



SAINT JEANNE JUGAN PARISH

SERVING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENFIELD, CT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2023 | 4th 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



4TH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

“Therefore the child to be
born will be called holy,
the Son of God.” - Lk 1:35

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 23

- 10:00 am . . Confessions (SP)
- 10:00 am . . Confessions (HF)
- 12:00 pm . . Rosary Rally - America Needs Fatima (SM)
- 2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SM)
- 3:00 pm . . . Confessions (SP)
- 3:30 pm . . . Confessions (HF)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

No Events

MONDAY DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

No Events

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

2:00 pm . . . Holy Family Church Legion of Mary (HF Room 5)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

No Bingo This Week

9:30 am . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study (SB. Rel. Ed Room)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

No Events

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

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

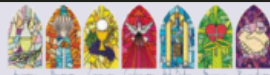
SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

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.

EUCARIST

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.



UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURE

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "**But she was greatly troubled at what was said.**" An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "**Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.**"

— Father John Muir



At St. Bernard Church the sanctuary candle burns in memory of **Carol Dziema** at the request of **Donald and Patricia Brierley**.

At St. Martha Church the sanctuary lamp burns for the **Deceased Members of the Camilleri, McKeown and Tiroletto Families** at the request of their Family.

REST IN PEACE



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish mourns the loss of our parishioners

Mary Ann Burke
James Pfeifer

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



The Saint Jeanne Jugan Parish offices will be closed on **Monday, December 25th** and **Tuesday, December 26th**.

The St. Bernard Church office will also be closed on **Friday, December 29th**.

The Parish staff wishes you all a very merry and blessed Christmas!

DAILY MASS READINGS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16•Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)•Rom 16:25-27•Lk 1:26-38

MONDAY DECEMBER 25: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5•Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29•Acts 13:16-17, 22-25•Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; *Night:* Is 9:1-6•Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13•Ti 2:11-14•Lk 2:1-14; *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12•Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12•Ti 3:4-7•Lk 2:15-20; *Day:* Is 52:7-10•Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6•Heb 1:1-6•Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59•Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17•Mt 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4•Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12•Jn 20:1a, 2-8

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2•Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8•Mt 2:13-18

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11•Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6•Lk 2:22-35

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17•Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10•Lk 2:36-40

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3•Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9•Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19•Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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).



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

8:30 am ... Bertha Sablak† | Requested by Lynn and Bob Boron - HF

9:00 am ... The Living and Deceased† Members of the Coles Family | Requested by the Family - SM

4:00 pm ... Leon Loiselle† | Requested by his Family - SP

4:00 pm ... Juan Antonio Villa† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM

4:30 pm ... The Deceased Members of the Ayotte, Gay, Guillerault, LaRoche and Quagliaroli Families† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen LaRoche & Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am ... Herbert and Rosa O'Brien†, and Myron and Rose Marek† | Requested by the Marek Family - SB

8:00 am ... Jozef, Katarzyna and Lech Paluch† | Requested by their Family - SP

9:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

9:00 am ... Gilma Albert† | Requested by Lisa Bosse and Family - SM

10:00 am ... Frank, Elena and Joseph Bosco† | Requested by Daughter, Connie and Grandson, Michael - SP

10:30 am ... Bertrand Grondin† | Requested by Lisette Grondin - SB

11:00 am ... For the Living and Deceased† Members of the Bailey, Bernier and Tyszka Families | Requested by Greg and Linda Bailey - SM

11:30 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL)

4:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

4:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

4:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP

4:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM

6:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

6:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

6:00 pm ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM

12:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM

MONDAY DECEMBER 25 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

8:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP

9:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM

9:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

10:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP

10:30 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

8:00 am ... Antonina and Gaspare Rosato† | Requested by the Santo Rosato Family - SM

9:00 am ... Joseph Marcinowski, Sr.† | Requested by his Family - SB

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

8:00 am ... Special Intentions - SM

9:00 am ... For the Intention of a Successful Surgery for Fr. John Golas | Requested by the Morning Mass Group - SB

7:00 pm ... For the Intentions of Rachael Coles | Requested by her Husband, Dylan and Elaina - SM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

8:00 am ... Ernie and Hope Santanella† | Requested by Connie and Michael - SP

9:00 am ... Betty and Jonathan O'Donnell† | Requested by Gloria and Kathy - HF

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

8:00 am ... For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP

9:00 am ... Bob Suizdak† | Requested by Gloria Smole - HF

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

8:30 am ... David and Robyn Radziewicz†, 25th Anniversary | Requested by the Family - HF

9:00 am ... Our Blessed Mother's Intentions for the Steven W. Camerota Family | Requested by the Family - SM

4:00 pm ... William Fitzgerald† | Requested by Terry and Joanne Lynch - SP

4:00 pm ... Juan Antonio Villa† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM

