



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 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, JANUARY 14**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am, † Thang Duc Nguyen

*req. Family*

10 am, † Gaston Millien

*req. Anne Marie Samedi*

12 pm, † Joseph Kung

*req. Kung Family*

5 pm, † Lucia Cucco

*req. Dom Piria*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

9 am, † Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm † Ted Boccuzzi

*req. Carnavalla Family*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

*Saint Anthony*

8 am, † Dec'd Members of Longo & Gerardi Families

*req. Family*

12:10 pm, † Marion Dal Molin

*req. Mary Jean Dal Molin*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

*req. Maria Isabel Gil*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

8 am, † Roledonne G. Samedi

*req. Anne Marie Samedi*

12:10 pm, Norah & Thea Borkowski, Spec. Intention

*req. Michael Borkowski*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

*Saints Fabian & Sebastian*

12:10 pm, † Hugo de Jesus Moreno, OP

*req. Gladys Barros Moreno*

4 pm, † Sandy Collazo, Jr.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE**

**RECENTLY DIED:**

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, Sylwester Indyk, Linda Gabriele, Matthew Castantino

**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,

With the Christmas season behind us, we begin to look forward to a new year! As usual, we have many things planned. Last year's Basilica Lecture Series was well attended with many wishing to continue with exploring the lives and spiritualities of different saints. Beginning in February, we will have three lectures in the Rectory Ballroom focusing on Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Philip Neri. More details will be published in the bulletin soon.

The Basilica Young Adults group (for ages 21-35) will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, February 12th at 7:30 PM. We begin in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration and a short homily, then move to the Rectory for a catechetical talk and refreshments. Join us!

This year, Bishop Caggiano is focusing on a Eucharistic revival throughout the Diocese to help us all have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We will participate in the Eucharistic celebrations planned in the Diocese with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Caggiano on Tuesday, May 21st. More details will be available as the date gets closer.

In addition, we have various celebrations of the Liturgical Year such as the Blessing of Candles for the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd, and Solemn Vespers (with plenary indulgence) for the Chair of Saint Peter on February 22nd. In March, we will have a special Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph with the blessing of pastries, and much more in the coming months.

The Faith in Five podcasts will continue with a new episode being released every other week. These can be accessed on our parish website and Facebook page.

Each year, more people are joining us for special events here at the Basilica. They are designed to increase our knowledge of the Faith and enrich our spiritual lives. Please join us for as many events as you can.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are remembered each day at the Altar.

God bless you,  
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.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple  
Friday, February 2nd at 7:30 PM  
Blessing of Candles and Procession with Solemn Mass

### **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.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

In Mass: \$7,969.40

Online Giving: \$7,718.00

Total: Sunday, December 31, 2023: \$15,687.40

In Mass: \$6,117.17

Online Giving: \$5,301.00

Total: Sunday, January 7, 2024: \$11,418.17

**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 1/5/2024

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

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

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. HOLIDAY**

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

Please note: There is one daily Mass at 9:00 AM.

The Parish Office is closed



## Christmas Altars



### 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 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.

### 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.



**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)**

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](mailto:Info@CasCt.org) or (203) 322-6505