



SAINT JEANNE JUGAN PARISH



SERVING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENFIELD, CT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2025 | 3rd 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, 11:00AM

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

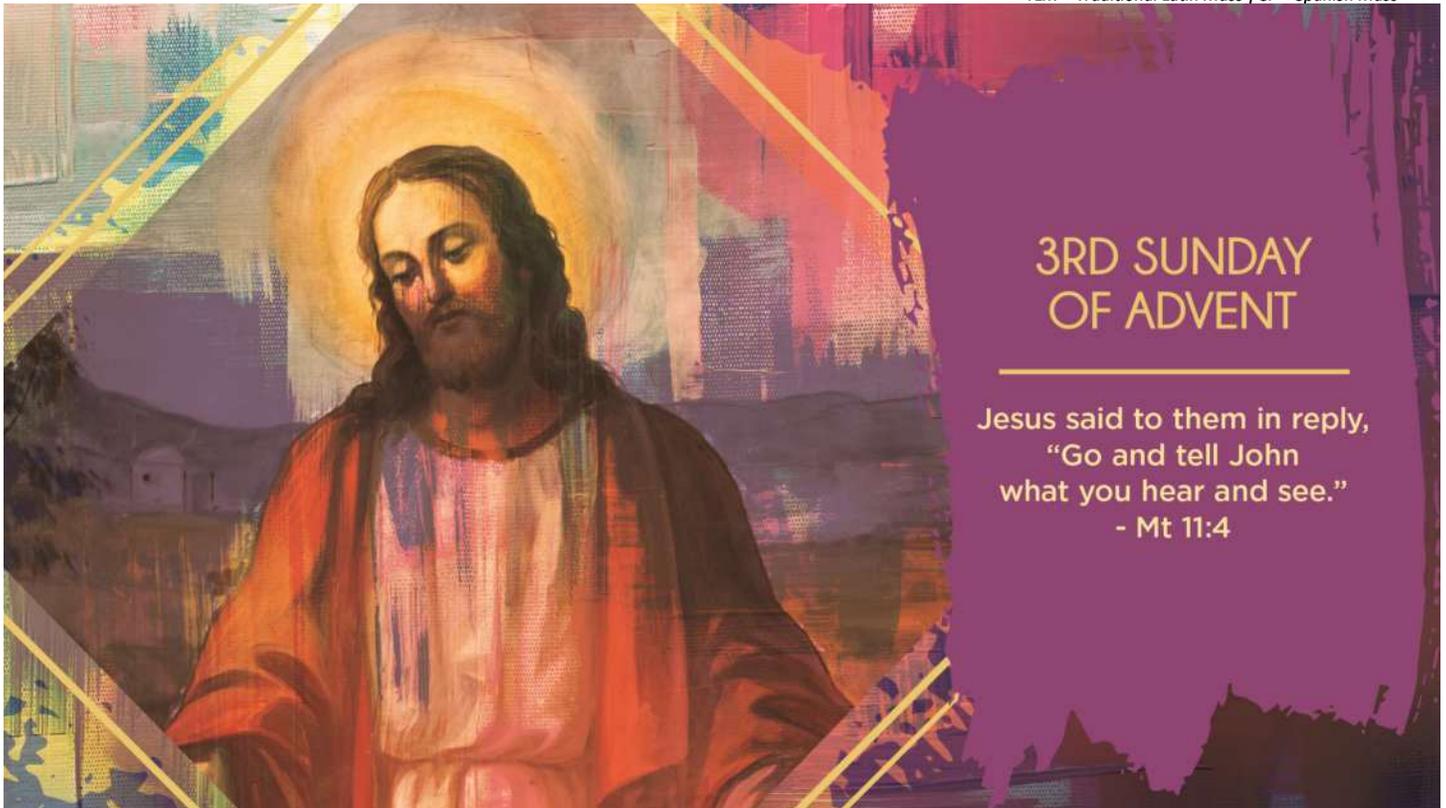
Mon-Wed: 8:00AM, Wed: 7:00PM (TLM),

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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John
what you hear and see."
- Mt 11:4

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 13

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

After 10:00 am Mass . . . Coffee, Donuts and Baked Goods (SP Fr. Weaver Hall)

MONDAY DECEMBER 15

- 6:30 pm . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Sharing (HF Room 1)
- 6:30 pm . . . SM Prayer Shawl Ministry (SM Fr. Goulet Hall)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

- 2:00 pm . . . SJJ Legion of Mary (HF Room 5)
- 3:45 pm . . . Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group (SM Classroom 3)
- 6:00 pm . . . Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group (SM St. Nicholas Classroom)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

