



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INCLUSIVE — BECAUSE DIVERSITY WAS GOD'S IDEA

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Worship (HC)

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship (HC)

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

Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

In-Person Coffee Hour 2nd and 4th Sundays

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Listening to Your Life. . .

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, June 4, we will try an experiment to expand our understanding of worship and our connection to the family of God in Christ. We will hold the regular 8:00 AM service at the Historic Church on June 4. Then, we invite everyone to join at 11:00 AM with the community of Greater Faith Baptist Church (27 Baxter Avenue) at their location for a joint worship service, drawing on the richness and history of the Baptist tradition. We WILL NOT hold the 10:00 AM service at St. Francis. Pastor Mark will preach, and Greater Faith's minister, Johnny Bush, will preside over the service. We hope that this might move us beyond experiencing Sunday morning as the most segregated time in the week in the United States. We also hope that we might begin to develop relationships with members of Greater Faith Baptist that would enrich both our communities. We do this, in part, because of our commitment to expand our understanding of church and work toward ending systemic racism as a Stamford Stands Against Racism signee. Rev. Bush is a Chaplain at Westchester Medical. He speaks about Chaplaincy below:





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REIMAGINING church

The Reimagining Committee, comprised of Jim Hawkins, Eileen Hynes, Suzanne Stevens, John Coff, Joan Carty, Cathy Ostuw, Brian Murphy, and Tim Butler, continues its work to identify a coach/consultant with whom we might work to identify what God is calling us to as a parish at this time in history in north Stamford. We look forward to letting you know soon more about this person soon and outlining a plan of engagement as well. As with every possible encounter that may bring some change, we invite all members to enter with a posture of seeking understanding, trust in the good work done by many over the past few years, and engage with hope that, as God has brought us thus far, God will continue to abide with us in whatever iteration we find ourselves. Thank you for your part in our life together! Blessings!



IN-PERSON COFFEE HOUR ON 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS!

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying time together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for In-Person Coffee Hours.

We look forward to enjoying the cloister soon!! You can sign up to host a coffee hour [HERE](#).

Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Coffee Hour Dates:

May 14

May 28

June 25

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St. Francis Hike at **Mianus River State Park Scenic Reserve** Saturday, April 29th @ 10 AM

Join us for our first hike of the season at the Mianus River State Park Scenic Reserve on Farms Road in Stamford.

The three-mile hike on soft, predominantly flat horse trails winds through a bucolic landscape of farms, forests and water. The hike is suitable for all ages and abilities.



Directions to Mianus River State Park Scenic Reserve:

The trail is about 3 miles from the Main Church. Take Long Ridge Rd. to Riverbank Rd. to Farms Rd. Park on Pony Trail Rd., which is a cul-de-sac on the right hand side. Walk on Farms Rd. for 2/10 mi. over the bridge and look for the group.



Midnight Run

Saturday, April 29

7:00 PM—Gather at St. John's Lutheran (884 Newfield Ave.) to put the "Run" together.

9:00 PM—Those making the "Run" into New York City leave

We will collect the following items starting on Sunday, March 26. Please leave donations in the entryway of the Church

Items for all Groups to Collect:

Clean/New tee shirts	New Underwear	New Socks
Shirts	Jackets	Hats
Gloves	Pants	Sweaters
Sweatshirt	Blankets	Shoes

Hygiene Items:

Toothbrush	Small tube toothpaste	Razors
Shampoo*	Mouthwash*	Soap*
Hand lotion*	Deodorant*	Shaving Cream*

*Travel size

OUTREACH UPDATES

We are thankful to chair of the Outreach Committee, Nancy Bisset, and the Outreach group for continuing to keep us engaged with opportunities to support those in need in Stamford. Here is what is coming up:

Serving Dinner at Pacific House

Wednesday, May 10

We need volunteers to prepare food for 40 individuals. The menu is Shake & Bake style Chicken, Pasta Salad with Vegetables, Dessert, Beverage

You can sign up to prepare food or to serve [HERE](#)

Please contact [Cathy Ostuw](#) or [Nancy Bisset](#) if you have any questions.

Summer Clothing Drive for P2P

May 21st to 28th

Undie Sunday

TBA in June/July

The Back to School Supply Drive to support Bethel AME

TBA in July/August



Undie Sunday!
Donations requested





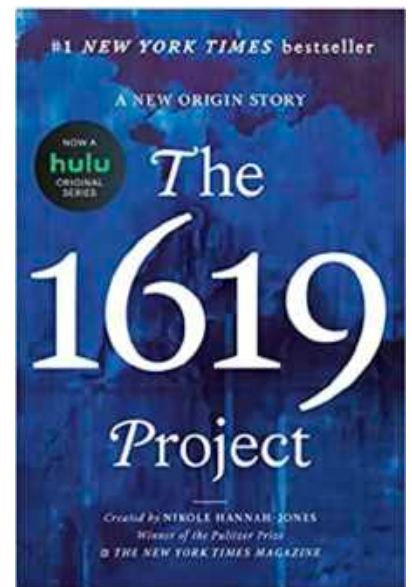
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BOOK GROUP

May 7
See No Stranger



June 11
The 1619 Project



SAVE THE DATE!

