



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. FRANCIS SATURDAY NIGHT

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person (HC)

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 Online: [HERE](#)

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A friend recently commented that she couldn't believe that we were at the end of October and entering November. How can it almost be Thanksgiving? And then Christmas! OMG!!

It always seems that we are surprised at the rapidity with which the seasons come and then, just as quickly, go. The aforementioned festivals are ways that we mark time and seek to remember and honor how sacred these moments are. If we don't pause and reflect, there's no telling how much time might pass before we notice. The gift of each moment, the gift of the time that we have with family and friends, the gift of the life we have been given, the gift of work and leisure, the myriad gifts that comprise our lives are surely valued, yet we build in occasions to attend to these gifts. To be sure, there are struggles and challenges throughout our lives, but when we consider the whole, the preponderance of grace and giftedness that marks our lives overflows.

It is no wonder that in the northern hemisphere that we observe the new year (in Judaism) and participate in harvest festivals at this time. The earth itself signals a shift. The fecundity, richness, and abundance of the summer yields to the diminishing light and dormancy of the fall. We pause. We yield. And we say, "Thank you." Thank you for the gifts of life. Thank you for the abundance that we have received. Thank you for the opportunities that enrich life. Thank you for family, friends, health, engagement with work, serendipitous moments, and the goodness of this time. Such a posture is key to life lived well, and it is a disposition critical in a time in our culture that is fraught with fear and outrage.

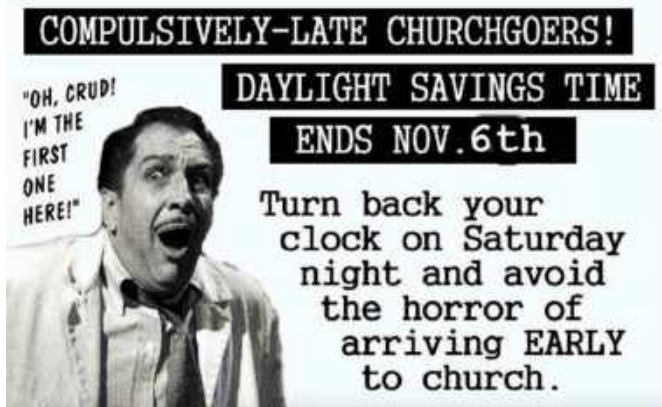


Thus, into this context we annually come to engage you in the stewardship of the gifts that we collectively enjoy at St. Francis. We will hold our usual presentations on, *What St. Francis Means to Me*. Beazie Larned will speak on November 6, and Cindy Russell will speak on November 13. We will send out a pledge letter on Monday, November 14, for you to consider for the work of the parish in 2023. It's all grace. Give as you are able. Know that what we value is your presence with us in life together. That we work, but we receive so much more. And the refrain of our life and life together is: Thank you! Indeed: Thank you!



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Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6 Turn Your Clock Back 1 Hour on Saturday Night!!

Connecticut is one of only four states that do not offer early voting. Voters can change this by saying YES to the question on CT ballots this year. While we do not endorse candidates in political elections, we, as a church, do support as full and robust access to voting as possible.

WHY VOTE YES?

VOTER FLEXIBILITY: Busy schedules and family commitments often prevent people from getting to the polls on Election Day. Working parents, care givers, commuters, and others should be able to vote by voting early.

MODERNIZING OUR ELECTIONS: Connecticut is behind the rest of the nation. We're one of only four states that doesn't give voters the freedom to vote in the days leading up to Election Day.

SECURE VOTING: Nationwide, millions of voters cast their ballots early by voting in the days leading up to Election Day. These votes are securely recorded and counted, just like those who choose to cast their vote on Election Day.

REDUCING WAITTIMES: No one likes long lines and delays at the polls on Election Day. Early voting ensures that the number of people



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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](#)