- 9:30 am . . . Adult Faith Formation Scripture Sharing (SB Religious Ed Room)
- 6:15 pm . . . Bingo Sales Begin • 7pm . . . Games Begin (HF Fr. Kerwan Hall)
- 6:00 pm . . . Young Adults Group (SM Fr. Goulet Hall)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18

- 2:30 pm . . . Divine Mercy and Rosary (HF)
- 6:30 pm . . . O.C.I.A (HF Room 1)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19

- 8:30 am . . . Adoration (SP)
- 9:30 am . . . Adoration (HF)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

SEEK WHAT IS SOLID AND LASTING

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURE

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— *Father John Muir*





At St. Bernard Church the sanctuary candle burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Pepe Family** at the request of **Kathe Pepe.**



At St. Martha Church the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of **Bridget Nicholson and Elizabeth McKeown** at the request of **their Family.**



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

8:30 am . . . John and Jane Rucci† | Requested by their Family - HF
 9:00 am . . . Lucille Roy† | Requested by the DiBacco Family - SM
 4:00 pm . . . Guiseppi and M. Concetta Bosco†, Gregorio and Catarina Vandomo†, Maria Mammoli† | Requested by Connie and Michael - SP

4:00 pm . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM
 4:30 pm . . . Robert Montville† | Requested by his Wife and Family - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 (3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am . . . Ernie Maynard† | Requested by Linda and Al Courchesne Jr. - SB
 9:00 am . . . Nora Coakley† | Requested by the Coakley Family - HF
 9:00 am . . . John Radziewicz†, Birthday Remembrance | Requested by His Family - SM

10:00 am . . . Henrietta Trapanese†, Birthday Remembrance in Heaven | Requested by her Family - SP

11:00 am . . . Julie Fallon†, 11th Anniversary | Requested by the Fallon Family - SB

11:00 am . . . For the Intentions of Jane Jachim | Requested by Barbara Caldwell - SM

MONDAY DECEMBER 15

8:00 am . . . For the Holy Souls in Purgatory† | Requested by Larry M. - SM
 9:00 am . . . For the Intentions of Fr. Golas - SB

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

8:00 am . . . Rebecca Houde† | Requested by the Mastella Family - SM
 9:00 am . . . For the Intention of St Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

8:00 am . . . James Alexander† | Requested by Lori Kedzior - SM
 9:00 am . . . Cornelius "Connie" DeBella† | Requested by his Wife and Children - SB

7:00 pm . . . Teresa Wilson† | Requested by the DiBacco Family - SM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18

8:00 am . . . The Deceased Members of the Kowal Family† | Requested by their Family - SP

9:00 am . . . Cornelius "Connie" DiBella†, 1st Anniversary | Requested by his Wife and Children - HF

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19

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

9:00 am . . . John and Angela Soucy† | Requested by their Family - HF

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

8:30 am . . . Patricia Musso† | Requested by Ed and Carol Wilson - HF
 9:00 am . . . Marty Coles†, Birthday Remembrance | Requested by the Harrington Family - SM

4:00 pm . . . In Loving Memory of Frank, Elena, Joseph and Carmine Bosco†, Ernie and Hope Santanella† | Requested by Connie and Michael - SP

4:00 pm . . . Jill Williams† | Requested by Sue Williams and Family - SM
 4:30 pm . . . Ralph Ritacco† | Requested by Barbara and Ed Vaghini - HF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am . . . Mary and John Kanet† | Requested by their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren - SB

9:00 am . . . Betty and Jonathan O'Donnell† | Requested by their Daughters and Family - HF

9:00 am . . . Gaspare Rosato†, 41st Anniversary | Requested by the Santo Rosato Family - SM

10:00 am . . . Suzanne Buonno† | Requested by her Family - SP

11:00 am . . . Robert Marquist† and Patrick Sharron†, Memorial Christmas | Requested by their Family - SB

11:00 am . . . Jose Vasco† | Requested by his Family - SM

REST IN PEACE



St. Jeanne Jugan Parish mourns the loss of our parishioners

Josephine Giordano
Ida Mancini
Mary E. Sweetman

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

On **Sunday, December 14th**, during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Patrick Church, the OCIA candidates will officially be recognized in the **Rite of Welcoming**. All Churches within the Parish will have a poster with their names and pictures. There will also be a basket with their names on strips of paper. Please take one or two paper slips and accompany them with your prayers until they are officially received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. If you see one of them at Mass, please welcome them to our Parish!



