

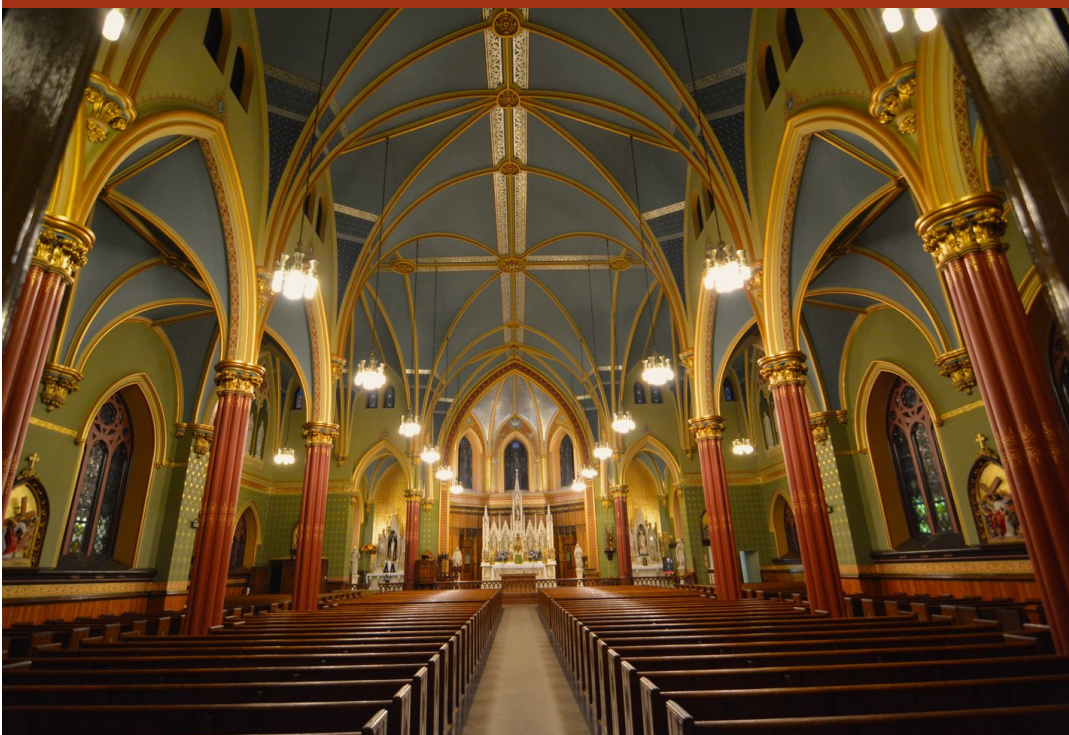


THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 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. JHONJ. 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

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 3

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am, † John & Mary Maloney
 10 am, † Dec'd Members of McCarty Family
 12 pm, † Marlina Padilla
req. Underhill Family
 5:00 pm, † Jean Tompkins
req. Andrew Kolenberg

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Saint John Damascene

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family
 12:10 pm, † Lori Rubino *req. Jim Rubino*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8 am, † Fr. John Fagan
req. Larry Bolanowski
 12:10 pm, † Saint John the Evangelist *req. Celia*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Saint Nicholas

8 am, John & Lisa Ricci, Spec. Intention
req. Elizabeth Peluso
 12:10 pm, † Robert Grange *req. Frank Costello*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose

8 am, † Marisa Ciraco *req. Dom Piria*
 12:10 pm, Michael Hein, Spec. Intention
req. Elizabeth Peluso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am, † Fr. Rufin Kuveikis
 12:10 pm, Frank Pugliese, Spec. Intention
req. Pugliese Family
 7:30 pm, Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

12:10 pm, † Departed Souls of Legion of Mary
req. Lilian & Alvina Ramos
 4 pm, † Bertuca Caterina Piria
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 Labrosciano, 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:

Thomas Timon, Anita Fasanelli, 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, Teresa 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

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,

I want to remind you of some special events going on at the Basilica!

On Thursday November 30 we begin our annual novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Enclosed you will find a flyer with more details and the list of guest speakers.

We will have a Rorate Mass on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 AM! See below for details.

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.

Finally, 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 or several of these events.

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

God bless you !

Father La Pastina

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.

STAMFORD YOUTH GROUP

The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be on

Friday, December 15th

Church of the Holy Spirit 7 PM - 8:30 PM

High School will meet monthly for Adoration and socials at Saint Gabriel Church and for fun events throughout the fall. Those dates are coming soon!



RORATE MASS

Saturday, December 16th at 6:30AM

"Rorate Mass," a special Mass celebrated in honor of Our Lady on the Saturdays of Advent. The title comes from the first words of the entrance antiphon for the Mass, which translated means: "Drop down ye heavens from above." This reminds us that the Lord came down from heaven and became Man in the womb of the Virgin.

This Mass is so unusual because it is celebrated early in the morning by candlelight. The celebration should be timed so that the sun begins to rise by the time of the consecration of the Mass. We will celebrate a "Rorate Mass" according to the 1962 Missal in Latin. If you are an early riser, please join us!