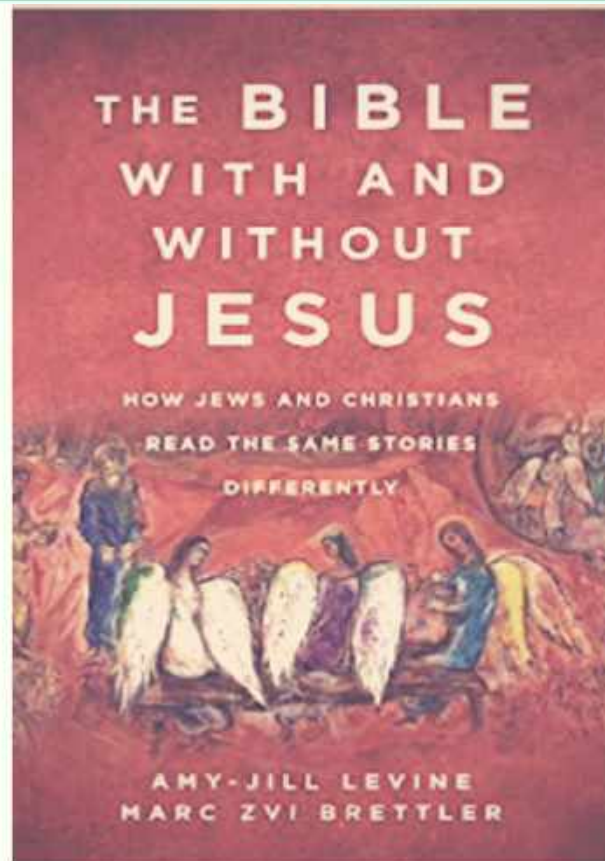
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INTERFAITH BOOK STUDY: THE BIBLE WITH AND WITHOUT JESUS

Join Temple Beth-El,
St. John's Lutheran Church, &
St. Francis Episcopal Church for
this study.

We'll explore how Jews and
Christians read and interpret
biblical material the same and
differently



PROGRAM MATERIALS

NOVEMBER 3

[CONNECT WITH ZOOM HERE](#)
[SACRIFICE & ATONEMENT](#)

NOVEMBER 10

[CONNECT WITH ZOOM HERE](#)
[TURN THE OTHER CHEEK](#)

Via Zoom Only
Thursdays | 6 PM

November 3
November 10

Please Note:
We have changed this to a
Zoom Only class.

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 the series finishes with the first two Thursdays in November. 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 meet via Zoom.

Join us!

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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

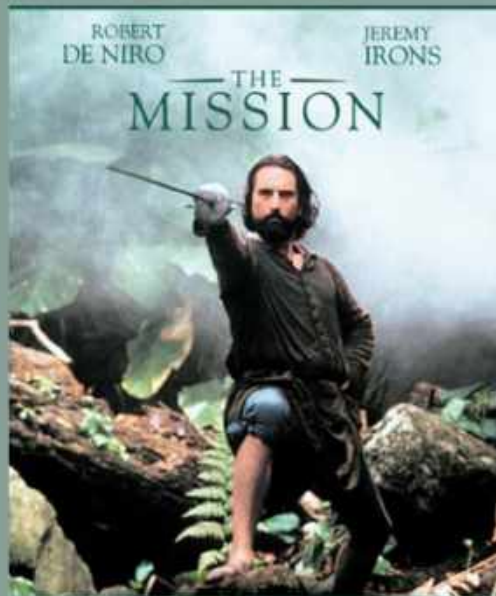


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MOVIE NIGHT DISCUSSION



The Mission
**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6
6:00 PM**

2810 Long Ridge Road



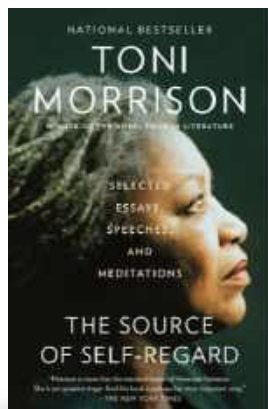
Join us on
Sunday,
November 6,
as we continue
our discussion of
classics from the
silver screen.
This month we
review Roland
Joffe's powerful
movie, *The
Mission*. Along
with the story,
the
cinematography
and score are
transcendent.



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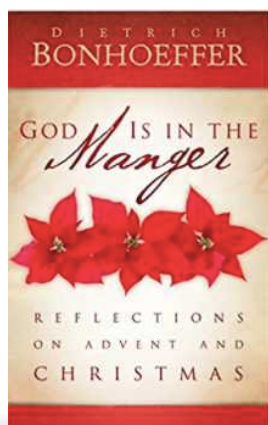
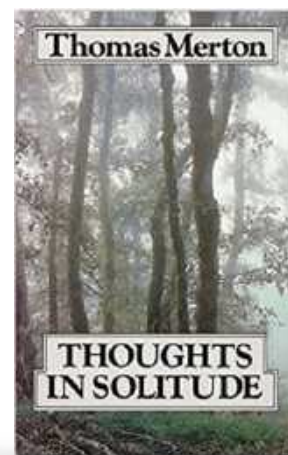
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BOOK CLUB



