



SAINT JEANNE JUGAN PARISH

SERVING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENFIELD, CT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2024 | 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

ST. BERNARD

426 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

Mon-Wed: 9:00AM
Sun: 7:30AM, 10:30AM

ST. PATRICK

64 Pearl St, Enfield, CT

Mass Times

Thu-Fri: 8:00AM
Sat (vigil): 4:00PM
Sun: 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

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”
- Lk 1:45

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 • SBS = St. Bernard School • LA = Little Angels Preschool

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SM)

2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SP)

3:00 pm . . . Confessions (HF)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

No Events

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

6:00 pm . . . Confessions (SB)

6:30 pm . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study (HF Room 1)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

No Events due to the Christmas Holiday

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

No Events due to the Christmas Holiday

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

No Events

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

8:30 am . . . Adoration (SP)

9:30 am . . . Adoration (HF)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

2:30 pm . . . Confessions (SM)

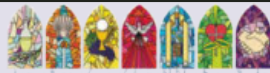
3:00 pm . . . Confessions (SP)

3:30 pm . . . Confessions (HF)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

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.

EUCCHARIST

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.

ANOIDING 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

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— Father John Muir

WEATHER POLICY

The winter policy for **St. Jeanne Jugan Parish** is in effect for daily Masses Monday through Friday. The policy states that when Enfield Public Schools cancel or delay school on that day, the Daily Mass at Holy Family, St. Bernard, St. Martha, and St. Patrick Churches will be cancelled for that day as well; this includes the livestream for these Masses. This policy is in place for the safety of all.

The intentions for these Masses will be rescheduled at a mutually agreeable time. You may call the rectory of the Church where your Mass intention was scheduled to discuss a new date.



At St. Bernard Church the sanctuary candle burns in memory of **John Boucher** at the request of his Wife, Beth.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Offices will be closed **Wednesday, December 25th, 2024**, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

All Parish Offices will reopen on **Thursday, December 26th, 2024.**



REST IN PEACE



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish mourns the loss of our parishioner

Lorraine St. Sauveur

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

DAILY MASS READINGS



SUNDAY DECEMBER 22: Mi 5:1-4a•Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)•Heb 10:5-10•Lk 1:39-45

MONDAY DECEMBER 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24•Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14•Lk 1:57-66

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16•Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29•Lk 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5•Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)•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 (Lk 2:11)•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•Heb 1:1-6•Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)•Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2•Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8•Mt 2:13-18

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28•Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)•1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24•Lk 2:41-52

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 21

- 8:30 am . . . For the Intentions of St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
- 9:00 am . . . Our Blessed Mother's Intention for Hannah Camerota, Birthday Blessings | Requested by her Parents - SM
- 4:00 pm . . . Frank Gaetani†, 1st Anniversary and Anthony Gaetani† | Requested by Frank's Wife and Family - SP
- 4:00 pm . . . Arcelia Sanchez†, 2nd Anniversary | Requested by her Daughter, Belem Gonzalez - SM
- 4:30 pm . . . For the Deceased Members of the Ayotte, Gay, Guillerault, LaRoche and Quagliaroli Families† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Stephan LaRoche - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

- 7:30 am . . . John Boucher† | Requested by his Wife, Beth - SB
- 9:00 am . . . Maureen Coakley† | Requested by the Coakley Family - HF
- 9:00 am . . . John Radziewicz† | Requested by his Family - SM
- 10:00 am . . . Suzanne Buanno†, Birthday Remembrance | Requested by her Family - SP
- 10:30 am . . . Bertrand Grondin† | Requested by his Wife, Lisette - SB
- 11:00 am . . . John Paul Eckelt†, Birthday Remembrance | Requested by his Parents - SM

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

- 8:00 am . . . Gaspare Rosato† | Requested by the Santo Rosato Family - SM
- 9:00 am . . . Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Secondo† and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sas† | Requested by Teresa and Scott Marek - SB

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

- 8:00 am . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM
- 9:00 am . . . Mary and John Kane† | Requested by their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren - SB

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 (VIGIL - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

- 4:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
- 4:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB
- 4:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP
- 4:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM
- 6:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
- 6:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB
- 6:00 pm . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM
- 12:00 am . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

- 9:00 am . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SM
- 9:00 am . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
- 10:00 am . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SP
- 10:30 am . . . For the Intentions of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

- 8:00 am . . . Sophie Pabis† | Requested by her Family - SP
- 9:00 am . . . Charles Branchini, Jr.† | Requested by his Wife and Daughter - HF

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

- 8:00 am . . . George Rypysc, Jr.†, 6th Anniversary | Requested by his Wife and Family - SP
- 9:00 am . . . Theodore and Helen Sweeney†, Margaret Zsido† and Son, Theodore† | Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sweeney - HF

