



SAINT JEANNE JUGAN PARISH

SERVING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENFIELD, CT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023 | 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY FAMILY

23 Simon Rd, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

Thu-Fri: 9:00AM

Sat: 8:30AM

Sat (vigil): 4:30PM

Sun: 9:00AM, 11:30AM

ST. BERNARD

426 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

Mon-Wed: 9:00AM

Sun: 7:30AM, 10:30AM

St. Adalbert Church is also included, but is closed at this time

ST. PATRICK

64 Pearl St, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

Thu-Fri: 8:00AM

Sat (vigil): 4:00PM

Sun: 8:00AM, 10:00AM

ST. MARTHA

214 Brainard Rd, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

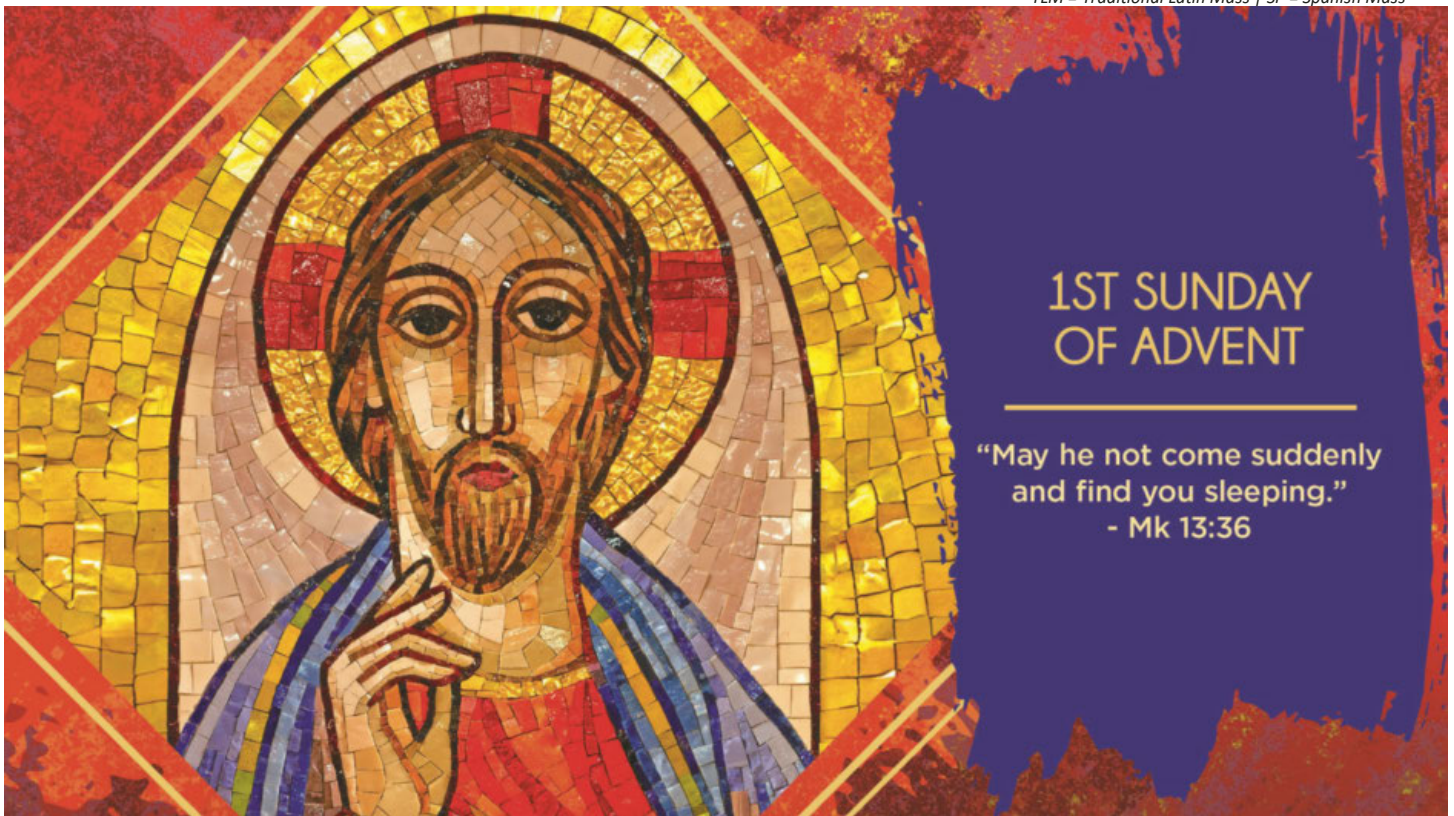
Mon-Wed: 8:00AM, Wed: 7:00PM (TLM),

1st Fri: 7:00PM (TLM), Sat: 9:00AM (TLM)