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 PM

Reverend Brendan Blawie
St Pius X, Fairfield Connecticut
Topic: Queen of Martyrs

Friday, December 1 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Michael Jones
St Mary Church, Greenwich, Connecticut
Topic: Mother of the Church

Saturday, December 2 at 4 PM

Reverend Cyprian La Pastina
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist
Topic: Queen Conceived without Original Sin

Sunday, December 3 at 5 PM

Reverend Jhon Gomez
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist
Topic: Ark of the Covenant

Monday, December 4 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Andrew LaFleur
St. Mary Church, Bethel, Connecticut
Topic: Morning Star

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Colin Lomnitzer
St. Mary Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut
Topic: Mystical Rose

Wednesday December 6 at 7:30 PM

Reverend John Perricone
Lecturer and Retreat Director
Topic: Refuge of Sinners

Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Gerald Murray
Holy Family Church, New York City
Topic: Queen of Confessors

Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 PM

Solemn Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
Homily given by Reverend Jon Tveit
Graduate Student in Canon Law
Catholic University of America
Topic: Mother Most Pure



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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina, Pastor



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$5,613.90
Online Giving Collection: \$5,182.00
Total: Sunday, 11/19/2023: \$10,795.90
Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$6,408.18
Online Giving Collection: \$3,823.00
Total: Sunday, 11/26/23: \$10,231.18

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 to sign up and get started.

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.

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.

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.

The Cardinal Kung Academy
 SCHOLA CANTORUM
 invites you to a service of
Advent
Lessons & Carols
 TUESDAY | 12 | DECEMBER
 7:00 PM
 THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
 279 Atlantic Street
 Stamford, CT 06901
 CARDINAL KUNG ACADEMY
 948 NEWFIELD AVE., STAMFORD, CT 06905
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The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford
Statement of Activities - Unaudited
Year Ended June 30,

	2023	2022
REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER CHANGES		
Offertory Income	631,222	636,145
Religious Education Program	12,510	10,450
Votive	26,388	28,877
Mass Stipends	9,345	9,281
Gifts and Bequests	33,814	124,764
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	-	296,526
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	15,433	30,730
Total Revenue, Support and Other Changes	728,712	1,136,773
EXPENSES		
Personnel Costs - Lay Employees	282,585	385,031
Personnel Costs - Clergy	120,179	124,327
Charitable Contributions to Organizations and Individuals	3,526	4,582
Cathedraticum Assessment	94,708	159,480
Professional Fees	104,842	98,424
Insurance	66,159	40,160
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance and Other Services	240,493	343,409
Utilities	91,584	85,270
Religious Education Program Expenses	2,626	1,573
Total Expenses	1,006,702	1,242,255
Income (Loss) from Operations before Depreciation	(277,990)	(105,482)
Depreciation Expense	549,860	466,244
Income (Loss) from Operations Before Other Income / Expenses	(827,850)	(571,726)
OTHER INCOME / EXPENSES		
Fundraising, Net	229,487	1,884
Pre-School and Child Care Services, Net	-	-
Net Investment Income	8,647	(70,213)
Rental and Lease Revenue, Net	210,240	210,240
Cemetery Revenue	-	-
Gain and Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
Interest Expense	(1,799)	(1,880)
Property Taxes	-	-
Restricted Contributions	61,971	334,256
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	-	(296,526)
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	(15,433)	(33,730)
Net Other Income / Expenses	493,112	144,030
Change in Net Assets	(334,737)	(427,696)

The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford
Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited
June 30,

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash	203,119	149,606
Receivables	1,239	1,515
Prepaid Expenses	-	1,260
Property, Buildings & Equipment, Net	10,779,043	11,267,741
Investments	263,886	772,389
Total Assets	\$ 11,247,288	\$ 12,192,511
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payables to Vendors & Others	576	6,957
Due to Diocese	119,720	356,735
Special Collections	809	5,424
Other Accrued Expenses	667	1,024
Payroll Liabilities	3	-
Deferred Religious Ed Fees, Tuition, Other	5,512,175	5,722,415
Loans Payable	-	151,880
Total Liabilities	5,633,950	6,244,435
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	5,505,035	5,886,310
With Donor Restrictions	108,303	61,766
Total Net Assets	5,613,338	5,948,075
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 11,247,288	\$ 12,192,511

To ensure financial transparency, Bishop Caggiano has designated the first Sunday in December as “Accountability Sunday”. Every parish, school and Diocese entity publishes their annual financial reports simultaneously. These reports can also be viewed on our website, www.stjohnbasilica.org.

A few notes:

Depreciation expense accounting was implemented for fiscal year 2022, as per Diocesan mandate, resulting in a charge of prior years’ cumulative depreciation against Net Assets. In fiscal year 2023, depreciation expense of \$549,860 was recorded. Going forward, annual depreciation will be reflected in all future years.

Professional Fees (under expenses) Includes Choir/musicians, speakers, book keeping and accounting fees.

Net fundraising (other Income) includes Employee Retention Credit (ERC) from the Cares Act and an ABA distribution from the Diocese of Bridgeport.