DAILY MASS READINGS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14: Is 40:25-31•Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10•Mt 11:28-30

MONDAY DECEMBER 15: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a•Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9•Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13•Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23•Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10•Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17•Mt 1:1-17

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18: Jer 23:5-8•Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19•Mt 1:18-25

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a•Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17•Lk 1:5-25

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20: Is 7:10-14•Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6•Lk 1:26-38

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21: Is 7:10-14•Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)•Rom 1:1-7•Mt 1:18-24

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).

REL. ED., FAITH FORMATION & PARISH MINISTRIES



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☎ : (860) 962-4001

Youth Minister: Kristen Fitzsimons, youthminister@sijenfield.org

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 starting Thursday, September 18th.

Grade 9:

- Sunday, December 21st**, 6:00PM to 8:00PM at St. Bernard Church.

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 15th at 6:30PM - HF Room 1**
- Wednesday, December 17th at 9:30AM - SB Religious Education Room**

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 next month on **January 4th**.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE | Wednesday, December 24th

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

[^] St. Patrick Christmas Pageant: Please note that the annual Christmas Pageant at St. Patrick Church will take place **before** the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Family Mass this year, so that the liturgy may proceed normally.

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE | Thursday, December 25th

<u>ST. BERNARD</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	<u>ST. MARTHA</u>	<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>
11:00AM*	10:00AM	9:00AM - TLM	9:00AM*

* live-streamed on sijenfield.org



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	OBJECTS	SCRIPTURE
Jesus will help you carry the load.	Several items that are not too heavy and an automobile jack.	Matthew 11:28

DISCUSSION

Some of you have some pretty heavy burdens to carry in life. Perhaps you have a physical handicap that makes your life difficult. Or, perhaps your father has lost his job and your family is having financial difficulties. Maybe someone in your family has cancer or some other serious illness and you are worried about them. You may be having a hard time making passing grades in school. I don't know what the burdens are that you have in your life, but I do know that there are some that you just can't handle by yourself. Well, guess what? You don't have to!

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." There is no reason for you to struggle with burdens that are too heavy for you. God's Word is full of promises to help us in times of trouble. Here are just a few: "Don't be afraid, I am with you." (Gen.26:24) "I'll give you strength." (Psalm 28:7) "I'm with you in times of trouble." (Psalm 34:6) These words of encouragement are just what we need to face the hard times that may come our way.

Does that mean that if we will ask him, God will take all of our troubles away? No, but he will help us. In fact, some of our struggles may help us to grow and become stronger. They may also help us to learn to trust in Jesus. But when the load is too heavy, he will help us to carry it -- and there is no burden that is too heavy for Jesus.

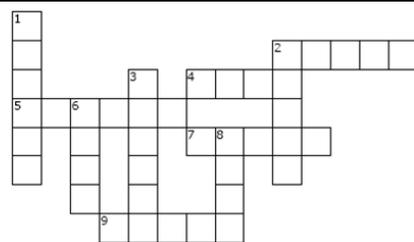
Dear Father, we are thankful that when we struggle under the load of life's burdens, You are there to help us carry the load. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



WORD SEARCH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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HUMBLE	ALL	LEARN	LIGHT	YOKE
SOULS	WEARY	GENTLE	TAKE	HEART
COME	GIVE	EASY	BURDEN	REST



ACROSS

2. Not heavy
4. The opposite of go
5. A heavy load that you carry
7. The place within a person where their feelings or emotions are
9. Very tired, especially after working hard for a long time

DOWN

1. Not proud or not believing that you are important
2. To get knowledge or skill about a subject
3. Calm, kind or soft; not violent
6. Stop and relax to regain your strength
8. Not difficult

WEARY	HUMBLE	EASY	BURDEN	REST
COME	HEART	LIGHT	GENTLE	LEARN

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 this month on **Thursday, December 18th.**

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

DIVINE MERCY

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

At St. Patrick Church, Divine Mercy is held on the first Friday of each month after the 8:00AM Mass.

Please join us in prayer next month on **Friday, January 2nd.**



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. 15th, Tuesday, Dec. 16th, and Wednesday, Dec. 17th.**

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 17th.**

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 18th.**

ROSARY FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Come to St. Martha Church to provide a Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's request, every first Saturday at 8:30AM.

Please join us in prayer next month on **Saturday, January 3rd.**

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 **Thursday Jan. 8, 2026.**



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

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 open **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00AM to 10:00PM** at St. Martha Church.

The following hours at present have no committed person(s): Wednesday 8:00 PM to 9:00PM (1 person), Friday 1:00PM to 2:00 PM (1 person), Friday 9:00PM to 10:00PM (2 people).

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

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.



CHOIR & PARISH MINISTRIES

CHOIR MINISTRY REHEARSALS

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

6:30 pm . . . St. Martha - All Choirs & Free Music Lessons (SM)

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

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

THURSDAY:

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

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.

