

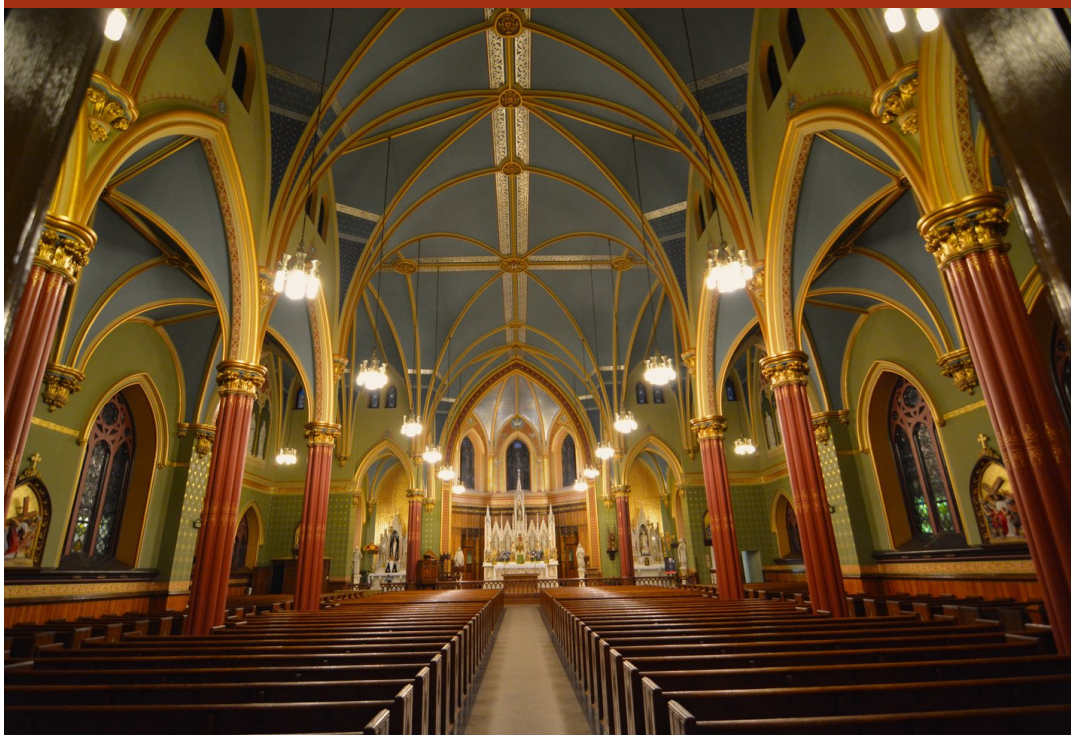


# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 17, 2023



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 4 PM  
Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10 AM,  
12 PM, and 5 PM

Monday - Friday  
8 AM and 12:10 PM  
Saturday  
12:10 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Monday: 11:30 to 12 Noon  
Wednesday: 11:30 to 12 Noon  
Friday: 11:30 to 12 Noon  
Saturday: 2:45 to 3:45 PM

## CLERGY

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VERY REV. CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 4:30 PM

(The Office entrance is located  
on Padre Pio Way, between the  
church and the rectory)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am, † Hope & Joseph McAleer  
req. McAleer Family

10 am, Stephanie Gregory, Spec. Intention  
req. Kolenberg Family

12 pm, Marianna Andrea Mbabaali, Spec. Intention  
req. Family

5:00 pm, Jeff & Jean Russo, Spec. Intention

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8 am, † Saint Rita  
req. Celia

12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8 am, † Eligio & Guiseppina Albanese  
req. Carlo & Angela Albanese

12:10 pm, † Jean Baptiste Cherenfant  
req. Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

8 am, † Wladek & Willemina Falek  
req. Daughter

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family  
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

*Saint Peter Canisius*

8 am, † Pasquale Santagata  
req. Carlo & Angela Albanese

12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory  
req. Vargas Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8 am, † John & Mary Maloney  
12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory  
req. Gloria Quezada