4:30 pm ... John Birmingham† | Requested by his Wife and Family - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 (THE HOLY FAMILY)

7:30 am ... Diane Carlone† | Requested by Mary Beth McKibbin - SB

8:00 am ... Frank Barszcz† | Requested by his Niece and Family - SP

9:00 am ... Kennethea and Robert Duprey† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sweeney - HF

9:00 am ... Ed Condron† | Requested by the Family - SM

10:00 am ... The Deceased Members of the Cummings and Novak Families† | Requested by their Family - SP

10:30 am ... Bernard Charney†, 4th Anniversary | Requested by his Family - SB

11:00 am ... Doris Perrault† | Requested by the Merrero Family - SM

11:30 am ... Paul Gendreau† | Requested by his Family - HF

HOLY DAY INFORMATION

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 10:00AM to 11:00AM & 2:30PM to 3:30PM	Saturday, December 23rd 2:30PM to 3:30PM	Saturday, December 23rd 10:00AM to 11:00AM & 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

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES | Saturday, December 23rd

Confessions will be held on **Saturday, December 23rd** from 10:00AM to 11:00AM at Holy Family Church and St. Patrick Church. This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled confessions from 3:00PM to 3:30PM at St. Patrick Church and 3:30PM to 4:00PM at Holy Family Church that day.

CHRISTMAS EVE & 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Sunday, December 24th

Please note that all Churches will still have their regular Sunday Morning celebrations for **Sunday, December 24th**; the 4th Sunday of Advent. The 4:00PM, 6:00PM and Midnight Masses for Christmas Eve **do not** fulfill this Sunday obligation.

MUSICAL PRELUDE | Saturday, December 23rd

There will be a Musical Prelude before the 4:00PM and 12:00AM Christmas Eve Masses at St. Martha Church.

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



St. Bernard School & Little Angels Pre-School



St. Bernard School: Charlene Mongillo, Principal | principal@sbsenfield.org | (860) 745-5275 | www.sbsenfield.org
Little Angels Pre-School: Leesa Wallburg, Administrative Assistant | lwallburg@sbsenfield.org | (860) 745-6135 | www.mylittleangelspreschool.com

THEME	OBJECT	SCRIPTURE
The real meaning of Christmas.	Cupcake with a candle, Something to light the candle.	Luke 2:1-15

DISCUSSION

Get Ready: You'll need a helper who will light the candle on the cupcake and bring it out at the end of the children's sermon.

It's here! It's finally here! Christmas is finally here! I just love Christmas, don't you? What do you like best about Christmas? Is it the Christmas tree with its blinking lights? (Allow children to answer.)

Maybe you like the beautiful music or the delicious Christmas goodies. Perhaps it's Christmas dinner with turkey and dressing and all of the trimmings. For some it might be all of the parties or visiting with family and friends. For many people the best thing about Christmas is the presents — both the ones we give and the ones we receive. Especially the ones we receive!

Hmm...Can you think of anything I have left out? (Allow children to answer.) Oh yes! It's someone's birthday, isn't it? Whose birthday is it? That's right! It's Jesus' birthday.

What do you know about Jesus' birthday? (Allow children to answer.)

You know, sometimes we get so caught up in all of the decorations, lights, parties, and presents that we miss the real Christmas. That reminds me of a story I heard about a little boy who had always wanted to go to a circus.

One day the boy was walking down the street when he saw a poster in a store window. The poster said that a circus was coming to town and that a ticket to the circus cost one dollar. The boy ran home and asked his father if he would give him a dollar to go to the circus on Saturday.

His father told him that if he would work hard and get all of his chores done, he would give him a dollar to go to the circus. Saturday morning came and the boy got up early and did all of his chores.

"I have all of my chores done," the boy told his dad.

The boy's father gave him a dollar and the boy headed into town filled with excitement about seeing wild animals, trapeze artists, and all of the things that come with a circus. Since he arrived in town so early, he was on the front row when the circus parade started down the main street of town. The boy was thrilled when the animals and other circus acts paraded by.

At the end of the parade came the clowns and following the clowns was the ringmaster. When the ringmaster passed by where he was standing, the boy ran out into the street, took his folded dollar bill from his pocket, and handed it to the ringmaster.

"Thanks," mister, said the boy, "that was a great circus." Then he turned around and walked home. He never knew what he had missed. He thought he had been to the circus, but he had only been to the parade.

What do you think about what happened to the little boy? (Allow children to answer.)

If we are not careful, we can be like that little boy. We can get so caught up in the celebration, the decorations, and the gifts that we miss the real Christmas — the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dear Jesus, it's your birthday. We pray that we won't get so caught up in the celebration that we miss the real meaning of Christmas. In Jesus' name, amen. (Have your helper bring out the cupcake with the lit candle. Then lead children in singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and blow out the candle.)

