



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 25, 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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REV. MSGR. STEPHEN M. DIGIOVANNI

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

7:30 am, †John Melfi, Sr., Mary Melfi & John Melfi, Jr.  
*req.* Joe Melfi  
 10 am, †Ana Haidar *req.* Maria Livesay  
 12 pm, †John La Bar  
*req.* Maria & Antonio Marchetti  
 5:00 pm, Sr. Maria Alguacil, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Seges Family

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**

8 am, †Wladek & Willemina Falek *req.* Daughter  
 12:10 pm, †Vincent Saracco  
*req.* Bob & Nancy Adamonis

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*  
 8 am, † Lois & Joseph Costantino *req.* Sal Costantino  
 12:10 pm, † Paul Mignogna  
*req.* Ohio & Florida Mignogna Families

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

*Saint Irenaeus*  
 8 am, †Fernando Mercado *req.* Children  
 12:10 pm, † William & Ann Borkowski  
*req.* Michael Borkowski

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**

*Saints Peter and Paul*  
 8 am, †Patrick Kane & Family  
*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane & Family  
 12:10 pm, † Oscar Contraras *req.* Fabiola

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
 8 am, †Jack Pargen *req.* Moss Family  
 12:10 pm, Joseph Fernando Kravar, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Fabiola

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**

*Saint Junipero Serra*  
 8 am, Sacred Heart Of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of  
 Mary *req.* Vargas Family  
 12:10 pm, †Frank Russo *req.* Jean Vaccaro  
 4 pm, Ana & Jesus Marte, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Gloria Quezada



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, Leon Taricani, Joseph Prevot

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

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, Laurence Hayes, Alfred Maffucci

**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).



Dear Friends in Christ,

On June 29th the Church celebrates the feast of the great apostles Saints Peter and Paul, commemorating the martyrdom of these two pillars of the Catholic Faith and patrons of the City of Rome.

As a Basilica our parish takes great pride in celebrating this feast with special solemnity reminding us of our connection to Rome and the Roman Pontiff. This feast is one of those designated to gain a plenary indulgence for visiting our church, reciting prayers for the intentions of Pope Francis and receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion within 8 days of your visit.

On Thursday, June 29th we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul with Solemn Vespers (evening prayer) sung by our choir at 7:30 in the evening with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following Benediction there will be a light reception in the Piazza. I hope you will mark your calendars for that evening and join our celebration.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father La Pastina

## Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

### Thursday, June 29th, 7:30 PM

Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*(A Plenary Indulgence for visiting the Basilica)*

*A Reception to follow in the Piazza*



#### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Fr. La Pastina's Young Adult Group is on summer siesta. The new fall schedule of meetings will be posted soon. This group aims to connect young adults in a faith focused community. All young adults between the ages of 21-35 are welcome. Join us in the Fall!

#### FR. ALBERT AUDETTE MEMORIAL MASS

Given the significant delay of the funeral Mass of Father Audette until it can be coordinated with Father's internment at Arlington National Cemetery, it has been decided to move the date for our diocesan Memorial Mass. Bishop Caggiano will now celebrate this Mass for Father Audette at Saint Peter Church in Danbury at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2023.

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SATURDAY 8 AM MASS

The Saturday 8 AM Mass will be eliminated beginning in September in an attempt to make our schedule more manageable. Saturdays are a popular day for weddings, funerals, and memorial Masses.

We currently have the only noontime Mass on Saturday in Stamford. This Mass is well attended by both parishioners as well as those from other parishes who may not have a Mass at this time. The 8 AM has a much smaller number attending, especially on a Saturday morning. Hopefully, those who attend this Mass will be able to join us for the 12:10 PM Mass instead. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience. This will take effect on September 2, 2023. Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. DIGIOVANNI

Dear Parishioners,

I have decided that it is time to move to the retirement home. I am grateful I was able to return to the parish following the renovations but I now feel my needs would be better met at Queen of the Clergy. I stayed at the retirement home during the renovation process. The rooms are comfortable and the care given to the priests there is excellent.

I am grateful to Fr. La Pastina for his kindness in allowing me to continue to live at Saint John following my retirement as pastor. However, it is time to move on. I know I am leaving the parish in capable hands. Please continue to give Fr. La Pastina your prayerful support.

I will move in the retirement home on August 1. However, I look forward to returning to the Basilica in the future for special events and liturgical celebrations.

Mons. DiGiovanni





### WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

#### **Mass & Mail-In Collection:**

**\$5,799.24**

#### **Online Giving Collection:**

**\$4,688.00**

#### **Total: Sunday, 6/18/2023:**

**\$10,487.24**



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal  
The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
2023 Bishop’s Appeal as of 6/09/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500

Total Pledged:

\$48,983 (52.39%) Donors to Date: 116

### 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.

### 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 are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge to the Bishop’s Appeal. For us to achieve our overall goal it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community.

If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop’s Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflects your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with your fellow parishioners, will enable the Diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational and human needs throughout Fairfield County.

Any over goal funds received by June 30th will be returned back to the parish, please help your parish make its goal!

Thank you for your support.

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.



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## SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SPRING 2023

For more information, please contact:

### 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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### 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.

*Note: This Mass is re-scheduled from May 24th on our  
Schedule of Special Events listing.*





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