



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 4 PM
Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10 AM,
12 PM, and 5 PM

Monday - Saturday
8 AM and 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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 26

7:30 am, †Melanie Fieffe *req.* Fieffe Family
 10 am, John Mossa, Jr., Spec. Intention
req. Maria Mossa & Family
 12 pm, †Maria Preziosi, 30th Anniversary
req. Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
 5 pm †Nebert Michel *req.* Trisha

MONDAY, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek
 8 am, †Wladek & Willemina Falek
req. Daughter
 12:10 † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

TUESDAY, February 28

8 am, †Giovanna Francese *req.* Family
 12:10 pm, † Zachary Trace
req. Andrew Kolenberg

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8 am, For the Parishioners
 12:10 pm, †Irene Sansone
req. Tom & Olga Kolenberg

THURSDAY, March 2

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory
 12:10 pm, †Roy Schroeder
req. Marion Morris & Family

FRIDAY, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel
 8 am, †Yvette Placide
req. Guirlene Valbrum
 12:10 pm, †Colleen Del Mazzio
req. Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Ingram

SATURDAY, March 4

Saint Casimir
 8 am, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary
req. Vargas Family
 12:10 pm, †Jocelyn, Sydney, Oswald, & Hilda Marchad
 4:00pm, † Katherine L. Klaum
req. Mossa Family

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Monsignor DiGiovanni, Frank Carpanzano, Phil DeFelice, Ruby Lang, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Iannarelli, Julia Oliveira, Gail Piria, Larry Hayes, Julian Lucas Randal, Anthony Labroschiano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Jeanne DiProperzio

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Edith Shamsid-Deen, Charlie Vitolo, Alfredo Sanguinetti, John Leick, Dennis Verhaegen, Felice Saracco, Jerry W. Atkins, Dcn. Herbert Davis, Jr., Joanne Labs, Juliana R. Medina, Eugene Lang, Katherine Klaum, Margaret Rose Swan, Thomas Timon, Anita Fasanelli, Alfred Sanseverino, Nicholai Daviddenko, Gordon Evans, Amory Rodrigues, Irene Sansone, Joseph Kung

Please contact the church office to add or remove a
 name from the prayer list.

(203) 324-1553



VERITAS CATHOLIC NETWORK:

Veritas Catholic Network is the local EWTN Radio affiliate for our diocese. With the blessing and participation of Bishop Caggiano, they have been on the air now for over two years. Veritas Catholic Network is available via local radio, live stream, and a mobile app.

THE LEGION OF MARY:

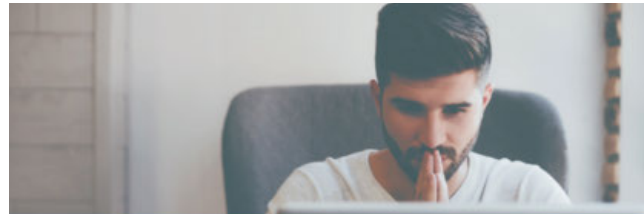
A group of parishioners gather every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Msgr. Nagle Hall for prayer and spiritual conference. We are dedicated to strengthening our love for Our Lord through devotion to His Blessed Mother, by deeper prayer and works of charity. All are welcome.

PRO-LIFE-GROUP

Our Pro-Life Group meets each Wednesday morning to pray before the local abortion clinic

THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

The First Saturday devotion is after the 12:10 pm Mass.



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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Fr. La Pastina's Young Adult Group will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023. This group welcomes all Young Adults between 21-35 years of age.

Mass Intentions

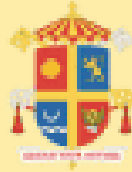
The Mass book for 2023 Intentions is available for Mass requests. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis and are \$10.00 each. (Canon n.946 of the Code of Canon Law) Please contact the parish office with your requests at 203-324-1553 or email office@stjohnbasilica.org.

STAMFORD YOUTH GROUP

Friday night Youth Group meeting dates for 2023! Please join us for sports and games, faith-filled activities, and prayer with Fr. Connaughton, Fr. Mariusz, Fr. Suarez and the Stamford Youth Ministry team! Join us at the Church of the Holy Spirit (403 Scofieldtown Road) on the following dates! Additional information and more activities to be announced soon!