MILES FOR A MISSION ROAD RACE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:00 AM

This year we will partner with Pacific House and their work to end homelessness in our region. Look for sign up and sponsorship opportunities in the future. Hold the date!
Invite your friends!



STAMFORD CHORALE CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 21, AT 3:00 PM
[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)



We are delighted to announce that the Stamford Chorale will use St. Francis' sanctuary for their Spring Concert. The program includes the following works:

Brahms Zigeunerlieder
(movements I, 5, 6, II)

Brahms four quartets

Vivaldi Gloria
(with piano accompaniment)

You can access clips of the music below. Join us at 3:00 PM as beautiful choral music fills the sanctuary once again.



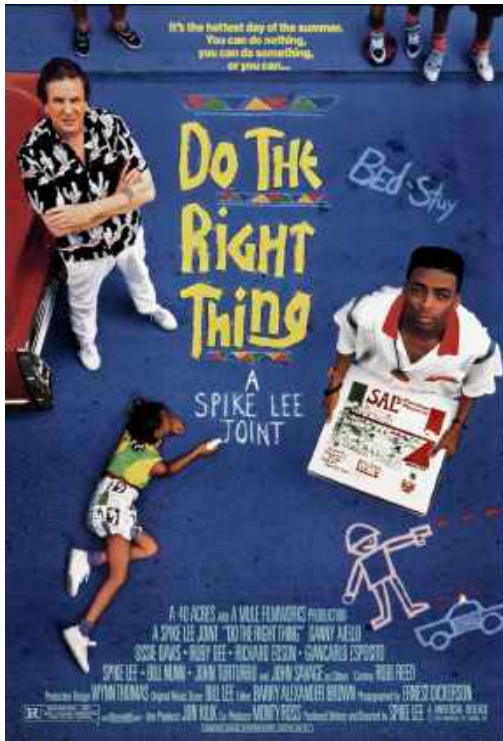
Sanctuary Rearrangement
Sunday, May 7, at 11:00 AM

To prepare for the Stamford Choral concert on Sunday, May 21, we will return the Church sanctuary to its proscenium configuration. We need a few strong shoulders to move platforms. Please join us following the 10 AM service on Sunday, May 7.



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Saturday, May 20
5:30 PM

Do the Right Thing

The story explores a Brooklyn neighborhood's simmering racial tension between its African-American residents and the Italian-American owners of a local pizzeria, culminating in tragedy and violence on a hot summer day.

We will meet on Saturday because of the Choral Concert on Sunday, May 21. Join us for Saturday evening worship at the Historic Church at 5:00 PM and stay for the discussion to follow.



Sunday, June 11
4:00 PM

The Shack

This drama begins with the main character being a young teen, abused by his father & murdering him. As an adult, tragedy strikes & his faith is tested. He gets a letter inviting him to 'the shack'. In a nearby house, he meets 3 strangers who help him transform his life.

LANDSCAPING MORNINGS SECOND SATURDAYS AT 9:00 AM **WE START ON SATURDAY, MAY 13**

With the arrival of Spring, there is a good deal of work to do to beautify the Church and Historic Church. We will begin these projects on Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 AM. Bring yourself and any gardening tools you may have. We'll have a list of projects, and we will continue this work over the summer on the second Saturdays of each month. The dates include:



Saturday, June 10

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, August 12

Saturday, September 9

Saturday, October 14



THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 28



DAY OF PENTECOST:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Join with us on Sunday, May 28, at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM as we celebrate the birth of the church in the feast at Pentecost. We here the story of the Holy Spirit alighting on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. We recognize the reversal of the Tower of Babel; instead of language changed to confuse people, the diversity of language is now understood. The openness, diversity, and inclusiveness of the Church of Christ is confirmed in this celebration. Bring your best red outfits. We'll provide the balloons, music, and festiveness.





