



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 19, 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)

CLERGY

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VERY REV. CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 am, † Julius & Jane Shoztic, Barbara Schettino

req. Richard & Jason Shoztic

10 am, Fr. Walsh, Spec. Intention

req. Anne Marie Samedi

12 pm, † Franklin Lee *req.* Bishtawi Family

5 pm † Ana Haidar *req.* Maria Livesay

MONDAY, March 20

Saint Joseph

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory

12:10 † Ms. Fanelia Jean-Pierre & Constance Gaspard

req. Nieces & Nephews

7:30 pm Solemn Mass in Honor of Saint Joseph

TUESDAY, March 21

8 am, Rose Migliazza, Spec. Intention

req. Domenico Piria

12:10 pm, † William Borkowski *req.* Michael Borkowski

WEDNESDAY, March 22

8 am, Rita Guiliano, Spec. Intention

req. Maureen Beshay

12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory *req.* Vargas Family

THURSDAY, March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12:10 pm, Fr. Terrence P. Walsh, Spec. Intention

FRIDAY, March 24

8 am, † Nicholas Arthur Kaplan *req.* Nino Family

12:10 pm, † Pablo Melendez Cobar

req. Vargas Family

SATURDAY, March 25

The Annunciation of The Lord

8 am, † Katherine L. Klaum

req. Frank & Beth Carpanzano & Family

12:10 pm, † Irene Sansone

req. Tom & Olga Kolenberg

4:00 pm, † Anthony Iannozi

req. Jean Vaccaro



Sanctuary Candle:

In Special Memory of

† Kathleen McCarthy

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 Labrosciano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gainé, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume

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, Mary Serock, Daniel Fronc

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:

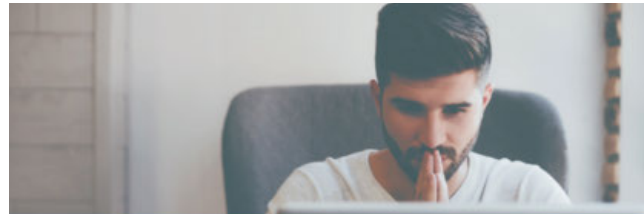
A group of parishioners gather every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Msgr. Nagle Hall for prayer and spiritual conference. We are dedicated to strengthening our love for Our Lord through devotion to His Blessed Mother, by deeper prayer and works of charity. All are welcome.

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, April 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM. This group welcomes all Young Adults between 21-35 years of age.

Mass Intentions

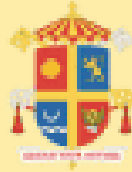
The Mass book for 2023 Intentions is available for Mass requests. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis and are \$10.00 each. (Canon n.946 of the Code of Canon Law) Please contact the parish office with your requests at 203-324-1553 or email office@stjohnbasilica.org.

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: Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 12

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



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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: \$7,706.31

Online Giving Collection: \$4,238.00

Total: Sunday, March 12, 2023:

\$11,944.31



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop's Appeal this year:

- Make an automatic monthly recurring gift until you inform the Diocese to adjust or discontinue.
- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
- Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

Thank you for your support.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



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

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.



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.



New Vestments

Many of our parishioners and visitors to the Basilica compliment not only the beautiful music at our choir Masses but also the decoration of the altar and the vestments worn by the sacred ministers. All of these things work together to remind us of the beauty and splendor of God.

Recently the Basilica commissioned a set of five matching chasubles for concelebrated Masses. The fabric is white, lined in burgundy, with the Basilica coat of arms embroidered on the bottom of the back of each vestment. Each vestment is \$450.00

If anyone would like to help cover the cost of one or more vestments, please contact the office. (203) 324-1553. Vestments can be memorialized in memory of a loved one by including a label with the person's name on the inside of the vestment.

Feast of Saint Joseph

Monday, March 20 7:30 PM

Solemn Mass

followed by

Blessing of pastries in Nagle Hall



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