Middle School Dates: Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 12

High School Dates: Mar 3, Mar 17, Mar 31, Apr 21, May 5, May 19



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SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SPRING 2023

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 7:30 PM
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
Blessing of Candles and Procession

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 7:30 PM
BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS MEETING
Church and Rectory

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 7:30 PM
Opening Mass for Forty Hour
Devotions & Lenten Mission Adoration
until 10 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7:30 PM
Meditation and Benediction Adoration
until 10 PM

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 7:30 PM
Solemn Closing of Forty Hours with
Procession and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 12:30 PM
Solemn Requiem Mass according to
the 1962 Missal for the
Anniversary of the Death of
Ignatius Cardinal Kung

TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 7:30 PM
ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE
The remarkable Papacy of Pope Benedict XVI
by Rev. John Perleone,
(Rectory Ballroom)

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 7:30 PM
BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS
(Church and Rectory)

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 7:30 PM
FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH
Solemn Mass with traditional blessing of pastries
in the Nagle Hall

APRIL

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 7:30 PM
BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS
(Church and Rectory)

MAY

MONDAY, MAY 15TH AT 7:30 PM
DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
Rosary and Benediction

MONDAY, MAY 22ND AT 7:30 PM
BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS
(Church and Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH AT 7:30 PM
OUR LADY OF SHE SHAN
Solemn Mass according to the 1962 Missal

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 5:00 PM
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Solemn Mass and Procession in the Piazza

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7:30 PM
FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Solemn Mass according to the 1962 Missal and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH AT 7:30 PM
BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS
(Church and Rectory)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH AT 7:30 PM
FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
(Plenary Indulgence for visiting the Basilica)





WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$7,169.16

Online Giving Collection: \$5,338.00

**Total: Sunday, February 19, 2023:
\$12,507.16**

Special Collection for Earthquake Relief
Efforts in Turkey/Syria: \$1,671.00



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

The Respect Life Ministry supports the Diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. It assists parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person.

It strengthens parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year. Pastoral care is provided through Project Rachel Ministry and addresses the wounds of abortion. Days of Prayer and Healing are held throughout the year with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers.

**LECTURE ON THE
PONTIFICATE OF POPE
BENEDICT THE XVI**

by Father John Perricone

Tuesday, March 7th 7:30 PM
Rectory Ballroom



Rare are the Catholics blessed to live in the pontificate of a great Pope. We are amongst that privileged group, having lived during the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI. Some say that he was one of the greatest popes since St. Gregory the Great in the 7th century. His time on the throne of St. Peter was indeed remarkable, whose bounty stretched to subjects not only touching upon the lives of Catholics but the welfare of society itself. This lecture will explore some of the reasons why Pope Benedict XVI so enriched the lives of Catholics, as well as all men of good will.



A Diocesan Mentorship Program

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A
DIOCESAN-WIDE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?**



The diocese has launched a mentorship program benefiting young adult Catholics as they look for career and life guidance. The program consists of one monthly meeting with your mentor or mentee for six months. Meetings can be held in person or via Zoom. If you or someone you know is interested in participating as either a mentor or mentee, please sign up by clicking on the link or QR code above:

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

February 27th - March 1st

*Please sign up for adoration in the
vestibule of the Church*

Monday, February 27

Opening Mass 7:30 PM with adoration until 10 PM
Guest Homilist: Reverend Canon Francis Altieri, ICRSP
Oratory of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Bridgeport, CT

Tuesday, February 28

Adoration from 8:30 AM until 9 PM
(suspended during the 12:10 Mass)

Holy Hour at 7:30 PM

Guest Homilist: Reverend Father Carlos Rodrigues
Pastor of Saint Clement Church in Stamford, CT

Wednesday, March 1

Adoration from 8:30 AM until 7:30 PM
(suspended during the 12:10 Mass)

Solemn Closing of Forty Hours Devotion with
Procession and Benediction

Guest Homilist: Reverend Father Leszek Szymaszek
Pastor of Saint Paul Church in Greenwich, CT



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Sign up schedule for Adoration during the Forty Hours Devotion are available in
the Church Vestibule.





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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.



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