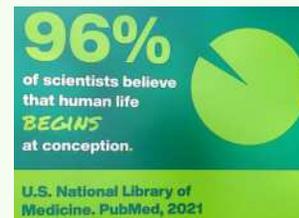
SUNDAY:

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

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 on **Thursday, January 15th.**

Coming in January 2026: We'll be collecting diapers and wipes for local shelters and our Giving Store - please plan to help support families in need!

Save the Date: The CT March for Life is coming in March 2026, and we'll once again have a bus heading down - stay tuned for details!



For more information, please call Donna at (860) 463-7826.

The next meeting of the **St. Jeanne Jugan Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be on **Monday, January 5th, 2025** 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!



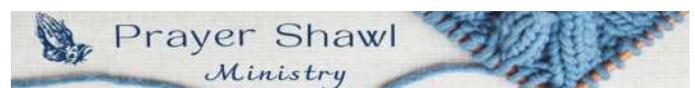
St. Martha Church Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 this month on **Monday, December 15th.**

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



Come Join Us at Senior Lunch!

When: Tuesday, January 13th

Where: St. Bernard Church

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

Menu: Homemade Italian Meal,
coffee, tea, bread and pumpkin pie.

Donation: \$3 is appreciated.

Questions? Call (860) 913-7487.

Please join us to **meet new friends** and for **Coffee, Donuts and Home Baked Goodies!!**

***THIS* Sunday December 14, 2025**
after the 10:00AM Mass

St Patrick Church
Father Weaver Hall

There will also be a craft table for the kids!

Hosted by the St. Patrick Church Family Society



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.



PARISH MINISTRIES

**If you are between the ages of 18 to 39,
this announcement is for you!**

Join our meeting for **Young Adults** at St. Martha Church in Fr. Goulet Hall on **Wednesday, December 17th** at **6:00PM**. Meetings will start at 6:00PM, followed by Mass and conclude with adoration and confessions. We hope to see you there!



GIVING TREE at ST. PATRICK CHURCH

The Giving Tree is displayed at the front of St. Patrick Church and decorated with ornaments suggesting ways parishioners can help. Some ornaments invite you to donate supermarket gift cards, which will be shared between the two St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in our parish. Others represent local organizations that support those in need within our community, such as Enfield Loaves and Fishes, St. Joseph's Residence, Carolyn's Place, and more.

Please return your donated items or gift cards to the St. Patrick's office, either by placing them in the offertory or dropping them off directly at the office.

All gifts should be returned by ***THIS WEEKEND* Sunday, December 14th**. Thank you for helping our local families in need!



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.

Place: St. Martha Church, St. Nicholas Classroom

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



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**Donation Drop-Off:
Friday, December 19th from 11AM to 12PM**

We wanted you to know that your generous donations - both clothing and household items - have kept us wonderfully busy. One area where we sometimes fall short is children's jackets, as they're always in high demand due to constant growth spurts. That's why this need arises every year.

Thankfully, the Knights of Columbus stepped in and filled the shortage. Their timely and thoughtful generosity provided jackets for both boys and girls, ensuring that everyone who needed one received one.

We are deeply grateful to them and to everyone who has donated. Remember, without you, we are nothing.

*As we pause to celebrate the Birth of Christ,
we wish you all of God's blessings!*

ST. JEANNE JUGAN LEGION OF MARY

**O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to you**

Do you have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, especially during the month of May? Do you feel She is calling you to a special ministry?

The Legion of Mary members cooperate with Mary by giving service to the Church and bringing individuals closer to Jesus.

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.



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.



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SOCIETY PASTA SUPPER

Join us for a home cooked Italian dinner!

When: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Where: 93 Park Ave, Enfield CT 06082

Time: Doors open 5:00PM | Dinner is served 6:00PM

Menu: Pasta with red or white sauce, meatballs, salad, dinner rolls, drinks, and dessert!

Adults: \$12.00 | **Children 6-12:** \$6.00 | **BYOB**

Bring the whole family and friends!

We can't wait to see you there!



SJJ Parish Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group

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

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



Website Update Notice

The Archdiocese of Hartford is unifying all parish websites under a new, standardized design. As part of this change, our site's current purple color scheme will be replaced with the Archdiocesan red theme. This update is being directed by the Archdiocese and is expected to occur within the next 30 days.

During this transition, some website features - including livestreaming - may be temporarily affected as we rebuild and update our pages. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please reach out to communications@sijenfield.org with any questions as we navigate this process.