Sat (vigil): 4:00PM (SP)

Sun: 9:00AM, 11:00AM (TLM)

TLM = Traditional Latin Mass | SP = Spanish Mass



1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

“May he not come suddenly
and find you sleeping.”
- Mk 13:36

St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Offices

Holy Family Office (860-962-4001): Mon-Fri 9:00AM to 1:00PM | St. Bernard Office (860-962-4001): Mon-Thu 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Fri 9:00AM to 12:00PM

St. Patrick Office (860-962-4001): Mon-Fri 9:00AM to 2:00PM | St. Martha Office (860-745-5616): Mon-Fri 9:30AM to 12:00PM; 1:30PM to 4:30PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH

Location Key:

HF = Holy Family Church • SB = St. Bernard Church • SM = St. Martha Church
SP = St. Patrick Church • SA = St. Adalbert Church • SBS = St. Bernard School

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit . . . Available for Viewing (HF Fr. Kerwan Hall)
2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SM)
3:00 pm . . . Confessions (SP)
3:30 pm . . . Confessions (HF)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. . . Available for Viewing (HF Fr. Kerwan Hall)
7:30 am . . . Cookies and Cocoa w/ Santa . . . After Mass (SB Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall)
10:30 am . . . Cookies and Cocoa w/ Santa . . . After Mass (SB Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall)
6:45 pm . . . Talk Catholic Quest, "Eucharistic Miracles of the Catholic Church" and Exhibit (SB Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall)

MONDAY DECEMBER 4

1:00 pm . . . Prayer Shawl Ministry (SB Meeting Room)
6:30 pm . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study (HF Room 1)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

9:30 am . . . "The Chosen" Discussion Group (SB Meeting Room)
2:00 pm . . . Holy Family Church Legion of Mary (HF Room 5)
7:00 pm . . . R.C.I.A (SB Meeting Room)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

9:30 am . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study (SB. Rel. Ed Room)
6:15 pm . . . Bingo Sales Begin • 7pm . . . Games Begin (HF)
7:00 pm . . . "The Chosen" Discussion Group (SM Goulet Hall)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

No Events

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

8:30 am . . . Adoration (SP)
9:30 am . . . Adoration (HF)
9:30 am . . . Community Group for Homeschoolers (SM Cafeteria)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SM)
3:00 pm . . . Confessions (SP)
3:30 pm . . . Confessions (HF)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

No Events

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

To register for the Parish's Baptism Prep Class, please call the St. Bernard Church rectory at (860) 962-4001, ext. 121. Baptism Prep Class occurs on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Good Shepherd Meeting Room at St. Bernard Church. Baptisms can be scheduled at the respective Church once parents have completed the Baptism Prep class. All required paperwork should be received in the Parish office where the Baptism will take place. Baptisms can be scheduled on any Sunday of the month except on major religious feasts or holidays.

PENANCE

Saturdays from 2:30PM to 3:30PM at St. Martha Church, 3:00PM to 3:30PM at St. Patrick Church and 3:30PM to 4:00PM at Holy Family Church, and by appointment.

EUCHARIST

In the Archdiocese of Hartford, students receive their first Holy Communion in the second grade. Please contact our Religious Education office for more information.

CONFIRMATION

In the Archdiocese of Hartford, students are confirmed in their sophomore year after a year of preparation. Please contact our Religious Education office for more information.

MATRIMONY

Arrange with pastor at least 6 months before wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS

Young men interested in the priesthood may visit www.hartfordpriest.com, or speak with any priest for more info.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests are available for anointing in the home of those in need. Please contact the parish office to arrange.

FOSTER WAKEFULNESS OF HEART



UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURE

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "**Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.**" Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord - awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God - that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us - will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

DAILY MASS READINGS



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 • Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4) • 1 Cor 1:3-9 • Mk 13:33-37

MONDAY DECEMBER 4: Is 2:1-5 • Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5: Is 11:1-10 • Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 • Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6: Is 25:6-10a • Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 • Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7: Is 26:1-6 • Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a • Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20 • Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 • Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 • Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 • Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 • Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 • Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8) • 2 Pt 3:8-14 • Mk 1:1-8

You can access the Daily Mass Readings via our parish app, at our parish website (www.sjjenfield.org) or by visiting the U.S. bishop's Web site (www.usccb.org).



At St. Bernard Church the sanctuary candle burns in memory of **Niles Stebbins** at the request of his Children and Grandchildren.