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

- 8:30 am . . . James Holter† | Requested by Joseph and Linda Forino - HF
- 9:00 am . . . For the Intentions of Janna Lyn Bailey | Requested by her Parents - SM
- 4:00 pm . . . Barbara Mallos† | Requested by Ralph and Claire Cerrato - SP
- 4:00 pm . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Marion Liquore - SM
- 4:30 pm . . . Rose Porcello† | Requested by her Friends, Jenn and Elaine - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29 (THE HOLY FAMILY)

- 7:30 am . . . Anna B. Connor† - SB
- 9:00 am . . . For the Deceased Members of the O'Brien and Marek Families† | Requested by Teresa and Scott Marek - HF
- 9:00 am . . . John Janoski† | Requested by his Family - SM
- 10:00 am . . . For the Deceased Members of the Cummings and Novak Families† | Requested by their Family - SP
- 10:30 am . . . Bernard Charney†, 5th Anniversary | Requested by his Family - SB
- 11:00 am . . . Edward Condron†, Birthday Remembrance | Requested by his Family - SM



A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP COYNE



CHRISTMAS 2024

My friends, I am pleased to share with you this first Christmas pastoral letter as your Archbishop. Many of you are regular Mass goers. Some of you come occasionally, once a month or so. Some come once or twice a year on the major holidays of Christmas or Easter. For others, this may be the first time you have been in a church for years or maybe even for the first time. To all of you, I say, "Welcome and merry Christmas."

Whatever your relationship with the Church may be, I invite you to consider how the moment of the Incarnation – God becoming man in Jesus Christ – has graced all of creation with the saving power of God. Throughout the course of the Church's history, great saints and poets have authored heartfelt praise to the mystery of the Incarnation in which they tried to capture what it meant that God, the Supreme Creator of all that is, became one like us. Writing in the 4th c., St. Gregory Nazianzen came close to offering a perfect blend of the poetic and the theological when he wrote:

"The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: he it is who comes... ..to take to himself all that is human, except for sin... ..He who makes rich is made poor; he takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty; he is emptied for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness."

But, while St. Gregory's words may transport us into the Mystery of the Divine Majesty of God made manifest, the greeting of the angels to the shepherds that we hear proclaimed in the Gospel of Luke lead us deeply into Christ's humanity:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

In this Christmas celebration, we recall the mystery of Christ, true God and true man, and offer thanksgiving that "God so loved the world, that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life," and remember that every time we celebrate the Mass we encounter the same Christ present among us in the Church gathered, in the Word proclaimed, and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist - and what a Christmas gift that is!

** Christopher J. Coyne*

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Archbishop of Hartford



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

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THEME	OBJECTS	SCRIPTURE
Christmas - a time of family celebration.	None.	Luke 1:39-41

DISCUSSION

Today is the last Sunday before Christmas. Are you getting excited? I am! What are some of the things that you look forward to at Christmas — besides opening presents of course? What are some of the family traditions your family has? (Give the children time to share.) The thing I remember most about the Christmases of my childhood is our family get-together. We almost always went to my Grandmother's house and had a big family get-together. It was often the only time during the year when I got to see some of my aunts, uncles, and cousins. We had so much fun visiting, eating, and playing games. In my mind, one of the very best things about Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus with family.

Our Gospel reading today tells what happened after God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby and that she would name him Jesus. Can you imagine how Mary, a teenager engaged to marry a young carpenter, must have felt to hear news like that? After she recovered from the shock, the Bible tells us that Mary hurried to the home of a relative, Elizabeth, to tell her the news. Elizabeth was also expecting a baby and the Bible tells us that when she heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and said to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed." That is amazing! Before Mary even said a word about having a child, Elizabeth knew it and she knew that the child was going to be a very special child! "Why am I so blessed that the mother of my Lord would visit me?" Elizabeth said. "You are a blessed woman because you have believed that the Lord would do what He said."

