

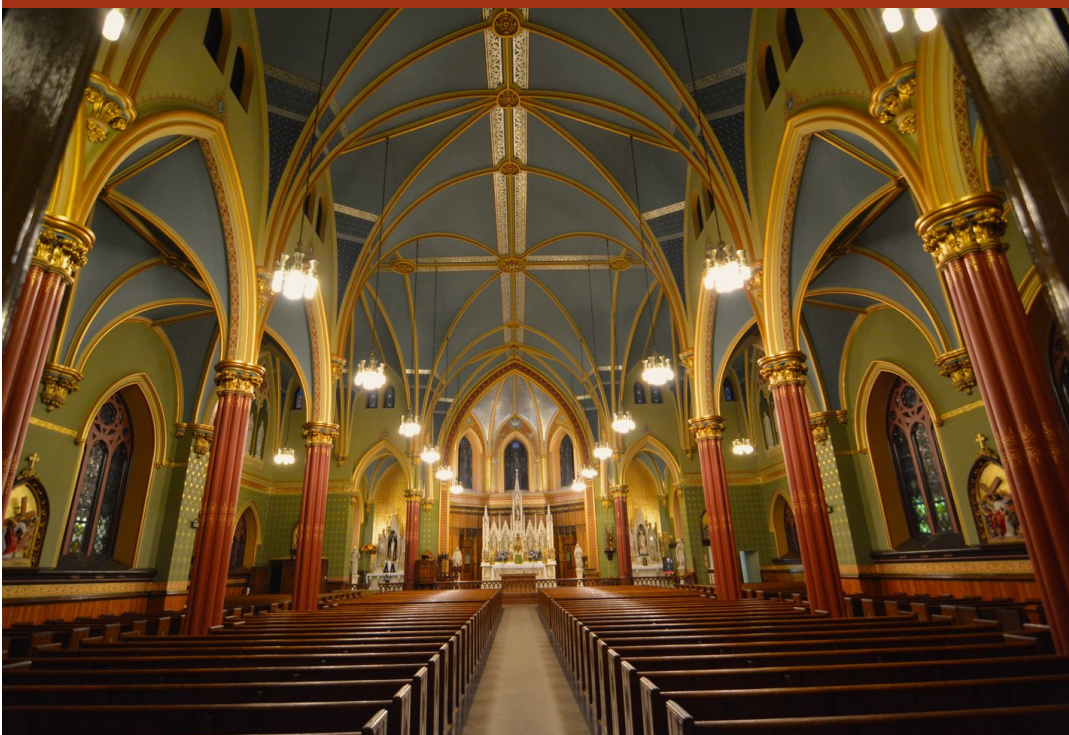


THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 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

PASTOR
VERY REV. CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

PAROCHIAL VICAR
REV. JHON J. GOMEZ

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ANNE MARIE MBABAALI

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JUANITA EVANS

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST
NICK BOTKINS

LAY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORP.: JOHN REGAN & ANNIE SCHRECK

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 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am, † Nang Duc Nguyen *req.* Family

10 am, † John & Mary Maloney

12 pm, Nelson & Maria Teresa Vargas, Spec. 33rd

Wedding Anniversary Intention

5 pm, Patricia Brady, Spec. Intention

req. Beth Carpanzano

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9 am, † Bryan Washington

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12:10 pm † Dec'd Members of Longo & Gerardi Families

req. Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8 am, † Gloria Boccuzzi *req.* Carnavalla Family

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12:10 pm, Phil DeFelice, Spec. Intention

req. Juanita Evans

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann

8 am, † Joseph G. Terenzio & Carmella Terenzio

req. Steve Terenzio

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

12:10 pm, Sacred Heart of Jesus

req. Anne Marie Samedì

4 pm, Noel Carpanzano, Spec. Intention

req. Nonna & Papa



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 Lambiase, 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 or 203-324-1553.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! At the beginning of every new year we honor Mary as the Mother of God, but also as Mother of the Church. It is Our Lady who always shows us the clear path to Christ. As you and I begin 2024 let us entrust ourselves to her care and ask her to help us to grow closer to her Son.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and recall the visit of the wise men who find the Christ Child by following the light of a star. It's unfortunate that this continuation of the Christmas celebration is not given the attention it deserves. We do our best at the Basilica to celebrate this day with extra care and devotion. I hope you will join us for Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for the Epiphany on Sunday, January 7th at 3:30 in the afternoon.

May the Lord grant us all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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.

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.

Mass Schedule Change

Monday, January 1, 2024

Not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year.

ONE Daily Mass at 9:00 AM

Basilica Weddings

You must be an active, registered parishioner to marry at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist. The bride or the groom must be a practicing Catholic and registered at the Basilica for one year before contacting us regarding scheduling the wedding here. One must be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and using our online giving portal or the envelope system in regular support of the parish.



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:

In Mass: \$7,218.31

Online Giving: \$7,722.00

Total for Sunday, December 17, 2023:

\$14,940.31

Collection Totals for December 24th not available at time of printing.

ONLINE GIVING:

Whether you are out of town or unable to attend Mass due to weather, illness, or an emergency, you will be able to contribute to the support of the Basilica. Your information is protected, your transaction is secure, and your donations are automatically transferred to the Parish account. You will also receive a statement that details your generosity.

NOTE: You can make a one-time donation to the collection of your choice and you also have the option to set up recurring donations from your bank by setting up an account.

Sign up on the Basilica's web-site by clicking on the "Donate" button.

For your reading pleasure....

The Rocking Chair Prophet and Holy Moments, two books authored by Matthew Kelly are available (while they last!) in the vestibule of the church. They have been kindly and generously donated by parishioner, Kevin Collins.



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/15/2023

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.

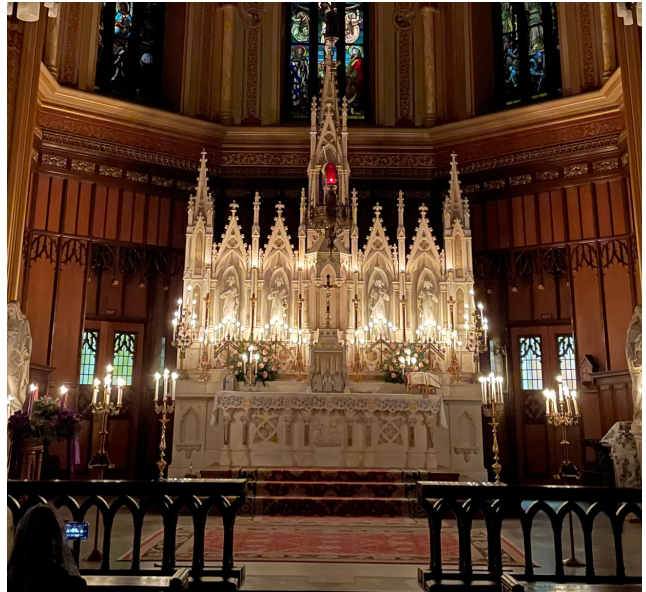
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

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. Call the parish office at 203-324-1553 for additional information or questions.

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Pictures from our Candlelight Rorate Mass held on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 AM & Saint Joseph Altar for Christmas





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The Catholic Academy of Stamford (CAS) is a fully accredited Pre-K3 through 8th grade school providing academic excellence, personalized learning and faith based education in a nurturing environment to Stamford and our surrounding community.

Mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week! The Catholic Academy of Stamford invites families to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 11:30am - 1pm and to our Take a Look Day on Tuesday, January 30th from 9am - 11am.

To schedule a personal tour, please contact our Admissions Director at Info@CasCt.org or (203) 322-6505