

Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on The Naugatuck Green
This Week at St. Michael's
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020



WE ARE REOPENING FOR PUBLIC IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON JUNE 20, 2020

It is with excitement and some anxiety that I am pleased to say we will reopen for limited public worship next weekend beginning with the 5:00 pm. Worship Service on Saturday, June 20, 2020 (we will try to make this an outdoor service – weather permitting). There will be three options for Worship every week: Saturday at 5:00 pm., Sunday at 8:00 am., and Sunday at 10:00 am.

Early this coming week, we will send out further directions and instructions as your guide for coming to worship during this time of “Social Distancing” and concern for transmission of the COVID-19 virus. These will be posted in Facebook, our Website, and for those of you with limited electronic access we will mailout a copy via the U.S. Postal Service.

God's greatest expression of love for us was and is the life and ministry, death and resurrection, of Jesus Christ. Our greatest expression of God's love is how we care for each other in the way he demonstrated. *'Love one another as I have loved you, and by this all will know you are my disciples'* (**John 13:34-35**). It is with this, in heart and mind, that these guidelines are shared for how we can come back to public worship in a loving, caring and healthy way. We need each other to follow these so that all may remain safe, healthy, and cared for. Nothing we do in re-opening the church for public worship during this time is going to be perfect and many aspects, we hope, will not be permanent. We will have to revise the guidelines as we go to ensure the health and care of everyone.

Also, these are guidelines will help you make your own decisions about coming to church or remaining with the live stream option we will continue to provide. We publish these so that we all are on the same page and have mutual understanding of how we can keep each other safe and at the same time worship together.

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

The CDC has identified the following population groups to be at higher risk of severe illness: those 65 and older, and those who live in nursing homes or long-term care facilities, and those of any age with moderate to severe asthma, chronic lung disease, diabetes, serious heart conditions, chronic kidney disease being treated with dialysis, a BMI of 40 or more, immunocompromised, and liver disease. The CDC recommends to protect yourself: stay at home when possible, wash your hands often, avoid close contact, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, cover your nose and mouth with a mask, and cover coughs and sneezes.

BRIEFLY; GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

- When you are at church we ask everyone to sanitize their hands. Sanitizers are available.
- **When you are at church, all people of every age, must wear a mask.** We want you to bring your own mask but we will have some available if you need one. *The mask may become the new Easter hat...let's see all the various styles and patterns that you will bring.*
- While at church we will maintain a 6 foot or more physical distancing unless you are within your immediate family group. Pews have been marked for ease of seating and sanitizing afterwards.
- There will not be Sunday school at this time.
- Restrooms will have limited availability.

SUNDAY LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on June 14, 2020, and every Sunday thereafter for our weekly Sunday live stream worship service. We will be adding a new feature this week – a YOUTUBE link alternative through the website (Welcome Page Button).

Join us:

Either by NESTCAM, or YOUTUBE LIVE

1) use CAMERA LINK (<https://video.nest.com/live/RV0mcccRJ4>)

2) or by connecting by using the blue button on our Website Home Page

(<https://www.stmichaelsnaugatuck.org/home>)

This will connect you to our Sanctuary and Sunday Service at 10:00 am.

Or connect to us via the Live Stream through the St. Michael's Facebook Page

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111458864250>)

A copy of the Worship Bulletin may be accessed and downloaded from the St. Michael's home page

(<https://www.stmichaelsnaugatuck.org/home>).

COMPLINE

Compline is offered via Zoom (see below) at

9:00 pm. Wednesday Evenings

Dial-in on your telephone with (929) 205-6099.

Enter the following for the Meeting ID: 7736601600

When prompted for a password enter 063428

A copy of the order of services is available on our St. Michael's Naugatuck Website Welcome Page

(<https://www.stmichaelsnaugatuck.org/home>) by pressing the blue button named specifically "Compline."

THE NAUGATUCK ECUMENICAL OUTREACH NETWORK (NEON)

NEON continues to advocate and feed our neighbors and children in this time of COVID-19 and continued need for supporting the community. Thank you to all volunteers who successfully continue to make NEON happen.

Our next events include:

The June Community meal to be served on Saturday June 20, 2020. Stuffed Pork, roasted vegetables, and apple sauce. We have also added this year the following summer programs:

- Two additional community takeout meals on the third Saturdays of July and August.
- NEON kids summer snacks
- NEON Families Food Kits.

We thank all of you who have made special donations to the program in this very special time of need.

Please consider an additional donation this year to support our Summer meal programs in this unusual year of events.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE INFECTED WITH COVID-19 OR FACING QUARANTINE.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.