At St. Martha Church the sanctuary lamp burns for **Jill Williams** at the request of Sue Williams.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

8:30 am . . . Stephen Charette† | Requested by Tim and Sue Neville - HF
 9:00 am . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Sue Williams - SM
 4:00 pm . . . David Berube† | Requested by Marie and Jake Pyznar - SP
 4:00 pm . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM
 4:30 pm . . . Judy Katilus† | Requested by her Son - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 (1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am . . . Edward Matusko†, on the Anniversary of his Death | Requested by his Daughter and Son - SB
 8:00 am . . . For the Deceased Members of the Paluch Family† | Requested by their Family - SP
 9:00 am . . . Carl and Virginia Yurack† | Requested by their Family - HF
 9:00 am . . . Michael Hanlon†, 2nd Anniversary | Requested by his Family - SM
 10:00 am . . . Ernest Bouthiette, Sr.†, 8th Anniversary | Requested by his Family - SP
 10:30 am . . . Roger Lesieur†, 3rd Anniversary | Requested by his Family - SB
 11:00 am . . . Rosanne Cox† | Requested by the Brown Family - SM
 11:30 am . . . Daniel Crouse†, 12th Anniversary | Requested by Barbara Crouse - HF
 6:00 pm . . . John and Mary Kane† | Requested by their Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren - SB

MONDAY DECEMBER 4

8:00 am . . . Bruno and Ginger Monaco† | Requested by Francis Pajot - SM
 9:00 am . . . Terry Pirolli† | Requested by the Dumont Family - SB

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

8:00 am . . . John and Eric Bajumta† | Requested by Francis Pajot - SM
 9:00 am . . . Chet Stroiney† | Requested by Gary, Andrea and the Carnival Committee - SB

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

8:00 am . . . Francis and Norma Pajot† | Requested by Francis Pajot - SM
 9:00 am . . . Dorothy Cressotti† | Requested by her loving Family - SB

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

8:00 am . . . Kenneth Messengert†, 2nd Anniversary | Requested by his Wife - SP
 9:00 am . . . Alex Imberit† | Requested by Frank and Claire - HF
 5:30 pm . . . Dawn Sawtelle† | Requested by Tom and Greta Tobey - SB
 7:00 pm . . . Steven Eldridge† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Camerota - SM
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 (THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)
 8:00 am . . . Pietro Giaccone† | Requested by Josephine and Joseph Giordano - SP
 9:00 am . . . Robert Foley† and Kathy Foley† | Requested by their Family - HF
 9:30 am . . . For the Holy Souls in Purgatory† - SM
 12:00 pm . . . For the Deceased Members of the Sadie and Henry Coulombe Family† | Requested by Ray and Henrietta Montagna - SP
 4:00 pm . . . Fred Casey† | Requested by the Coakley Family - HF
 7:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of Greg Bailey | Requested by his Wife - SM
 7:00 pm . . . Niles Stebbins†, 12th Anniversary | Requested by the Stebbins and Fallon Family - SB

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

8:30 am . . . Donald Guilleraut† | Requested by his Wife - HF
 9:00 am . . . Mary and Salvatore Camerota† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Camerota - SM
 4:00 pm . . . Kenneth VanNostrand†, Ernest and Mae Cormier†, Alice and Peter Riley† | Requested by their Family - SP

4:00 pm . . . Carman Mato† | Requested by Rosa Santiago - SM
 4:30 pm . . . Joseph Gagnon†, 29th Anniversary | Requested by his Family - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am . . . Cindy Kaplan† | Requested by Irene Kaplan - SB
 8:00 am . . . Jozef and Katarzyna Paluch† | Requested by their Family - SP
 9:00 am . . . Bob Hughes†, 5th Anniversary | Requested by his Wife and Family - HF
 9:00 am . . . Rosario and Margherita Rosato† | Requested by the Rosato Family - SM
 10:00 am . . . Henny Trapanese†, Happy 103rd Birthday in Heaven | Requested by her Family - SP
 10:30 am . . . Joyce Roy† | Requested by Donna Hopkins - SB
 11:00 am . . . Edward Amarante†, 9th Anniversary | Requested by Barbara Stanley - SM
 11:30 am . . . Claudette Desaulnier† | Requested by Patrick, Patty and Bert - HF

BAPTISMS



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish congratulates the families of

Callan Peter Rinaldi

who was baptized at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, November 19th,

Violet Rose Mulhall

who was baptized at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, November 19th and

Oliver James Popelski

who was baptized at St. Patrick Church on Sunday, November 26th.