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LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS STARTING UP

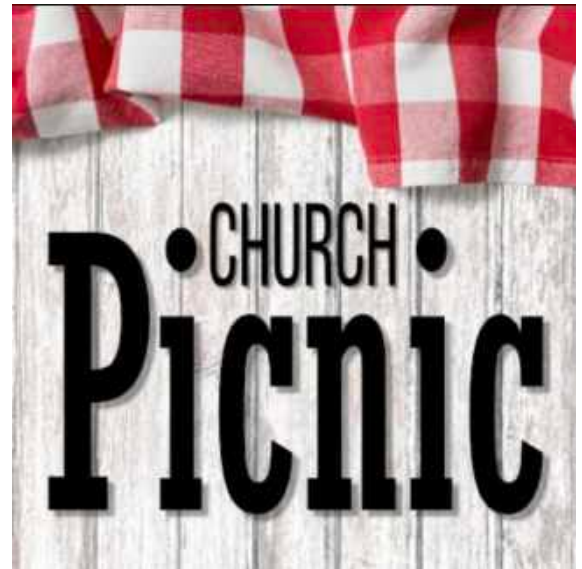
With COVID-19 impacting so much of life, the work of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors was one that was hit particularly hard. We would like to begin offering this ministry again. As we return to offering communion at home, we are soliciting names of those who would like to be visited by a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, as well as those who would be interested in being a LEV.

Please contact Pastor Mark.

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 11 11:00 AM

Join us following the 10 AM service on Sunday, June 11, for our Church Picnic.

We took a few years off due to COVID-19. We look forward to meeting again and connecting before summer schedules take us hither and yon. We will get more information out soon, but save the date and join us on June 11!





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Adult Forum

**ADULT FORUM ON THE
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF
EACH MONTH
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

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

[Join the conversation here.](#)

Tuesday, May 2
John Hamilton,
Executive Director
Liberation Programs

Tuesday, May 16
Indigenous Land
Acknowledgements



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 1
[John 14:1-14](#)

May 8
[John 14:15-21](#)

May 15
[John 17:1-11](#)

May 22
[John 20:19-23](#)

[Join the conversation here.](#)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS...



Sneak Peek
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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MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND

THEIR PEOPLE

AT
4:00 PM

May 21

June 18

July 16



POETRY EVENING MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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](#)



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SEEKING TO START A GROUP FOR SUMMER OF 2023

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day — all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

As a part of our commitment as a church to seek to understand and end systemic racism, we will be offering another series of *Sacred Ground* conversations this summer. *Sacred Ground* is the excellently curated program of the Episcopal Church that introduces participants to a wide breadth of resources that help us to understand the origins, realities, consequences, and ongoing implications of racism, white supremacy, and anti-black bias. It was a powerful experience for those who participated in the program in 2021. Please let Pastor Lingle know if you are interested in participating. While there is a time commitment to this program, it is well worth it and crucial to a deeper and more nuanced understanding of racism.





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Synergy1Holdings LLC presents



In collaboration with
Alliance For Black Achievement & The City of Stamford

**MAY
15TH**

Film & Panel Discussion
Sponsored by
First Bank of Greenwich

We cordially invite you to join us on May 15th for a film screening, and panel discussion on the documentary, "The Right to Read".

This compelling film sheds light on the current illiteracy crisis in America and offers insight into actionable steps we can take to address this critical issue. We believe that this event will provide valuable education and insights, and we hope that you will consider attending.

Schedule

- 7:00PM ● SCREENING
AVON Theatre
- 8:10PM ● PANEL DISCUSSION
AVON Theatre

A special thanks to our community partners



STAMFORD NAACP



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum: <i>Liberation Programs</i>	3 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	4 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	5	6 5:00 PM Worship (HC)
7 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Rearrange Sanctuary 11:00 AM Book Club: <i>See No Stranger</i>	8 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	9 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer	10	11 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	12	13 5:00 PM Worship (HC)
14 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM In-Person Coffee Hour	15 Clergy Conference 1:30 PM Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study 7:00 PM Right to Read Film and Discussion	16 Clergy Conference 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum: <i>Indigenous Land Use</i>	17 Clergy Conference 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting Noon Clergy Meeting	18 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	19	20 5:00 PM Worship (HC) 5:30 PM Movie Discussion
21 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 3:00 PM Stamford Chorale Concert	22 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	23 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer	24	25 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	26	27 5:00 PM Worship (HC)
28 Pentecost 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM In-Person Coffee Hour	29 Memorial Day	30 10:00 AM Executive Committee 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer	31			

JUNE

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				1 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	2	3 5:00 PM Worship (HC)
4 Trinity Sunday 8 AM Worship (HC) 11 AM <i>Worship at Greater Faith Baptist Church</i> 11:00 AM Zoom Coffee Hour	5	6 10:00 AM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer	7 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting	8 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist	9	10 5:00 PM Worship (HC)
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