So, at the very beginning of the Christmas story was an event that was shared with family and it is a time that has meaning to us as families today. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is certainly appropriate that we celebrate it with our families just as Mary did with Elizabeth.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for this time of joyful celebration of our Savior's birth. We pray that we will honor His birthday as a time of celebration with our families. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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 5th**, 6:00PM to 8:00PM at **St. Bernard Church**. Our first 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

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 23rd at 6:30PM - HF Room 1**
- The Scripture Sharing Group will not meet at SB Church this week due to the Christmas holiday.**

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

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 in next month on **January 5th**.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<u>ST. BERNARD</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	<u>ST. MARTHA</u>	<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>
Monday, December 23rd 6:00PM to 7:00PM	Date Has Passed	Date Has Passed	Date Has Passed

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE | Tuesday, December 24th

<u>ST. BERNARD</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	<u>ST. MARTHA</u>	<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>
4:00PM - Children's Mass 6:00PM*	4:00PM	Midnight - TLM 4:00PM - English 6:00PM - Spanish	4:00PM* 6:00PM

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE | Wednesday, December 25th

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

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

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 23rd.**

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 3rd.**



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, December 23rd.**

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 next week on **Wednesday, Jan. 1st.**

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, Dec. 26th.**

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to offer my thanks to all of our parishioners who made this time special by their donations to several local charities and individuals. Your generosity and charity are a great witness to the Lord coming in our world and lives.

I also would like to commend all of our parish staff and volunteers for making this a special time with our events, decorations, and programs that highlight what the Lord's coming means for us.

On my behalf and that of Fathers Mathew, Kelechi and Villa, I want to thank you for the personal ways you brighten our Christmas celebrations with your greetings, cards, baked treats and gifts.

May God bless you abundantly now and in the New Year!

*Thanks,
Fr. John*

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 now open **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 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? We are looking for a committed person Fridays from 6:00PM to 7:00PM and additional people Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00PM to 10:00PM.

The Chapel is open to all those who would like to spend some extra time with the Lord. Jesus is happy to see us even for a few minutes!

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

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.



Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702

Director: Annedda Stiller | (860) 416-9600

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



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.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHOIR AND PARISH MINISTRIES

CHOIR MINISTRY REHEARSALS

TUESDAY:

6:30 pm . . . Voices for God (SB)

THURSDAY:

6:30 pm . . . St. Martha - All Choirs Practice (SM)

7:00 pm . . . Holy Family Church Choir Practice (HF Rooms 2/3)

Note: There will be no practice on December 26th

7:00 pm . . . St. Bernard Adult Choir Practice (SB Choir Loft)

7:30 pm . . . St. Martha St. Hildegard Choir and Schola Practice (SM)

FRIDAY:

2:45 pm . . . St. Bernard Children's Choir Practice (SBS)

SATURDAY:

3:00 pm . . . Holy Family Contemporary Choir Practice (HF)

Meets every other week starting September 28th.

SUNDAY:

9:00 am . . . St. Patrick Adult Church Choir (SP)



Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

The Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group will meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month starting at **6:30PM** in Classroom #2 at St. Martha Church.

The next meeting will be held on **Thurs., December 26, 2024.**

For additional info, please contact Rosa Santiago at (860) 836-9823.



SJJ Parish Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group

We meet every Tuesday at 3:45PM at Saint Martha Church in Classroom #3.

For additional information please call Michelle Simmons at (860) 913-9958, or Anna Betagh at (860) 306-2550.



The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Bernard Church** wishes to thank the many parishioners who donated gift cards for those in need this holiday season. Because of your generosity we were able to help more than 40 families enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas meal as well as provide gifts for their children this Christmas season. You have all shown that the true meaning of the holiday season flourishes in so many ways.

Thank you so much, and we wish everyone a New Year filled with hope, peace, and blessings!



SJJ PARISH PRAYER LINES



Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? Why not call one of the SJJ 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 the parish office at (860) 962-4001, ext. 150, 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.

The **P.A.L. (Protect All Life)** meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in Classroom #5 at Holy Family Church. The next meeting will be next year on **Thursday, January 16th, 2025.**



We have collected almost \$8,000 from the generosity of the parishioners and we all would like to thank them and wish them a Holy Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

A complete list of organizations benefitting from their donations will be available at all doors of all churches in February 2025.

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



Volunteer Needed:

The Altar Society of St. Bernard Church is looking for a volunteer to help with the laundering and mending of altar robes for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers.

Please contact the St. Bernard Parish Office at (860) 962-4001, ext. 121 if you can help.

Thank you for your consideration!

Come Join Us at Senior Lunch!

When: Tuesday, January 14th, 2024

Where: St. Bernard Church

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

Menu: 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!



PARISH MINISTRIES

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

Please come join us and experience the blessings and joy that the Holy Spirit brings!

Place: St. Martha Church,
St. Nicholas Classroom

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



MEN'S GROUP

Scripture Study Group w/ Fr. Robert Rousseau

Monday, January 13th, 2024

7:00PM to 8:30PM

Fellowship – Coffee – Discussion

St. Martha Church Classroom #11

Please join our Legion of Mary soldiers in assisting our priests by performing spiritual works for the welfare of souls.

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide lay apostolic association of Catholics. They serve with the sanction of the Church and powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate.

The St. Jeanne Jugan Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday, 2:00PM at Holy Family Church in Room 5.