REST IN PEACE



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish mourns the loss of our parishioners

Kenneth Lemieux Craig Rhoads Kathleen Smario Rita Therrian

May they rest in the arms of the Lord, who formed them from the dust of the earth.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

After the 8:30AM Mass last Saturday, November 25th at Holy Family Church, a man approached me about damage to his car that had occurred in the parking lot the previous week on Saturday, November 18th.

The damage was to the left side of his Toyota Avalon.

If anyone has information, please let me know by calling (860) 962-4001, ext. 124, or by emailing pastor@sijenfield.org.

- Father John Golas



St. Bernard School & Little Angels Pre-School



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 Little Angels Pre-School: Leesa Wallburg, Administrative Assistant | lwallburg@sbsenfield.org | (860) 745-6135 | www.mylittleangelspreschool.com

THEME	OBJECT	SCRIPTURE
Celebrating Jesus' birth and waiting for His return.	"Oh, the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss.	Mark 13:24-37

DISCUSSION

I have heard that if you live to be seventy years old, you will spend three years of your life just waiting. Waiting in line at the grocery store, waiting in the doctor's office, waiting for lunch to be ready, waiting for recess time at school.

In his book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," Dr. Seuss talks about a place called "the waiting place." He describes it as a useless place where people are just waiting. *Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go, or the mail to come, or the rain to go, or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow, or waiting around for a Yes or No, or waiting for their hair to grow. Everyone is just waiting.*

I don't particularly like waiting, do you? I don't like it, but I don't know of any way to avoid it. We all have to spend some time in this "waiting place" that Dr. Seuss talks about, but I don't think it has to be a useless place. While we are waiting, life goes on, and we must make good use of our time. What can we do? Well, we could read a good book or call a friend on the cell phone. We could make a list of things we need to do today or, we could even study for our weekly spelling test. Well, maybe that's going a bit too far, but there are many things we can do besides just waiting.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "to come." Do you know what's coming? Of course, Christmas is coming. This is an exciting time, but it may also be a difficult time of waiting -- especially for children. Waiting for the day when you can open the gifts that you see under the tree. What can we do to make this time of waiting for Christmas more than just a useless time in the waiting place? Well, we can think about the true meaning of Christmas. We can think about Jesus and his love. We can think about giving instead of receiving. We can enjoy all of beautiful music and the decorations of the season. When we do those things, we will find joy in the waiting place.

We are waiting for Christmas, but we are also waiting for something else. We are waiting for Jesus' return. He told us that He would come again and He told us to watch and be ready for Him. What should we do while we are waiting? We should worship and praise Him, love and serve Him, and share His love with others. When we are doing those things, we will be ready for His return, and we will find joy in the waiting place.

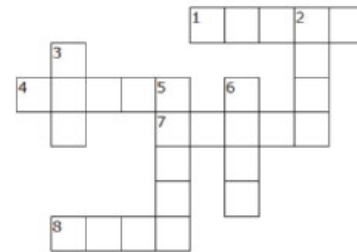
Heavenly Father, as we spend time in this waiting place, we look forward with great joy to the celebration of Jesus' birth and to the day when He comes again. Amen.

WORD SEARCH

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COME	CHARGE	MIDNIGHT	TIME	SERVANTS
ROOSTER	DAY	SLEEPING	HOUSE	DAWN
GUARD	WATCH	EVENING	OWNER	HOUR
ALERT	CROWS	ANGELS	KNOW	HEAVEN

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- The time of day when it is dark
- To keep an eye on; to guard
- The person who has something such as property
- A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- A period of sixty minutes
- A period of 24 hours
- The place where a person or family lives
- To have information about something; to be aware of something

TIME	OWNER	WATCH	HOUR
KNOW	HOUSE	DAY	NIGHT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



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CLASS SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Grades K-5:

- Saturday Mornings 9:00AM to 10:00AM at the **St. Jeanne Jugan Faith Formation Center at St. Martha Church** on Brainard Road.

Grades 6-7-8:

- Thursday Evenings 7:00PM to 8:10PM at the **St. Jeanne Jugan Faith Formation Center at St. Martha Church** on Brainard Road.

Grade 9:

- **Sunday, December 3rd**, 6:00PM to 8:00PM at **St. Bernard Church**. Our first of the month class meets for our Teen Mass at 6:00PM. Please arrive at 5:45PM for attendance.

For further questions or additional information, please contact Pat Keck at the Religious Education Office, (860) 962-4001, ext. 117

Support Group for Mothers of Young Children

The SJJ Mother's Group will continue to meet on **Tuesday Mornings at 10:00AM** in the Library located in the St. Jeanne Jugan Faith Formation Center at St. Martha Church.