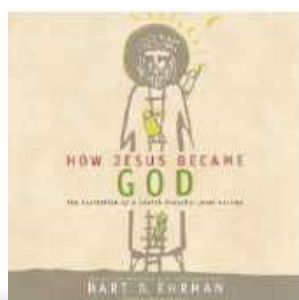
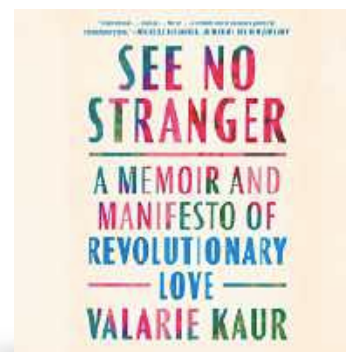
Sunday, November 20
The Source of Self-Regard
by
Toni Morrison

Sundays in Lent
Thoughts in Solitude
by
Thomas Merton



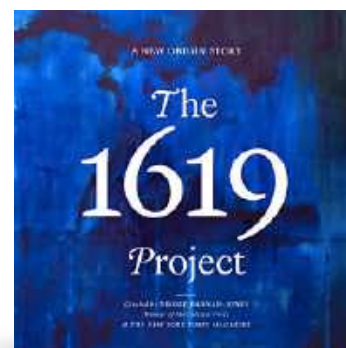
November 27
December 4
December 11
December 18
God is in the Manger
By
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sunday, May 7
See No Stranger
by
Valerie Kaur



Sunday, January 22
How Jesus Became God
by
Bart Ehrman

Sunday, June 11
The 1619 Project
by
Nikole Hannah Jones





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.

NOVEMBER 17

Host: Church of the Archangels Greek Orthodox

Presenter: Members of the Satay Sai Baba Community

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: The Rev. Kristina Hansen (First United Methodist Church)

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)



Fire Pit Appetizers Saturday, November 19 5:30 PM

As we continue to offer opportunities to be together socially as a community, the vestry invites the parish to stop by the rectory on Saturday, November 19, at 5:30 PM. We will have a couple fire pits stoked with wood, and beverages and simple appetizers will be available. Come at 5:00 PM for Worship in the Historic Church and stay for a social hour, or join us at 5:30 PM for this simple gathering and the gift of community.

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

SAVE THE DATES!!



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19**

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**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18**

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**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 15**



**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.



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Advent Reading Group **Sundays in Advent at 11:00 AM**

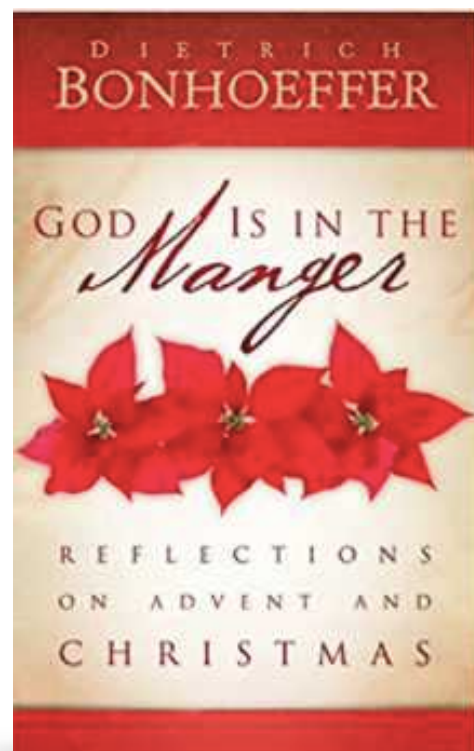
November 27

December 4

December 11

December 18

Bonhoeffer's book is a classic in Christian reflection. Join us following the 10 AM service during Advent as we reflect upon the themes of hope, anticipation, and preparation during this season and as we await the fullness of Incarnation. We will meet in person at the Church, and you can join online [here](#).



Homeless Persons
Interfaith
Memorial Service



HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 PM

Bethel A.M.E. Church

150 Fairfield Avenue



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*Let heaven
and
nature sing!*

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18

5:00 PM

Historic Church

We continue our Advent tradition with an outdoor Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 PM. We will have a fire pit on the Historic Church apron, hot chocolate and cider, and your favorite hymns of the seasons.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST. FRANCIS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 PM

Pre-Service Concert in the Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM

Festive Christmas Eucharist Service in the Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