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

*Saint John of Kanty*

12:10 pm, Ivan Bautista, Spec. Intention  
req. Vargas Family

4 pm, † Katherine Klaum  
req. Tom & Tracy Banahan



Sanctuary Candle:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Kung  
req. Kung Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Monsignor DiGiovanni, Frank Carpanzano, Phil DeFelice, Ruby Lang, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Iannarelli, Julia Oliveira, Gail Piria, Julian Lucas Randal, Anthony Labroschiano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Leon Taricani, Joseph Prevot, Rita Hausman, Michael Thomas Vaccaro, Boniface & Mary DiProperzio, Monique D'Auteuil, Sofia D'Auteuil-Traista, Nora Figueroa Krap, Mary Ann Gascon, Louis Lambiasi, Ewa & Sylwester Indyk, Greg K.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
RECENTLY DIED:**

Alfred Sanseverino, Gordon Evans, Irene Sansone, Joseph Kung, Mary Serock, Daniel Fronc, Mrs. Anna J. Jones, Rev. Albert Audette, Mary Maloney, Paul Mignogna, Laurence Hayes, Alfred Maffucci, Aleana Armwood Stroman, Shirley A. Simmons, Ron Cox, Terersa Szostak, Laura Lee Barzetti, Rev. Dr. Tommie Jackson, Patrick Glynn, Kenneth M. Mirch, Helen C. Annis, Elizabeth Barron, Albert Stephens, Robert Nasso, Andrew J. Kirkland, Oscar D. Guilford, Helen L. McNeil, Robert N. Brown, James Farrison, Lois Cavaliere, Michele Cappelli, Marie Jean-Charles

**Mass Intentions**

The 2024 Mass Intentions book is available for Mass requests. All requests are first-come, first-serve and are \$10.00 each. Please contact the parish office: [office@stjohnbasilica.org](mailto:office@stjohnbasilica.org) or 203-324-1553.



Dear Friends,

Our Christmas Mass schedule is below. Please be aware of a few minor changes to our regular Mass schedule since Christmas falls on a Monday this year!

In addition, on Wednesday, December 27, we will have the traditional Blessing of Wine following the 12:10 PM Mass for the Feast of our Patron, Saint John the Evangelist.

On Sunday, December 31st at 6:00 PM, in Thanksgiving for the Graces granted by God in the year 2023, we will have Te Deum and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We hope you can join us for one of these events.

The month of December will be a busy one. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Savior here at Saint John!

God bless you!

Father La Pastina

### Children at Mass

Children in Mass are gifts, not distractions! But if a young child does become disruptive, which is natural, please be respectful of other parishioners and remove the child from church and feel free to return once it is appropriate. Please do not let young children wander from the pew or run up and down aisles or disturb others. Also, if late for Mass, please do not proceed to the front of the church but instead occupy a pew closer to the rear. Consideration of others & reverence help to maintain a prayerful atmosphere for all.

### BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday, December 18th at 7:30 PM.**

Any young adults between 21-35 years of age are welcome. Please mark your calendar and join us! This ministry is made possible by Foundations in Faith.



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### PARKING

Please, there is **no parking allowed in front of the church**. The spaces in front of the church are for busses and emergency vehicles **ONLY**.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 23:

Confessions 2:45-3:45PM

Weekly Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 24:

Weekly Sunday Masses 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

*Please Note: There is NO 12:00 PM or 5:00 PM Sunday Mass*

Christmas Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

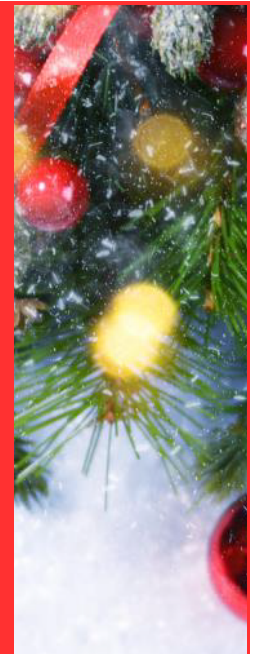
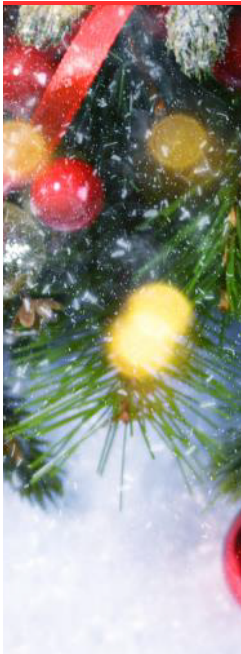
Christmas Midnight Mass: 12:00 AM