Join us for friendship, faith, and fun!

Make sure to check out our Facebook page!

For more information, call Teresa at (203) 988-9048.

Community Group for Homeschoolers

The SJJ Homeschool Group will meet at 9:30AM on Fridays through the fall in the cafeteria at St. Martha Church.



For more information, contact Elizabeth Garrett (860) 272-6640.

TEEN MASS

Music by: Voices for God

The Teen Mass will be held at St. Bernard Church on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00PM. Please join us in celebration next month on **Sunday, January 7th.**



Rel. Ed. Parent Christmas Breakfast

There will be a Parent Christmas Breakfast held at St. Martha Church in Goulet Hall on **Saturday, December 9th** at 9:00AM; while children are in class.

All parents are encouraged to attend!



Adult Faith Formation Scripture Sharing

We will hold two scripture sharing groups: Monday evenings at Holy Family Church and Wednesday mornings at St. Bernard Church.

The next meetings are:

- **Monday, December 4th at 6:30PM - HF Room 1**
- **Wednesday, December 6th after the 9:00AM Mass - SB Religious Ed. Room**

Anyone interested in examining the weekend Mass readings is welcome to join!

Discussion Group: "The Chosen" TV Series

Adult Faith Formation has begun a new program where we will show and discuss the hit series on the life of Christ, **The Chosen**.

The next meetings are:

- **Tuesday, December 5th after the 9:00AM Mass - SB Meeting Room**
- **Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00PM - SM Goulet Hall**

All parishioners are welcome to attend!

55th Chrismon Tree Celebration

Date: Friday, December 15th

Time: 7:00PM

Where: Holy Family Church

Come join one of our richest traditions - the decorating, lighting and blessing of our 55th Chrismon tree. Our religious education students will be performing a Christmas Pageant with a song filled presentation of the Christmas Story. This is not to be missed!

If you would like to make a Chrismon ornament there are sheets on the bulletin tables at Holy Family Church explaining the symbols you can make in white and gold.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME PRAY

DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY

Come to Holy Family Church to pray the Divine Mercy and Rosary for our Archdiocesan bishops and priests on the third Thursday of each month from 2:30PM to 3:30PM.

Please join us in prayer this month on **Thursday, December 21st.**

Our bishops and priests need our prayers and support. Please join in this hour of prayer.

DIVINE MERCY

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

At St. Bernard Church, Divine Mercy is held on the first Friday of each month from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Please join us in prayer next month on **Friday, January 5th.**



ROSARY

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Come to St. Martha Church to pray the Rosary after daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



Please join us in prayer this week on **Monday, Dec. 4th, Tuesday, Dec. 5th, and Wednesday, Dec. 6th.**



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The K of C meet at St. Martha on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00PM.



St. Martha Church Bereavement Resources

Contact: Susann Douglas at (413) 454-8702

Communion to the Homebound

To schedule, please contact the St. Martha Church Rectory.

Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702

Director: Annedda Stiller (860) 416-9600

1st Sunday of the month at St. Martha from 1:00PM to 3:30PM.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel offers individuals the opportunity to spend quiet prayerful time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adorers commit themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacred Heart Chapel is currently open **Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00AM to 10:00PM** at St. Martha Church. *Can you commit to spending one hour a week in the presence of the Lord?*

If you are called to this beautiful ministry, please call Flo Radziewicz at (860) 216-7471.

St. Martha Church Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30PM. Join us next month on **Monday, January 15th.** Contact: Betty Joaquim at (860) 745-2667.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: First Sunday of Advent: We are the clay and you are the potter. Be watchful! Be alert!

Issiah 64:2-7: "Oh Lord, you are our Father: We are the clay and you are the potter: we are all work of your hands." Let God mold you and make you, so you can give glory to Him and you can follow His will. Love your spouse always. From scripture: "What God has joined together (man & wife), let no one divide." Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

- January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT
- February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY
- March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at (860) 337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100. Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano

Advent Retreat in Spanish at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Mary's "Yes" to God Gives Us Hope
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | 6:00PM to 9:00PM
Bishop Peter A. Rosazza, D.D.

During our Advent journey, we find inspiration in the words of Mary to the angel Gabriel: "Be it done unto me according to your word." Let us come together to reflect on these words with Bishop Peter Rosazza, who will guide our evening retreat and celebrate the Eucharist with us.

To register online:
<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/spanish-advent-retreat>

Offering: \$50, includes dinner.