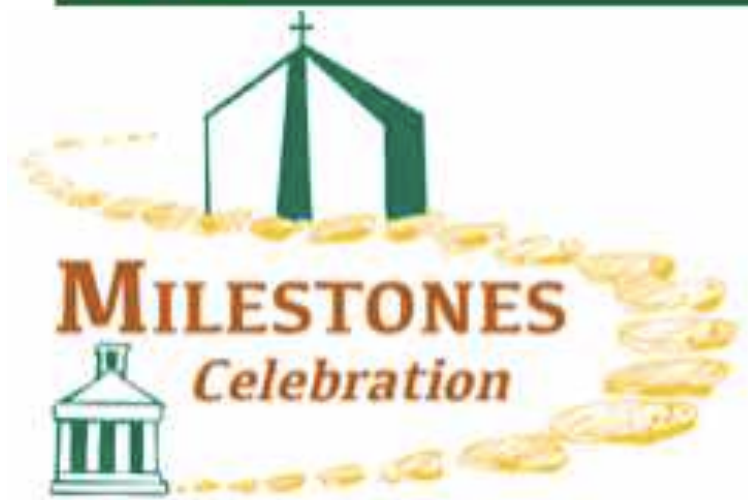
8:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship in the Historic Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship in the Church



Milestones Event A Joyous Celebration Honoring Beloved Franciscans!

While it was over two years in the making, the *Milestones* celebration was fresh with gratitude and thanksgiving for the contributions and legacy of 16 members of the parish. Thank you to all who made it possible!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE



DINNER SERVICE AT PACIFIC HOUSE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Outreach Committee led St. Francis in preparing and serving a meal to guests at Pacific House Emergency Shelter on Tuesday, October 4. The following is a bit of the note sent to the group:

Thank you so much for your assistance with the meal that we served at Pacific House this evening. The Baked Ziti, Salad, Apples, Brownies and Beverages were really appreciated by the guests. Since it was a damp and chilly evening, I think the Baked Ziti was really a good choice!!

Thank you to all who helped with this important ministry!

Thank You for Help with Person to Person Winter Clothing Drive!

Thank you to all who donated warm clothing to support the recent drive for Person to Person! We are blessed by you!





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Annual Thanksgiving
Diversity Breakfast:
Draw A Wider Circle

The momentum is in the doing

Thursday, November 17, 2022
7:30 AM

IN PERSON at SUNY-Westchester Community College
Valhalla, New York

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For information please contact AJC (American Jewish Committee) Westchester / Fairfield
at (914) 948-5585 or westchester@ajc.org

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Kaleidoscope Institute: Becoming Beloved Community

October 22, 23, 29 & 30 and
December 3, 4, 10 & 11



As a part of our commitment as a community to work for the end of systemic racism, anti-black bias, and white supremacy, we invite those who are able to participate in this offering from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut or other offerings through Stamford Stands Against Racism or other entities. The October dates have passed, but there are sessions in December. Thank you to all who are committed to this important work.

Embrace and enact the vision of Becoming Beloved Community

This training course is designed to help us embrace and enact the vision of Becoming Beloved Community - an ongoing and lifelong journey - as well as satisfy the anti-racism training requirement for all lay and ordained leaders in accordance with Resolution 7 of our 2020 Annual Convention. It includes opportunities for personal and group reflection.

Competencies Explored:

- Cultural awareness
- Truth telling
- Intercultural competency
- Power and privilege
- Repairing the breach

Each training consists of four (4) Zoom workshops over 2 weekends, and some materials to read, watch and reflect on before and between sessions. The sessions run 2-1/2 hours each. Participants will be invited to complete the online Intercultural Development Inventory® as part of this workshop.

Register for one of the two trainings being offered, **October 22, 23, 29 & 30** or **December 3, 4, 10 & 11**, using the button below.

There is no charge to attend. Seating is limited – Register today!

***Important Note:** Each training is a four day series and attendance is required on all four days.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:30 AM Episcopal Church in CT Meeting	3 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service 6:00 PM <i>The Bible With and Without Jesus</i>	4 8:00 AM Building and Grounds Comm.	5 9:00AM Reimagining Church Meeting 5:00 PM St. Francis Saturday Night 7:00 PM Midnight Run
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8 AM Worship 10 AM Worship 6:00 PM Movie Night: The Mission	7 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	8 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	9	10 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service 6:00 PM <i>The Bible With and Without Jesus Discussion</i>	11	12 5:00 PM St. Francis Saturday Night
13 8 AM Worship 10 AM Worship	14 1:30 PM Interfaith Collaborative Meeting 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	15 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum	16 8:30 AM Episcopal Church in CT Meeting Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 3:00 PM Marketing Committee 7:00 PM Vestry	17 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service 7:00 PM <i>For the Life of the World: Religious Responses to the Climate Crisis</i> Archangels Greek Orthodox Church	18	19 5:00 PM St. Francis Saturday Night 5:30 PM Fire Pit Appetizers
20 8 AM Worship 10 AM Worship 11:00 AM Book Club: The Source of Self-Regard 4:00 PM Service for Pets and Their People	21 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	22 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service (HC) 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist Service	25	26 5:00 PM St. Francis Saturday Night
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