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, January 7th**, 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

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.

****There will be no meeting Friday, December 29th.****

The group will resume after the new year on **Friday, January 5th**.

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



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.

****There will be no meetings the week of 12/24-12/30.****

The next meetings are:

- **There will be no meeting on Monday, January 1st**
- **Wednesday, January 3rd after the 9:00AM Mass - SB Religious Ed. Room**

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

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.

****There will be no meeting Tuesday, December 26th.****

Join us for friendship, faith, and fun!

Make sure to check out our Facebook page!

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

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**.



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, 2024** 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

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 next month on **Thursday, January 18th.**

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 **Wednesday, December 27th.**

There will be no Rosary on 12/25 or 12/26



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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 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.



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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice Always!

Issiah 61:1: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." Let the Lord transform your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. Attend 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 Teléfono (203) 979-6109 o [renuevatumatrimonio.org](https://www.renuevatumatrimonio.org).

Join us at St. Martha Church on **Saturday, December 23rd at Noon**, for a Rosary Rally to promote the true message of Christmas on behalf of America Needs Fatima.



AMERICA NEEDS **FATIMA.**

If you have questions or concerns please contact Christopher Manza at (845) 541-1314, or at captcm54@gmail.com.

ROSARY RALLY



CHOIR MINISTRY

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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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come Join Us at Senior Lunch!

When: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

Where: Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall at St. Bernard

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

Menu: A home-cooked Italian Meal, 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!



MEN'S GROUP

Scripture Study Group
w/ Fr. Robert Rousseau

Monday, January 8th, 2024

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.



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday January 9th, 2024

at 7:00PM

Holy Family Church – Fr. Kerwan Hall



Parish Council

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, January 8, 2024** (the *second* Monday, due to the New Years Holiday) 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

****There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 26th.****

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.*

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**Donation Drop-Off:
Friday, December 29th from 11AM to 1PM**

Here we are again with the start of a new year with prayers that we will have a healthy and safe one. During all the unrest, due to the unfortunate damage to our store, we have done very well in meeting the expectations of our shoppers. Thankfully Deacon Paul offered to make space available in the Warming Center, which enabled us to meet the needs of our shoppers - whose needs grow weekly. In looking back, it is because of your generosity and the devotion of our volunteers that enabled us to meet the challenge!

We thank you and ask all of God's Blessings to you, your family and friends. May you have the best of new years!

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 27th.

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 28th.

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.



CHRISTMAS



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel Meditation - December 25, 2023 - The Nativity of the Lord

“She gave birth to her firstborn son.” The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I’m sure I couldn’t handle it. I can’t even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it’s a beautiful part of nature, but there’s still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it’s worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church’s theology around the birth of Christ, His was miraculous because it caused no pain to His mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. *God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way.* He himself will suffer His own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that He will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to Him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let’s delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus’s birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear Him, ever. — *Father John Muir*



La Navidad, además de ser una celebración solemne y de mucho gozo, da comienzo el 25 de diciembre y termina con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor. Su color litúrgico es el blanco. La invitación, en este tiempo, es comprometernos a vivir en armonía y generosidad familiar, imitando a José, María y Jesús. Celebramos acontecimientos muy importantes para nuestra vida de fe. La Encarnación del Hijo de Dios, su Nacimiento, junto con la Resurrección en la Pascua, nos llevan a manifestar la epifanía de Dios como gozo definitivo a los demás.

“No tengan miedo, pues yo vengo a comunicarles una buena noticia, que será motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo: hoy, en la ciudad de David, ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor” (Lucas 2:10-11). Señor, queremos agradecerte todo lo vivido en este año 2023. Tuvimos alegrías y sufrimientos, muerte de seres queridos y nacimientos de seres amados que serán alegría y esperanza en nuestra vida. Todo lo ponemos humildemente ante el pesebre en este tiempo santo de la Navidad. Quédate con nosotros. *“Gracias a este Niño, todos podemos llamarnos y ser verdaderamente hermanos: de todos los continentes, de todas las lenguas y culturas, con nuestras identidades y diferencias, sin embargo, todos hermanos y hermanas” (Papa Francisco 12/25/2020).* Jesús es buena noticia para todos, vayamos a compartirla. ¡Feliz Navidad 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.



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.

WEEKLY: \$12,277.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$1,848.00

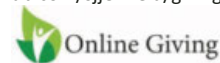
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RETIREMENT FUND: \$2,362.00

SBS: \$600.00

Collection totals are for HF and SM Only; SB and SP were provided in 12/19 bulletin.

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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