PARISH & OTHER MINISTRIES

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

The St. Nicholas Project is a parish effort to support local families in need this Christmas. This weekend is the last weekend to pick-up tags with needed gifts. Gift tags are available in Fr. Kerwan Hall at Holy Family Church after all Masses.

All gifts must be returned no later than ***THIS WEEKEND* Sunday, December 14th.**

Thank you for helping us help our local families in need!

If you have questions, please contact Kristen Fitzsimons at YouthMinister@sjenjeld.org.



The **St. Bernard Conference of St. Vincent de Paul** will be distributing grocery gift cards for Christmas to the people in need in our community who we help throughout the year.

Parishioners who would like to donate gift cards to Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, and Big Y may take tags off the trees located at the entrances of the church and leave them in the boxes located near the trees. Gift card donations may also be brought to the Rectory at St. Bernard Church during normal business hours or dropped in the lock box on the front porch of the Rectory after hours.

St. Vincent de Paul must receive cards by **Monday, December 15, 2025**, at the latest to have enough time to mail them out to those in need.

Thank you so much and God Bless!



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Please stop by, or call Council chambers at (860) 745-8825 if interested in becoming a member, to schedule a tour of the facilities, or to book an event in one of our 3 rental spaces.



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E-mail: info@koc14600.com | The K of C meet at St. Martha on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00PM.

18 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 ***THIS* Saturday December 13, 2025 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.



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Start the New Year with Renewal and Hope Join Us for Our January Retreat

Begin 2025 with peace, purpose, and spiritual reflection. This year's theme - **Pilgrims of Hope** - invites us to embrace faith as a journey. We may not always know where the path leads, but we walk with confidence that hope guides us toward something good.

Retreat Weekend: January 9–11

- Begins Thursday, January 9 with dinner from 6:00PM to 7:30PM
- Concludes Sunday with a full brunch
- Your family is welcome to join you for Mass and brunch on Sunday

If You Can't Attend This Weekend

Another retreat will be held January 23–25, with more dates available in the following months.

Want to See What the Weekend Is Like?

Watch an 11-minute overview video on the Holy Family website under Promoter Resources.

Questions or Ready to Register?

- Call Jeannette at **860-416-5577**
- Call **860-760-9705** to sign up
- Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

We welcome you to join us. Come renew your spirit, deepen your faith, and begin the year with hope.



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LPi Mary Hoffman

3 Kings Day Party Invitation – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

Join us for our annual 3 Kings Day celebration on **Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, at 10:30AM** (following the 9AM Traditional Latin Mass) in **Fr. Goulet Hall at St. Martha Church**. Followed by a visit from **THE THREE KINGS, giving gifts to the children!** We will have snacks and light fare food to celebrate. *Please bring something to share that's easy to eat, finger foods, snacks etc. On the go food, to keep things moving along.* We don't want the Three Kings to have to wait to make their entrance.

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- Sorting and categorizing **Toys for Tots** donations (Date TBD)
- Families are invited to donate **gifts and gift wrap** to ensure every child receives at least one age/gender-appropriate present.
 - * Ages 2 - 5 years, 6 - 8 years, 9 - 12 years.
 - * If you are dropping off a wrapped gift, please mark the age and gender the gift is for on the outside
- **Gift wrapping and organizing** donated gifts (Dates TBD)
- **Set-up and clean-up** on the day of the party

Great opportunity for **Confirmation students** to earn **community service hours!**

Gift drop-off dates will be announced soon.

This is a **Potluck event**—please bring a light dish to share!

RSVP to Chrissy DiBacco at cdibacco@outlook.com

Please include the number of adults and children attending, along with the **ages of the children.**

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!

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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 22nd 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.



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.

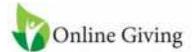
Please note the weekly and online amounts represent the combined totals from all churches within St. Jeanne Jugan Parish.

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

ONLINE: \$4,888.40 (11/30), **\$5,796.40** (12/7)
WEEKLY: \$14,686.21 (11/30) + **\$17,484.21** (12/7)
SBS: \$270.00 (11/30) + **\$2,564.00** (12/7)
HAPPY HOUSE: \$120.00 (11/30) + **\$100.00** (12/7)
UTILITY FUND: \$2,765.25 (11/30) + **\$560.00** (12/7)
FLOWERS: \$58.00 (11/30) + **\$3,575.00** (12/7)
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$1,137.00 (12/7)
OTHER: \$421.00 (11/30) + **\$422.00** (12/7)

Including: Holy Days (\$505), CHD (\$140), CRS (\$103), Ret. Rel. (\$95)
 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 Monday at 5:00PM the week before the Event, or requested ad. *Please Note: Dates subject to change due to holidays*

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