For more information, please contact Regina at (860) 752-0149.

Please join us for

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Sunday January 12, 2024
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Father Weaver Hall

There will also be a craft table
for the kids!

Hosted by the St. Patrick Church
Family Society



The next **St. Jeanne Jugan Prayer Shawl Ministry** meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6th, 2024** from 1:00PM to 3:00PM in the Good Shepherd Meeting Room at St. Bernard Church.

The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide hope, comfort, and healing to those who most need a reminder of God's love, mercy, and compassion. Please bring any completed, or current projects with you.

New members are always welcome!

St. Martha Church Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Come join us!

We are looking for ladies to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the 3rd Monday of every month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Presently, we meet at St. Martha Church in Goulet Hall.

Join us next month on **Monday, January 20th.**

For more information, please contact
Betty Joaquim at (860) 745-2667.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Giving Store

ST. PATRICK CHURCH at ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH
67 Pearl Street, Enfield, CT | Corner of Pearl Street & High Street

Donation Drop-Off: Tuesday, December 24th from 11AM to 12PM
Open to Public: Tuesday, December 24th from 12PM to 2PM

How wonderful are The John Maciolek American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 153 Enfield, CT! They delivered 7 gift bags, full of children's pre-sorted and age appropriate jackets, toys and books. That along with the donation from St. Vincent de Paul Society of many over the top jackets, will keep many adults warm this winter!

We wish you all God's blessings and Merry Christmas to you, and yours!



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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.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

8:30AM - 11:00AM

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Enfield HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven, home repair program that provides free repairs to homeowners in need. We help senior, disabled and/or economically distressed homeowners, including veterans and single parents, by completing construction and repair projects in one day (usually the first Saturday of May).

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For more information or to complete an application, visit www.homefrontprogram.org, or call 800-887-HOPE.

Slow down after a hectic holiday season. **Holy Family Retreat Center** invites you to start the new year with a weekend for you to have quiet time, have meals served to you, beautiful music & share with old & new friends. This year's theme is **"In Gods love Abide"**.

Women from our Parish are going on the weekend of **January 3-5**. There are other weekends over the next few months, as well.



Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org, call (860) 521-0440, or call Jeannette at (860) 416-5577 for more information. Better yet, take 11 minutes and watch the video of a woman as she goes on a retreat weekend. You will be renewed physically and spiritually.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a: "The Lord shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God, and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." The Lord will shepherd your couple relationship. He will bring strength, peace, and greatness to your relationship. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you to grow in intimacy and grow in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

- January 7-February 18, 2025, Virtual 3RE, NY
- January 24-26, 2025 in North Easton, 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://www.mectw.org/>.

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.



The Bible?



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OPLATKI WAFERS

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water. The wafers are beautifully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.

Oplatki wafers are available until Monday, December 23rd at St. Bernard Church and St. Patrick Church offices, Monday through Friday during regular office hours for \$4.00 a package.

Please call (860) 962-4001, ext. 121 for St. Bernard Church, or ext. 150 for St. Patrick Church should you have any questions.





YEAR-END REPORT OF GIVING 2024

If you would like a report of your contributions to Saint Jeanne Jugan Parish for the year 2024, please complete and return this form to the rectory, or place the form in your offertory envelope. If you use Online Giving, your year-end total is accessible via the portal.

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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.

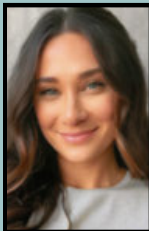
The collection totals for the weekend of Sunday, December 15th will be included in the Sunday, December 29th bulletin.

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

If you have any issues with your Online Giving account, reach out to OSC Tech Support at 1 (800) 348-2886, #2.



For any bulletin announcements, please reach out to Angela Skawski at communications@sjjenfield.org. Requests are due no later than Tuesday at 5:00PM the week of the Event, or requested ad. *Please Note: Dates subject to change due to holidays*



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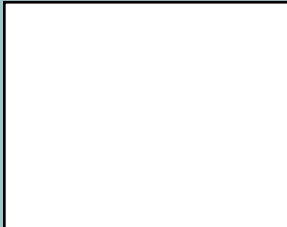
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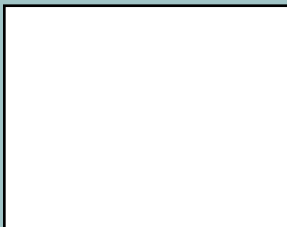
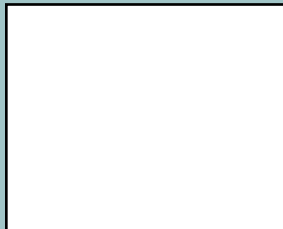
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