



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 4, 2024



## 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  
Federal Holiday  
9 AM

## 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

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 4:30 PM  
(The Office entrance is located  
on Padre Pio Way, between the  
church and the rectory)

## CLERGY

PASTOR  
VERY REVEREND CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

PAROCHIAL VICAR  
REVEREND JHON J. GOMEZ

## STAFF

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ANNE MARIE MBABAALI

SECRETARY  
LINDA RUZZI

RECEPTIONIST  
JUANITA EVANS

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST  
NICK BOTKINS

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



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am, † Dec'd Members of Longo & Gerardi

Families *req.* Family

10 am, † Edwich Joseph

*req.* Anne Marie Samedì

12 pm, † Giuseppe & Elizabeth Annetta

*req.* Family

5 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

*Saint Agatha*

8 am, Angela Rosa Piria, Spec. Intention *req.* Family

12:10 pm † Raffaella & Caterina Sette *req.* Family

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

*Saint Paul Miki and Companions*

8 am, † Benjamin Futie

*req.* Tom & Olga Kolenberg

12:10 pm † Souls in Purgatory *req.* Gloria Quezada

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

8 am, † Eduardo Granda

*req.* Pedro Jose Izquiendo

12:10 pm, † Carl Higgins

*req.* Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Ingram

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

*Saints Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*

8 am, † Natalie Sposato

*req.* John & Maria Mossa

12:10 pm, † Eligio & Giussepina

*req.* Carlo & Angela Albanese

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

8 am, † Harvey Carpenter, Jr.

*req.* Carpenter Family

12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

*Saints Scholastica*

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

4 pm, John Kung, Spec. Intention

*req.* Kung Family



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, 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 Indyk, Greg K., John Whipple, Marie Nicolas

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE**

#### **RECENTLY DIED:**

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, Sylwester Indyk, Linda Gabriele, Matthew Costantino, Juanita Velasco, Justin Nizolek

#### **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 in Christ,

Last September we started posting podcasts on the parish website, facebook page and Diocesan website. The reaction has been very positive. Listeners seem to enjoy these short and concise presentations of different aspects of our Catholic Faith.

I hope that the most recent podcast on Confession will help those who have been away from this important Sacrament to experience the healing that Christ offers in the Sacrament of Penance. Please consider sharing the podcast with anyone you think might find it helpful.

This Lent we are continuing our Adult Lecture Series on the Saints in the Rectory Ballroom. We will explore the lives and spiritual teachings of Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Philip Neri. The dates and times of these lectures are posted in another section of the bulletin. Please join us.

As we approach the beginning of Lent we should consider what we are going to do in order to celebrate this Lent well! In addition to your own private preparation for Easter, please consider joining us for Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons, Eucharistic Adoration on Friday mornings as well as our lecture series.

As always, please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine!

Father La Pastina

### A REMINDER ON 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**. Even though there is currently not a Sunday bus route, the City of Stamford Police Department has kindly asked us to keep these spaces available for emergency vehicles.

### STAMFORD YOUTH GROUP

The Stamford Middle School Youth Group will meet on the following dates: Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 8, Mar 22, Apr 12, May 3, May 17, May 31. All meetings take place at the Church of the Holy Spirit (403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford) from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

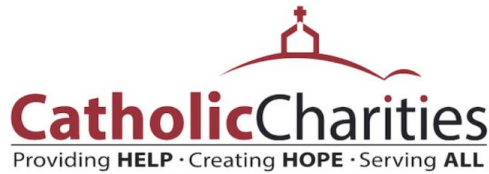
FIFTH SUNDAY



IN ORDINARY TIME



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### Loaves and Fishes Campaign

Will you and your family consider the Lenten sacrifice of a “meager meal” once a week during Lent & donate the money you would have spent on a more substantial meal to feed local families who can’t afford to put food on the table? Please consider supporting Catholic Charities Loaves and Fishes campaign. Food insecurity continues to be the #1 issue impacting people in our community and your family’s Lenten sacrifice can make a significant impact! Donations can be made online via Catholic Charities website at [www.ccfairfield.org/loaves](http://www.ccfairfield.org/loaves). Checks made out to Catholic Charities, mail to: Catholic Charities ATTN: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Ave Bridgeport, CT 06606

### BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday, February 12th 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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Masses with Ash

Distribution:

8:00 AM

& 12:10 PM

Ashes only: In  
Church

7:00 - 7:30 PM

**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

In Mass: \$6,472.89

Online Giving: \$4,323.00

Total: Sunday, January 28, 2024:

\$10,795.89

Special Collection: Church in Latin

America \$500.00

**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. You also have the option to set up recurring donations from your bank by setting up an account. Changes of amount or duration can be made at any time.