Monday, December 25:

Christmas Day Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Tuesday, December 26:

ONE Daily Mass: 9:00 AM





## TE DEUM AND BENEDICTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 6:00 PM

There are many traditions associated with this time of the year. One of the lesser known is the singing of the “Te Deum” a hymn of thanksgiving sung for special occasions. It is the custom to sing the “Te Deum” on New Year’s Eve to offer thanks to God for the graces given during the previous year.

The Church offers a plenary indulgence to those who participate in this devotion under the usual conditions. (Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father within 8 days of the devotion.)

This year our choir will sing the “Te Deum” followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm on New Year’s Eve.

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY January 7th, Solemn Mass at 12 pm, Vespers at 3:30 pm



### THE FEAST OF THE EPHIPHANY

Many would have us think the Christmas season ends December 26th. Just look at how quickly the stores remove their Christmas decorations. The church celebrates the season of Christmas from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in the beginning of January. In the middle of this season is the Feast of the Epiphany, the day we recall the visit of the Wise Men bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This year, we will celebrate the Epiphany on Sunday, January 7, 2024 with Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 3:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and join us!

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

**Our Sunday Collection for December 10, 2023 was not available at time of printing**

ONLINE GIVING :

Our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support the parish. Online Giving is convenient, secure, flexible and simple! Visit our website: [www.stjohnbasilica.org](http://www.stjohnbasilica.org) to sign up and get started.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Please join us on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 for Mass to celebrate Our Patron Saint, Saint John the Evangelist. We will have the traditional Blessing of Wine following the Mass.



A few pictures from our St. Nick party on December 3, 2023.



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal  
2023 Bishop’s Appeal as of 12/07/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$71,620 (76.60%) Donors to Date: 150

The Bishop’s Appeal supports the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout Fairfield County. If you have not yet given your support, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your support is critical to the continued success of the ministries.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023 BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FALL 2023

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, September 8th at 7:30 PM**  
Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Birth of Mary  
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)

**Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM**  
Young Adult Society  
Guest Speaker: Bishop Caggiano  
(Church and Rectory)

**Monday, September 18th at 7:30 PM** **Monday, September 25th at 7:30 PM**  
Lecture Series

“Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis de Sales” “Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Teresa of Avila”  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Friday, September 29th at 7:30 PM**  
An Evening of Recollection for Women  
(Church and Rectory)

### OCTOBER

**Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM**  
Lecture Series  
“Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Therese of Lisieux”  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 PM**  
Candlelight Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady  
for the Month of the Rosary  
(Church and Piazza)

**Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM**  
Lecture Series  
“Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis of Assisi”  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30 PM**  
Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM**  
Solemn Mass for All Souls Day

**Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM**  
Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

**Friday, November 17th at 7:30 PM**  
An Evening of Recollection for Men  
(Church and Rectory)

**Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 PM**  
Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King

**November 30th to December 8th**  
Novena in Preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
(Weeknights at 7:30 PM on Saturday following the 4 PM and Sunday following the 5 PM)

### DECEMBER

**Sunday, December 3rd, following the 10 AM Mass**  
Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children  
with treats, crafts, and a visit from Saint Nicholas  
(Nagle Hall)

**Friday, December 8th at 7:30 PM**  
Solemn Mass with Orchestra  
in Honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Light reception to follow in the Nagle Hall)

**Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 AM**  
Candlelight Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady during Advent  
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)

**Monday, December 18th at 7:30 PM**  
Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

**Wednesday, December 27th at 12:10 Mass**  
Feast of Our Patron, Saint John the Evangelist  
Traditional Blessing of Wine following the 12:10 Mass

**Sunday, December 31st at 6 PM**  
Te Deum and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Thanksgiving for the Graces granted by God for the Year 2023



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**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:**

The Diocese requires that all volunteers in any capacity in the parish must attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. If you have not already attended one, and volunteer or anticipate volunteering in the future, please register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Call the parish office at 203-324-1553 for additional information or questions.