



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 26, 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

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REV. JHONJ. GOMEZ

## STAFF

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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, NOVEMBER 26**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30 am, † John & Mary Maloney

10 am, † Patrick Kane & Family

*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12 pm, † Denis Oliveire

*req.* Lilian & Alvina Ramos

5:00 pm, † Ralph Branca

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8 am, † Liwiusz Ilasz

*req.* Vicki Jaskulski

12:10 pm, † Marisa Ciraco

*req.* Dom Piria

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8 am, † John Streko

*req.* Elizabeth Peluso

12:10 pm, † Dec'd Members of the Bayonne Family

*req.* Lucienne Bayonne

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

8 am, John Hein, Spec Intention

*req.* Elizabeth Peluso

12:10 pm, Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni, Spec. Intention

*req.* Hana Gjelaj

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

*Saint Andrew*

8 am, †Souls in Purgatory

*req.* Vargas Family

12:10 pm, Marianna Andrea Mbabaali, 1st Birthday

*req.* Family

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8 am, † John & Mary Maloney

12:10 pm, † Frank & Anita Fasanelli

*req.* Lilian & Alvina Ramos

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

12:10 pm, Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart

of Mary

*req.* Vargas Family

4 pm, † William Maloney

*req.* William J. Maloney, III



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

#### **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,

We hope you can join us today, **Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 PM. We will have Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King.**

**Novena** in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will begin this Thursday, November 30th ending with a **Solemn Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on December 8th followed by a light reception in Nagle Hall. Details are enclosed. All are invited!

Next Sunday, after the 10:00 AM Mass, we will host a **Saint Nicholas Celebration** in Nagle Hall for children. Crafts, light refreshments and even a visit from Saint Nicholas! Mark your calendars!

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine!

Father La Pastina



### Volunteers Needed

#### for Saint Nicholas Celebration

Last year's Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children was a great success! We have planned another this holiday season for Sunday, Dec 3 after the 10 am Mass. We will have crafts, treats and a visit from Saint Nicholas. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

## 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.

What makes this Mass so unusual is that it is celebrated in the early 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!

## 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.



**FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH**  
SUPPORTING PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Please join us for a  
Saint Nicholas Party

Sunday, December  
3rd, after the 10 am  
Mass

Nagle Hall

Refreshments

Crafts table  
and a visit from Saint  
Nicholas!



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FALL 2023

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, September 8th at 7:30 PM**  
a Rorate Mass according to the 1962 Missal in Latin.  
Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Birth of Mary  
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)  
If you are an early riser please join us!

**Monday, September 18th at 7:30 PM**

Lecture Series  
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis de Sales"  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM**

Young Adult Society  
Guest Speaker: Bishop Caggiano  
(Church and Rectory)

**Monday, September 25th at 7:30 PM**

Lecture Series  
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Teresa of Avila"  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Friday, September 29th at 7:30 PM**

An Evening of Recollection for Women  
(Church and Rectory)

### OCTOBER

**Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM**

Lecture Series  
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Therese of Lisieux"  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 PM**

Candlelight Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady  
for the Month of the Rosary  
(Church and Piazza)

**Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM**

Lecture Series  
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis of Assisi"  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Monday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Mass for All Souls Day

**Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

**Friday, November 17th at 7:30 PM**

An Evening of Recollection for Men  
(Church and Rectory)

**Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 PM**

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King

**November 30th to December 8th**

Novena in Preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
(Weeknights at 7:30 PM on Saturday following the 4 PM and Sunday following the 5 PM)

### DECEMBER

**Sunday, December 3rd, following the 10 AM Mass**

Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children  
with treats, crafts, and a visit from Saint Nicholas  
(Nagle Hall)

**Friday, December 8th at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Mass with Orchestra  
in Honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Light reception to follow in the Nagle Hall)

**Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 AM**

Candlelight Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady during Advent  
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)

**Monday, December 18th at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adult Society  
(Church and Rectory)

**Wednesday, December 27th at 12:10 Mass**

Feast of Our Patron, Saint John the Evangelist  
Traditional Blessing of Wine following the 12:10 Mass

**Sunday, December 31st at 6 PM**

Te Deum and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Thanksgiving for the Graces granted by God for the Year 2023

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:**Mass & Mail-In Collection:****Online Giving Collection:****Total: Sunday, 11/19/2023:**

**Sunday Offertory figures not available at  
time of printing.**

**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](http://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.

**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.



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 11/17/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$71,360 (76.32%) Donors to Date: 149

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.

**Stamford Youth Group**

**The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be on Friday, December 1st at the Church of the Holy Spirit from 7 PM - 8:30 PM!** We hope to see you there.

Additional meeting dates include : Dec 15.

**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!

*Please join us for*

**SOLEMN VESPERS**

For the Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 pm

*followed by a light reception in*

*Nagle Hall*



# 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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Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina, Pastor



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The Catholic Academy CASH raffle is back!  
Tickets are \$10.00  
Prizes from \$40 - \$1,000  
Tickets may also be purchased from any student or family until November 27th

**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.