Please Note: This Advent retreat will be in Spanish. If you need assistance registering, please call (860) 760-9711 and leave a message including your name and phone number and someone will call you back. Or reach out by email at ministeriohispano@holyfamilyretreat.org.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

I wanted to inform you that I am scheduled for surgery to replace my knee late December, after Christmas, at an affiliate institution of St. Francis Hospital. I have informed the Diocese and visiting priests will be assigned to help out. The recovery period is 4 to 6 weeks, however, I am hoping it is shorter. If you would be so kind to remember me in your prayers, I would appreciate it.

- Father John Golas

HOLY DAY SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE | Sunday, December 24th

	<u>ST. BERNARD</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	<u>ST. MARTHA</u>	<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>
<u>Mass</u>	4:00PM - Children's Mass 6:00PM*	4:00PM	4:00PM - English 6:00PM - Spanish Midnight - TLM	4:00PM* 6:00PM
<u>Confession</u>	Monday, December 18th 6:00PM to 7:00PM	Saturday, December 23rd 2:30PM to 3:30PM	Saturday, December 23rd 2:30PM to 3:30PM	Saturday, December 23rd 3:00PM to 4:00PM

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE | Monday, December 25th

<u>ST. BERNARD</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	<u>ST. MARTHA</u>	<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>
10:30AM*	8:00AM 10:00AM	9:00AM - TLM	9:00AM*

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org

CHOIR MINISTRY

Location Key:

HF = Holy Family Church • SB = St. Bernard Church • SM = St. Martha Church • SP = St. Patrick Church • SA = St. Adalbert Church • SBS = St. Bernard School

REHEARSALS

SUNDAY:

10:00 am . . . Holy Family Church Contemporary Choir Practice (HF)

THURSDAY:

6:30 pm . . . St. Martha Our Lady of Hope Choir Practice (SM)
7:00 pm . . . Holy Family Church Choir Practice (HF Rooms 2 & 3)
7:00 pm . . . St. Bernard Church Adult Choir Practice (SB Choir Loft)
7:00 pm . . . St. Patrick Church Choir Practice (SP)
7:30 pm . . . St. Martha St. Hildegard Choir and Schola Practice (SM)

FRIDAY:

3:00 pm . . . St. Bernard Church Children's Choir Practice (SBS)

JOIN THE HF CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

The Holy Family Contemporary Choir is urgently looking for new members. Singers, guitarists, and keyboardists are needed. You do not need to be a soloist.

Practice is held in church on Sundays starting at 10:00AM for the 11:30AM Mass.

If you are 16 years or older, and are interested, please see Diane Lautier after the 11:30AM Mass, or call/text at (860) 989-5448.

PRO-LIFE

For more information, contact Al and Donna Doyker at (860) 463-7826 or lizack2000@gmail.com.



The **P.A.L. (Protect All Life)** meeting will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in Classroom #5 at Holy Family Church. ****There will be no December meeting.****

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 18th, 2023** at 6:30PM in Room 5 at Holy Family Church.

Please consider joining us as we have a very passionate group!

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Martha Church Knights of Columbus Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600 is hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Breakfast will be served from 8:00AM to 1:30PM.

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice

Pricing:

Adults: \$8.00

Children 2 to 12 Years: \$5.00

Children Under 2: Free

Maximum of \$30.00 per Family.



Scripture Study Group w/ Fr. Robert Rousseau

Monday, December 11th, 2023

7:00PM to 8:30PM

Fellowship – Coffee – Discussion

SJJ Faith Formation Center at
St. Martha Church Classroom #11

ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH PRAYER LINES

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? Why not call one of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Prayer Lines?



The lines are easy to use and the request can be as specific, or as general as you wish!

The Prayer Line works like this: the request goes out through a network of members who will then pray for and pass on the request to their individual groups, thus forming a "prayer line."

Requests can be placed through St. Patrick Church by calling (860) 745-6492 between the hours of 9:00AM and 9:00PM, through St. Martha Church by calling the parish office at (860) 962-4001, ext. 142 during office hours and through St. Bernard Church by calling the parish office at (860) 962-4001, ext. 121.

"Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?"



"There weren't planes in those days!"



The fossil record indicates that there most likely weren't ever any snakes in Ireland. BUT St. Patrick did tell the Emerald Isle about Jesus, banishing darkness.

SENIOR LUNCH

Come Join Us at Senior Lunch!

When: Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Where: Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall at St. Bernard

Time: Doors open at 11:30AM.
Lunch served promptly at Noon

Menu: Chicken with Stuffing Casserole,
coffee, tea, rolls/bread and dessert.

Donation: \$3 is appreciated.

