

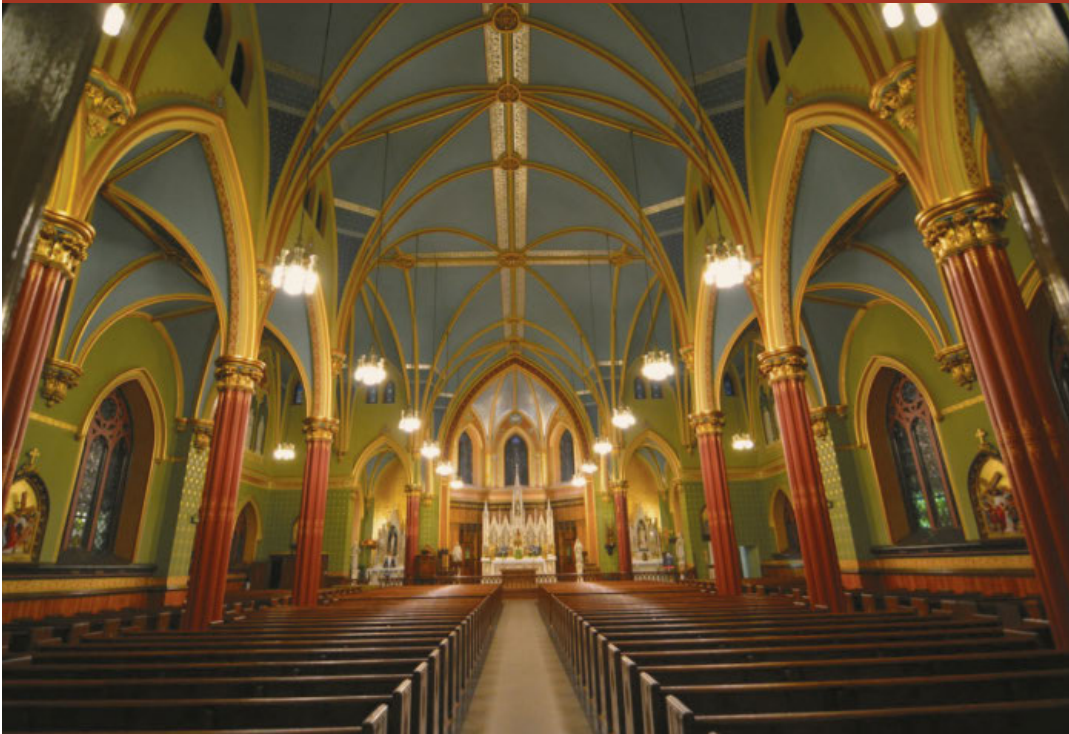


THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 23, 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, JULY 23

7:30 am, †Souls in Purgatory *req.* Marie Azor

10 am, †Joseph & Lillian Bayne

req. Barbara Bayne

12 pm, †Anthony, Derrick, Amiano, Joseph Ramos

req. Lilian & Alvina Ramos

5:00 pm, †Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JULY 24

Saint Sharbel Makhluf

8 am, †William Longo

req. Nieces & Nephews

12:10 pm, †Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Saint James

8 am, †Fr. Albert Audette

req. Cindy & John Bober

12:10 pm, †Francine Trino

req. Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Ingram

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Saints Joachim and Anne

8 am, Gail Piria, Spec. Intention

12:10 pm, In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8 am, Gail Piria, Spec Intention

12:10 pm, †Candita Costello

req. Frank Costello

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8 am, †Fernando Mercado *req.* Children

12:10 pm, †Patricia Schauffert

req. Mary Jo Iannuccilli

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8 am, †William Longo *req.* Nieces & Nephews

12:10 pm, †Giuseppe & Antonozza Siciliano

req. Pugliese Family

4 pm, †Richard Neth

req. Ruzzi Family



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 Labroschiano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Leon Taricani, Joseph Prevot, Rita Hausman, Michael Thomas Vaccaro

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Joanne Labs, Juliana R. Medina, Eugene Lang, Katherine Klaun, 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, Aleana Armwood Stroman, Shirley A. Simmons, Ron Cox, Terersa Szostak, Laura Lee Barzetti

Mass Intentions

The Mass Intentions book for 2024 will be available for Mass requests beginning on **August 1**. All requests are first-come, first-serve and are \$10.00 each. Please contact the parish office with requests.



UPCOMING MARIAN FEASTS

August 5th
 Feast of the Dedication of
 Saint Mary Major
 12:10 PM

August 15th
 The Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary



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. See you in the Fall!

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in Becoming A Catholic?

Or are you an adult Catholic who has not received Confirmation? If you would like to become a Catholic or have not been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (only Baptized and have not received First Communion and Confirmation), please call or email the parish office for more information about the Rite Of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The next class will start on Monday, November 20th, 6:30 -7:30 PM. The deadline to register is October 30, 2023.

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 parishioners and 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.



Looking Forward to a Busy Fall!

Here are some events planned at the Basilica for Fall 2023. Please keep an eye on our bulletin, website and Facebook page for more details as these events get closer!

Fall Adult Lecture Series:

"Masters of the Spiritual Life"

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Our Lord tells His Disciples, "Be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Chapter 5:48). What does this mean? How do we accomplish it? Is perfection possible for those living in the world, or is it just the work of monks and cloistered nuns?

In this Fall's lecture series, Father La Pastina will share with us different ways of striving for perfection by following the advice of four great masters of the spiritual life, Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Therese of Lisieux, and Saint Francis of Assisi.

Please join us in the Rectory Ballroom on Mondays, September 18th, 25th, and October 2nd and 16th at 7:30 in the evening.

Evenings of Recollection for Men and Women

These evenings are designed to give us a break from our busy schedules, spend time with the Lord, and enjoy each other's company. Almost like a mini-retreat! The evening will begin with Eucharistic Adoration in Church at 7:30 PM with a short spiritual talk and then continue in the Rectory with refreshments and a catechetical talk. Please mark your calendars and join us!

An evening of Recollection for Women will be on Friday, September 29th

An evening of Recollection for Men will be on Friday, November 17th

There will be an opportunity to make reservations as the dates get closer so we can have an accurate number of those attending.

Basilica Podcasts

This September, the Basilica will begin a podcast series called: "The Faith in Five Minutes." In these weekly podcasts, Father La Pastina will offer some short reflections to assist us in growing in a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. More information about when the podcasts will begin and how to access them will be available soon.



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection:

\$5,172.84

Online Giving Collection:

\$3,253.00

Total: Sunday, 7/16/2023:

\$8,425.84



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal
The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Parish
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/14/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500

Total Pledged:

\$59,655 (63.80%) Donors to Date: 135

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

We are grateful to the individuals and families who have already made their gift or pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. The Diocese is at 84% of our goal of \$8.1. For us to achieve our overall goal it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. To those who have given, thank you. If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift.

Your gift will help tremendously and, together with others, will enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational and human needs throughout Fairfield County.

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.

Tuesday, July 25th, 6:00 PM



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. A reception in the Piazza will follow with the Blessing of the Crucifixion Scene in Honor of Cardinal Kung.





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