



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 30, 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 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)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 am, † Julius & Jane Shoztic and Barbara Schettino  
*req.* Richard & Jason Shoztic  
 10 am, † Lamberto David Tumang  
*req.* Moss Family  
 12 pm, Jose Manuel & Jeremiah Matthew Marte, Spec.  
 Intention *req.* Gloria Quezada  
 5:00 pm, † Mary Serock *req.* Nancy & Anthony Ferro

### MONDAY, MAY 1

*Saint Joseph the Worker*

8 am, † Andreon Samedi *req.* Anne Marie Samedi  
 12:10 pm, † Andrine Guiliano  
*req.* Frank & Beth Carpanzano & Family

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

*Saint Athanasius*

8 am, † Lori Rubino *req.* Jim Rubino  
 12:10 pm, † Giuseppe Annetta  
*req.* Pugliese Family

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

*Saints Philip & James, Apostles*

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family  
*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane & Family  
 12:10 pm, † Nicholas Arthur Kaplan  
*req.* Nino Family

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

8 am, † In Honor of Mother Mary  
 12:10 pm, † Nicole Cartier  
*req.* Andrew Kolenberg

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory  
*req.* Guirlene Valbrum  
 12:10 pm, † Fr. Albert Audette  
*req.* Duffy Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

8 am, Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of  
 Mary *req.* Vargas Family  
 12:10 pm, Jim Monti, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Ana & Dean Dewey  
 4 pm, † Eugene Lang



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, Larry Hayes, Julian Lucas Randal, Anthony Labrosciano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Juanita Evans

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

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, Mrs. Anna J. Jones, Rev. Albert Audette, Mary Maloney

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.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Fr. La Pastina's Young Adult Group will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 22nd. The newly ordained Father Ferry Galbert will offer Mass at 7:30 in the evening. Following Mass, Father will offer his first priestly blessing and we will then continue our usual meeting at the rectory. Young adults between the ages of 21-35 are invited to attend.

### THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

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

### 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.

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## 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. Please contact the parish office with your requests at 203-324-1553 or email [office@stjohnbasilica.org](mailto: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: May 12

High School Dates: May 5, May 19

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am delighted to announce that Bishop Caggiano has appointed Father Jhon Gomez as the new parochial vicar here at the Basilica. Father Gomez is a native of Colombia, and was ordained for the Diocese in 2007. I had the privilege of working with Father Gomez when I was pastor of St. Mary in Greenwich.

Father Gomez comes to us from Saint Peter in Bridgeport where he served as pastor. In order to take a break from administration and focus more on priestly ministry, Father Gomez requested his next assignment would be as a parochial vicar, and the Bishop granted his request.

I am sure that Father Gomez will be a great asset to the Basilica, and I hope you will join me in offering him a warm welcome when he arrives on July 1st!

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

Father La Pastina

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### **Memorial Mass for Father Albert Audette**

**Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 PM**

Recently Father Audette passed away in Naples, Florida. His family is planning to have his funeral in the coming weeks in Virginia with burial in Arlington. Since it would not be possible for all the people who would like to pray for Fr. Al to be present at the funeral in Virginia, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass here at the Basilica on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 PM. The homily will be given by Father Brian Gannon, the pastor of Saint Theresa Church in Trumbull. Please join us as we pray for Fr. Al, who even in retirement, served the people of Saint John's so faithfully.

### **First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving**

**Sunday, May 21st, 12 noon**

The Spring is usually a time for joyful celebrations such as Weddings, First Communion and Confirmation. I am delighted that this year at the Basilica we can also boast the Priestly Ordination of a member of our parish! On May 20th Bishop Caggiano will ordain Deacon Ferry Galbert to the Sacred Priesthood at Saint Theresa Church in Trumbull at 11 in the morning. It is a special grace for us to have a young man who grew up in the parish and worked here in the office to be ordained. We are delighted and proud!

Father Galbert will offer his first Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Basilica on Sunday, May 21st at 12 Noon followed by a reception in the Piazza. Please join us to congratulate Father Galbert and to receive his first priestly blessing.

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WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

**Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$6,308.34**

**Online Giving Collection: \$4,889.00**

**Total: Sunday, April 23, 2023: \$11,197.34**



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal  
The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
2023 Bishop’s Appeal as of 4/21/2023

ABA Goal:

\$93,500

Total Pledged:

\$32,758 (35.03%)

Donors to Date: 77

**Cardinal Burke to visit the Basilica**

On Tuesday, July 25th at 6 PM His Eminence, Raymond Cardinal Burke will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of Our Lady of She-Shan for Catholics in China. This Mass is organized by the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist and the Cardinal Kung Foundation. Please check back for more information in the future.

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.

We pray that each person will support 2023 Bishop’s Appeal, however, they can. While the level of sacrificial support will differ from parishioner to parishioner, your Appeal gift, no matter the size, is impactful and valued. We are able to meet the needs of our charitable mission, not with a single gift, but together as a community. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop’s Appeal today with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow.

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.



**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.



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## THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SPRING 2023

#### APRIL

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD 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)



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The **Vidi Aquam** for the 12PM Solemn Mass is on page 33 of the Source & Summit missal.

Followed by the versicles:

V. Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam, allelúia.

R. Et salutáre tuum da nobis, allelúia.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratióem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.



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