



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 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

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VERY REVEREND CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

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MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4:00 pm, † Matthew Costantino
req. Friends of Matt

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 am, † Harvey Gardner
req. Eileen Moles

10 am, † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane

12 pm, † Gil Vasco Silva

req. Marion Morris & Michelle Sagdati

5 pm, † Marion Dal Molin *req.* Mary Jean

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Saint Casimir

8 am, † Alejandro Nunez *req.* Isabel Nunez

12:10 pm Anthony Carpanzano, Spec. Intention
req. Noona & Papa

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8 am, † Anna & Joseph Peter Kung
req. Family

12:10 pm † Raffaella Annetta *req.* Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8 am, † Alejandro Nunez
req. Isabel Nunez

12:10 pm, † Ralph & Connie Sette *req.* Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Saints Perpetua & Felicity

8 am, † Joyce Tompkins
req. Andrew Kolenberg

12:10 pm, Donald Samedi, Spec. Intention
req. Anne Marie Samedi

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Saint John of God

8 am, Fr. Dominic Murphy, Spec. Intention
req. Scholastica

12:10 pm, † Justin Nizolek *req.* Jim Rubino

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

12:10 pm, † Marie Mirvil *req.* Rose Bernier



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, Mark Kuehn

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, Tersa 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, Daniel Neylan

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,

One of the celebrations of Lent that sticks out in my mind as a child is praying the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday afternoon following lunch the entire school would gather in Church to retrace the steps of Our Lord on the way to Calvary. Stations such as Christ meeting His Mother or Veronica wiping the Lord's face with her veil made a significant impression on me. Moving from Station to Station is a way to relive those last moments of Our Lord's life on earth, and contemplate the profound love that led the Lord to make such a sacrifice for us so that we could be with Him in heaven.

It is unfortunate that the number of those attending Stations of the Cross has declined through the years, like so many other Catholic devotions. Devotions like the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Novenas, etc. are part of our identity as Catholics, the backbone of our spiritual lives. Each Friday we gather at 4 PM in the Church to pray the Stations of the Cross. If you have not joined us the past couple of Fridays please make an effort to come in the future. If you are not able to make it Friday at 4 PM then please remember you can pray the Stations anytime on your own simply by walking from Station to Station and meditating on the scene depicted in the image.

I wish you all a Blessed Lent,
Father La Pastina

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

SOLEMN MASS

followed by Blessing of Pastries in Nagle Hall Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30 PM



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

**40 Days for Life Spring 2024
Campaign Feb 14- March 24,
2024**

Through peaceful prayer, fasting, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers and saved thousands of lives. Please consider signing up for 1 hour with a friend or as a parish group and help change hearts and minds this Lent. Stamford 35 Sixth St. Campaign Leader: Monika Twal-
stamford40daysforlife@gmail.com

SECOND SUNDAY



OF LENT



"CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE –
MARCH 20, 2024

Join us for the 3rd Annual Connecticut March for Life on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue. Rally at the Capitol begins at 12:00pm preceded by the March at 1pm. Rally speakers will be announced soon! For more information visit www.ct.marchforlife.org."



Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford raised 20 gifts worth \$10,005 from 19 donors bringing the parish to 10.70% of its \$93,500 goal. \$5,005 has been collected in cash which is 5.35% of goal.



Saint Philip Neri
Monday, March 4, 7:30 PM
Rectory Ballroom

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for this
Monday, March 11th at 7:30 PM.

Guest Speaker: Reverend Andrew LaFleur

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: \$7,259.16

Online Giving: \$4,429.00

Total: Sunday, February 25, 2024:
\$11,688.16

FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

Join us each Friday during Lent at
4:00 PM for Stations of the Cross

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.

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 by clicking on the "Donate" button.



SCAN ME



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. Checks made out to Catholic Charities, mail to: Catholic Charities ATTN: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Ave Bridgeport, CT 06606

STAMFORD YOUTH GROUP

The Stamford Middle School Youth Group will meet on the following dates: 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.

Cardinal Kung Foundation

Invites you to a
Solemn Requiem Mass

Celebrant

Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina

Pastor

**On the 24th Anniversary of the Death
of**

Ignatius Cardinal Kung Pin-Mei

Bishop of Shanghai

In thanksgiving for
**his heroic fidelity to Christ,
and outstanding witness of communion
with the universal Church.**

Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 10 am.

Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist

Nicholas Botkins

Basilica Choir Master and Organist

279 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT

<https://stjohnbasilica.org/livestream>



Appointed as the first Chinese Bishop of Shanghai - 1950

*“Neither Fire nor sword
can take away my faith
In God.”* **Bishop Kung**
1952



“... having shared so deeply in Christ's sufferings he may now receive the unfading crown of glory which the Chief Shepherd reserves for those who have followed him faithfully to the end.”

Saint Pope John Paul II, March 2000

75 years of

continued religious persecution in China

Can I help?

Help the underground church **DIRECTLY** with

- Your **Prayers!**
- Donations for **Seminarian, Nun & Novice**
- Training. For the Underground **Bishops and**
- **Disabled Orphans**

**Join us for refreshments in the church hall
after Mass**

**You Can Make a
Difference.**



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



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