If you did not sign up at the prior lunch, please call Donna Honan at (860) 749-4582 to reserve a seat!

The St. Bernard Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing gift cards for Christmas to the people in need who are helped throughout the year.

Parishioners who would like to donate gift cards to Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, and Big Y may take tags off of the trees located at the entrances of the church and leave them in the boxes located near the trees or bring them to the Rectory at St. Bernard Church during normal business hours. St. Vincent de Paul must receive cards by **Monday, December 11, 2023**, at the latest in order to have enough time to mail them out.

Thank you so much and God Bless!



The St. Bernard Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank the many parishioners who donated gift cards for those in need this Thanksgiving. We were able to help 42 families have a Thanksgiving dinner because of the tremendous generosity of those who contributed this year. We are so grateful for your support!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jeanne Jugan Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Monday of the month from Fall until the Summer begins. We will hold our next meeting on **Monday, December 4, 2023** from 1:00PM to 3:00PM in the Meeting Room at St. Bernard Church.

Please bring any completed items and current projects.

If you are not a member and wish to learn more about our ministry, please stop by.

New members are always welcome!



2024 MASS INTENTIONS | Jan 1 to Jun 30



The 2024 Mass Intentions books are now open.

Mass Intentions can be scheduled between January 1st and June 30th. The scheduling of Mass Intentions for July 1st through December 31st will be made available at a later date. Please contact the office of the church where you wish to schedule a Mass Intention.



The members of **Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group** welcome you to join us in prayer, song and personal sharing every Tuesday evening from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

Place: St. Martha Church, St. Nicholas Classroom

Our old faces would be delighted to see some new faces!
Thank you for giving it your kind consideration!

*For further information, please contact
Peggi Connor at (860) 745-9861.*

The Giving Store

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**Donation Drop-Off:
Tuesday, December 5th from 11AM to 1PM**

A very big round of applause to the devoted and caring volunteers who receive your donations. Recently, The Giving Store volunteers dismantled the Fall display, sorted all the Winter donations and created a new schematic for Winter. These women and men organized and placed your donations into their new viewing location. I am happy to report that all the jackets filled their space; including a rack of children's jackets. Unfortunately, we have no inventory to replace items that were selected by our shoppers. If you find any of the 5 items - jackets, blankets, boots, sweaters, or scarves/hats/gloves, etc. it would be very much appreciated!

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

DEVOTIONS

DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH at ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Come to St. Martha Church for devotion to St. Joseph, every Wednesday after the 8:00AM Mass.

Please join us in prayer this week on
Wednesday, December 6th.

DEVOTION TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP at ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Come to St. Patrick Church for devotion to the Mother of Perpetual Help, every Thursday after the 8:00AM Mass.

Please join us in prayer this week on
Thursday, December 7th.

You Can Make a Difference To Our Homeless

Enfield Safe Harbor for the Homeless is preparing for the 2023-24 warming center winter season and has need of the following items:

- Sleeping Bags,
- Blankets,
- Pre-Packaged Foods; such as cookies, crackers, chips, tuna fish foil packets, individual cereals and instant oatmeal, meat sticks/beef jerky, nutragrain/granola bars, chocolates, hard candies, jars of peanut butter and jellies, squeeze bottles of mayo, mustard, ketchup), and
- Individual Beverages; such as powdered juices, flavored bottled water, plain bottled water, hot chocolate mix, coffee, non-dairy creamer, sugar, and artificial sweeteners.

Items may be dropped off any Thursday evening in Weaver Hall at St. Patrick Church from 6:30PM to 8:30PM, or at other times by arrangement.

Please contact Monica Wright with any questions at (860) 970-9065, or mwright.eshwc@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Additional information about our mission can be obtained by reviewing our annual report at <https://enfieldsafeharbor.org/annual-report/>.

La Comunidad Fuerza de Dios los invita todos los Lunes de 7:00PM a 9:00PM en el Salóm St. Francis de nuestra parroquia St. Martha, a una reunion mas de alabanza, oracion y compartir la Palabra de Dios.

Informes (860) 265-0687.

Dios espera por ti para que lo conozcas como El quiere ser conocido.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

16 YEARS OF HONORING OUR VETERANS WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IN ENFIELD

The American Legion John Maciolek Unit 154 Auxiliary will host this year's ceremony on **December 16, 2023** at 12:00PM. The ceremony will take place at St. Patrick's Cemetery, King Street, Enfield. The public is invited to attend.