Sign up on the Basilica's web-site, [www.stjohnbasilica.org](http://www.stjohnbasilica.org) by clicking on the "Donate" button.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal  
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 1/19/2024

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$73,430 (78.53%) Donors to Date: 152

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 [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call

(203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

If wordy people ask you why you receive Communion, tell them that it is to learn to love God, be purified from your imperfections, delivered from misery, comforted in affliction and supported in weakness.

Saint Francis de Sales



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SPRING 2024

### FEBRUARY

**Friday, Feb 2 at 7:30 PM**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Blessing of Candles and Procession with Solemn Mass

**Monday, February 12 at 7:30**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

**Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Catherine of Siena  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter  
(Plenary Indulgence can be gained at the Basilica for this feast)

**Monday, February 26 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Augustine of Hippo  
(Rectory Ballroom)

### MARCH

**Monday, March 4 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Philip Neri  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Saturday, March 9th at 10 AM**

Solemn Requiem Mass for the Anniversary of the Death  
of Ignatius Cardinal Kung  
Sponsored by the Cardinal Kung Foundation

**Monday, March 11 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

**Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph  
Followed by the Traditional Blessing of Pastries  
in Nagle Hall

### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

### MAY

**Monday, May 6 at 7:30 PM**

May Devotions in Honor of Our Lady  
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, May 21 (Time to be announced)**

Eucharistic Adoration and Procession  
with Bishop Caggiano as part of the Eucharistic Revival

**Monday, May 20 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

### JUNE

**Sunday, June 2 at 5 PM**

Feast of Corpus Christi  
Solemn Mass with Instruments and Outdoor Procession

**Friday, June 7 at 7:30 PM**

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Solemn Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, June 28 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
(Plenary Indulgence can be gained at the Basilica for this feast)



**Open House – Sunday, Feb 11th, 2024**

**Mater Salvatoris College Preparatory School**

We educate the Mind, we educate the Heart, we educate the Spirit

Mater Salvatoris is an Independent Catholic College Preparatory School PreK-3 through Grade 12, under the direction of the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. In partnership with the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we offer single-sex education on a co-ed campus. We provide a faithful Catholic Education, committed to educating the whole person. Currently enrolling from Pre-K3 through 9th Grade for girls, and from Pre-K3 through 7th grade for boys for 2024-2025 School Year, and will expand each year by one grade level up to Grade 12. We invite you to come to our Open House on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mater Salvatoris is located at 926 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905. Contact us at (203) 489.0977 or at [stm.admissions@matersalvatoris.org](mailto:stm.admissions@matersalvatoris.org). Visit us at [stamford.matersalvatoris.org](http://stamford.matersalvatoris.org) and our Facebook and Instagram page.



**REGINA PACIS ACADEMY**

Is an independent, Catholic classical school located in Norwalk, CT, serving students in grades K-8. We offer an academically rigorous curriculum from the classical tradition at a reasonable cost for all who desire to attend. Our families live in Stamford, Norwalk, other parts of Fairfield County and surrounding areas in Westchester, NY. Our goal is to form scholars and saints. There is still time to discover how different next school year could be for your son or daughter. To schedule a tour or to learn more, please contact Kim Quatela at [k.quatela@reginapacisacademy.org](mailto:k.quatela@reginapacisacademy.org)

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**CONTACT:**

**[admissions@cardinalkungacademy.org](mailto:admissions@cardinalkungacademy.org)**



This Valentine’s Day, CAS invites you to show your love for the only Prek3-8th grade Diocesan Catholic school in Stamford!

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.

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