



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 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)

CLERGY

PASTOR
VERY REV. CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 7

7:30 am, †Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Didonato
req. Steve Terenzio
 10 am, Dean Dewey, Spec. Intention
req. Mom & Dad
 12 pm, Melanie & Valentina De La Cruz, Spec.
 Intention *req.* Gloria Quezada
 5:00 pm, †Judy Deschenes & Daughter
req. Friend

MONDAY, MAY 8

8 am, † Fr. Albert Audette
req. Jeffrey & Jean Russo
 12:10 pm, †Fr. Albert Audette
req. Sue Ann Miller

TUESDAY, MAY 9

8 am, For the Parishioners
 12:10 pm, †Paul Mignogna
req. Pat Mignogna

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Saints John of Avila, Damien de Veuster
 8 am, †Souls in Purgatory
 12:10 pm, † Mary Maloney
req. Sharon Macknight

THURSDAY, MAY 11

8 am, †Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family
 12:10 pm, †Michael Magee
req. Iannazzi Family

FRIDAY, MAY 12

8 am, † Nick Le Rose
req. Moss Family
 12:10 pm, † Fr. Albert Audette
req. Duffy Family

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8 am, †Hope & Joseph McAleer
req. McAleer Family
 12:10 pm, †Souls in Purgatory
 4 pm, †Fr. Albert Audette
req. Clergy & Staff of the Basilica



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, Juanita Evans

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

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, Paul Mignogna, Lawrence Hayes

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.

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 19

FIFTH SUNDAY



OF EASTER

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

Memorial Mass for Father Albert Audette

Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 PM

Recently Father Audette passed away in Naples, Florida. His family has chosen to delay his funeral Mass until it can be coordinated with Father's interment at Arlington National Cemetery, which will likely occur in August, although the details have not been settled at this time. 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. In addition, Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the diocesan Memorial Mass for Father Audette at Saint Peter Church in Danbury at 11:00 AM on October 5, 2023. Please mark your calendars.

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.





WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$6,491.56

Online Giving Collection: \$6,235.00

Total: Sunday, April 30, 2023: \$12,726.56



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal
The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Parish
2023 Bishop’s Appeal as of 4/28/2023

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. Call the parish office at 203-324-1553 for additional information or questions.

The Sacred Heart Guild is one of the Bishop’s personal initiatives, entrusted with a mission to foster and promote Beauty in the Sacred Arts in the Diocese. It exists to inspire an encounter with Christ through pilgrimages, workshops, concerts and talks. The Guild has a particular attention to the needs of young people and seeks to model the ‘art of the possible’ in promoting authentic Catholic culture, broadly understood. Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal helps support this new venture. You can make a convenient automatic recurring gift or a pledge as your means allow. Thank you for your generosity. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023 BishopsAppeal.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.

FIFTH SUNDAY



OF EASTER



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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