It is our ultimate goal to place a wreath at every veteran grave throughout Enfield. You can help us reach our goal by contacting Marlene Hoginski at (860) 749-2393 to sponsor a wreath. Or, you may sponsor a veteran wreath on-line at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ct0079p. The cost for each wreath is \$17.00.

The American Legion John Maciolek Unit 154 Auxiliary and Wreaths Across America thanks you in advance for helping in their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach by sponsoring a wreath to place at a veteran's final resting place.



K of C Christmas Prime Rib Dinner

K of C Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600

Date: Saturday, December 16th

Place: St. Martha Church Hall

Full Course Prime Rib Dinner

\$30.00 per person.

Tickets will be on sale at all Parish Rectory Offices.



Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

There is a Christmas tree set up in back of St. Martha Church with envelopes hanging from it. If you want to give a gift to a seminarian this Christmas, please take one or as many envelopes as you wish from the tree. All instructions for givers are included in the envelope.

Return your envelope in the collection basket, or to the St. Martha Parish Office by **Sunday, December 10, 2023.**



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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW | Victim Assistance Coordinator | 1-860-541-6475 | faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line | 1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities | 1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly | 1-888-385-4225

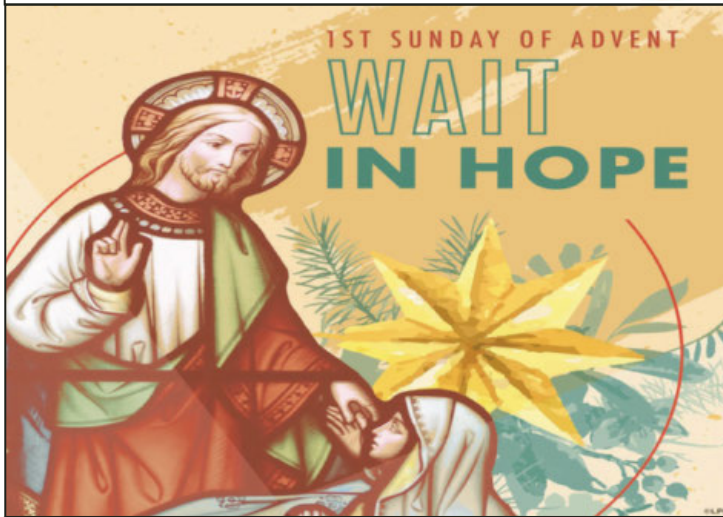
Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Family Society at St. Patrick Church will be hosting a gathering for coffee, donuts and pastries!

Date: Sunday, December 10th
 Time: After the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses
 Where: St. Patrick Church.



Please join them downstairs in Weaver Hall!



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH SUPPORT

"Happy House" is a free-will collection taken up at Holy Family Church to fund construction of simple, sturdy houses in Haiti through the Haitian Health Foundation.

A limited supply of gift cards for Big Y, Geissler's, and Shop Rite are available at the St. Bernard Rectory. Proceeds will go to St. Bernard School.

Please note the weekly and online amounts represent the combined totals from all churches within St. Jeanne Jugan Parish.

THANK YOU to all those who mail their weekly offertory to the rectory office.

ONLINE: \$3,568.25 (11/19) | \$4,392.25 (11/26)
WEEKLY: \$14,523.25 (11/19) | \$14,538.75 (11/26)
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEV: \$3,765.10 (11/19) | \$124.00 (11/26)
UTILITY FUND: \$3,166.25 (11/26)
SBS: \$282.00 (11/19) | \$115.00 (11/26)
HAPPY HOUSE: \$220.00 (11/19) | \$20.00 (11/26)

Consider making your weekly offertory online. For checks, please make sure they are made out to St. Jeanne Jugan Parish. Visit www.sjenfield.org, or go to www.osvhub.com/sjenfield/giving/funds to learn more.



For any bulletin announcements, please reach out to Angela Skawski at communications@sjenfield.org.

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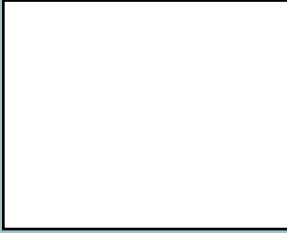
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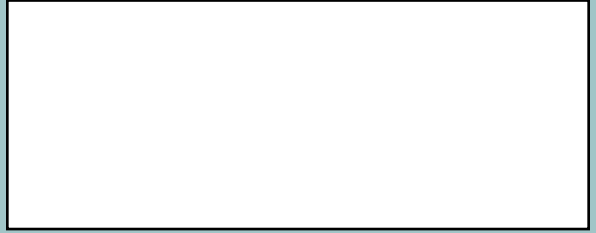
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