PRESENTERS: JAY TELRAV AND ROBB HEWITT
AT TEMPLE SINAI**



REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN



Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 2nd

8:00 AM

Ashes on the Way
Ferguson Library Plaza

NOON

Historic Church
503 Old Long Ridge Road
Join Here

7:00 PM

Church
2810 Long Ridge Road
Join Here

The Noon and 7 PM services will include imposition of ashes and Eucharist. We will also have a livestream option for the two services.



SUNDAYS IN LENT

WALTER BRUGGEMANN

Walter Bruggemann is one of the most respected Old Testament scholars of our day. We invite you to view his presentations on the following topics before each Sunday. We will discuss his insights each Sunday.

Sunday, March 6

Relational God

CLICK HERE

Sunday, March 13

Restorative Grace

CLICK HERE

Sunday, March 20

Justice from Below

CLICK HERE

Sunday, March 27

Law that Listens

CLICK HERE

Sunday, April 3

Being Prophetic in Today's World

CLICK HERE



**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
6:15 PM Soup and Bread
7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday March 9

Wednesday, March 16

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday, April 6



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HOLY WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Enter into the mystery of God's grace

LABYRINTH MEDITATION
Wednesday, April 13 @ 7:00 PM
St. Francis Episcopal Church

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM
St. Francis Episcopal Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church

EASTER VIGIL
Saturday, April 16 @ 8:00 PM
St. Francis Episcopal Church

The Easter Vigil is one of the more evocative services of the church year. We begin in darkness and move into light. The stories of Creation, Exodus, Dry Bones, and Salvation are followed by Baptismal remembrance and the first Easter Proclamation and Eucharist.
Join us!

Easter Sunday
April 17 TBD

CHRIST is RISEN

Alleluia

INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTS SIRS AND AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS) is working with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) to co-sponsor 2 families under the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA). The urgent need is for a 2-3 BR apartment. SIRS is also collecting furniture and funds to help the families. SIRS can be contacted through their website sirsct.org/contact Financial donations can be made via check or Venmo. To donate by check: Make check out to: First Congregational Church of Stamford. Note “SIRS” in the check’s memo section. Mail check to: FCC of Stamford, P.O. Box 949, Stamford, CT 06904. To donate using Venmo: “Venmo” your payment @fccstamford. Note “SIRS” on the transaction.

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS)

Making a difference in the refugee crisis – one life, one family at a time.

Our mission:

To welcome and resettle a refugee family, providing advocacy and support in Stamford as they work toward self-sufficiency to become productive members of our community.



Donations requested for SIRS refugee families

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement, sirsct.org

Have any of these to donate? Contact us online: sirsct.org/contact

New items for 2 families:

- Mattresses & box springs
 - Double bed (mattress & box spring)
 - Bunkbeds (mattresses)
- Pillows
- Car seats

Gift cards for goods for 2 families:

- Target
- CVS
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- Mattress firm
- Groceries (Shop Rite, Grade A, Stop 'N Shop)

Used items for 3rd family:

- Laptop or small computers
- Small kitchen/breakfast table

Used items for 4th family:

- Laptop or small computers
- Vacuum
- Couch & loveseat or 2 chairs
- End tables
- Small kitchen/breakfast table
- Hall runners
- Kitchen canisters, glasses, mixing bowls, pots, pans, skillet
- Microwave oven
- Linens for twin beds (ex: blankets)

**** Help us welcome refugee families to Stamford in 2021 ****



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United Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Relations Council, Interfaith Council of Southwest Connecticut, Mayor's Multicultural Council and the Ferguson Library invite you to:

Building Bridges with Books

A Community Read Event

We will read: **The Midnight Library by Matt Haig**

There will be multiple reading groups to discuss the book in early January

Culminating Program Panel Discussion:

Making Each Chapter Count: Living Your Best Life

The panelists are:



Rev. Dr. Michael Christie
Chaplain Supervisor DOC



Rabbi Moshe Kurtz
Congregation Agudath Sholom



Marianela Medrano
PhD, LPC

January 11 • 7:30pm

In person and live-streamed

Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford
Limited number of books available for borrowing at the Ferguson Library

REGISTER HERE:

www.ujf.org/books

For more information contact:

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Committee:

Lorraine Kвесkin, Chair

Shobhna Bhatnagar
Debby Goldberg
Michael Hyman
Rev. Mark Lingel

Charlesanna Ecker
Michael Hernandez
Shahzad Khawaja
Khurram Nomani



FERGUSON
LIBRARY

The Interfaith Council of Southwest Connecticut
Ms. Michaela Marshall-Jones • Ms. Diane del Rosario-Vasquez

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United Jewish Federation
OF CONNECTICUT & SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year
2 Observe Epiphany 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour	3 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	4 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum	5 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	6 Epiphany 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	7 8:30 AM Fundraising Committee Meeting 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	8
9 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 4:00 PM Sounds Good Concert: Frank Mastrone and Friends	10 10:00 AM Hymn Selection Group 1:30 PM Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	11 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer	12 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting 5:00 PM Outreach Committee	13 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	14 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	15
16 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Finance Committee 4:00 PM Service for Pets & Their People	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	18 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum	19 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry	20 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 7:00 PM Midwinter Theological Program	21 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	22
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FEBRUARY

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