



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
AUGUST 6, 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, AUGUST 6

7:30 am, † Dec'd Members of the Paulemon Family

*req.* Family

10 am, † Joseph Kung *req.* Kung Family

12 pm, Our Lady of Grace *req.* Pugliese Family

5:00 pm, † Jose Lupericio Lima

*req.* Family

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

*Saints Sixtus II & Cajetan*

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory

*req.* Fabiola Contreras

12:10 pm, Special Intention

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

*Saint Dominic*

8 am, † Terersa Szostak

*req.* Reed McMurchy

12:10 pm, Msgr. DiGiovanni, Spec. Intention

*req.* Nelson & Maria Vargas Family

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

8 am, † John & Mary Maloney

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

*Saint Lawrence*

8 am, † Lori Rubino *req.* Jim Rubino

12:10 pm, Annalisa D'Acunto, Spec. Intention

*req.* Clergy & Staff of the Basilica

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

*Saint Clare*

8 am, † Rose Migliazza *req.* Piria Family

12:10 pm, † Raffaella Annetta *req.* Pugliese Family

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

8 am, † Hope & Joseph McAleer

*req.* McAleer Family

12:10 pm, † Marcel & Marie Gedeon

*req.* Lilian & Alvina Ramos

4 pm, † Rose Migliazza *req.* Piria 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, Boniface & Mary

DiProperzio

### 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.



Solemn Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke in honor of Our Lady of She-Shan for Catholics in China on July 25, 2023.



### 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!

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### 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.

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### 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.


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### 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.

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WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

**Mass & Mail-In Collection:**

**\$5,766.98**

**Online Giving Collection:**

**\$4,220.00**

**Total: Sunday, 7/30/2023:**

**\$9,986.98**



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[www.stjohnbasilica.org](http://www.stjohnbasilica.org) to sign up and get started.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023**

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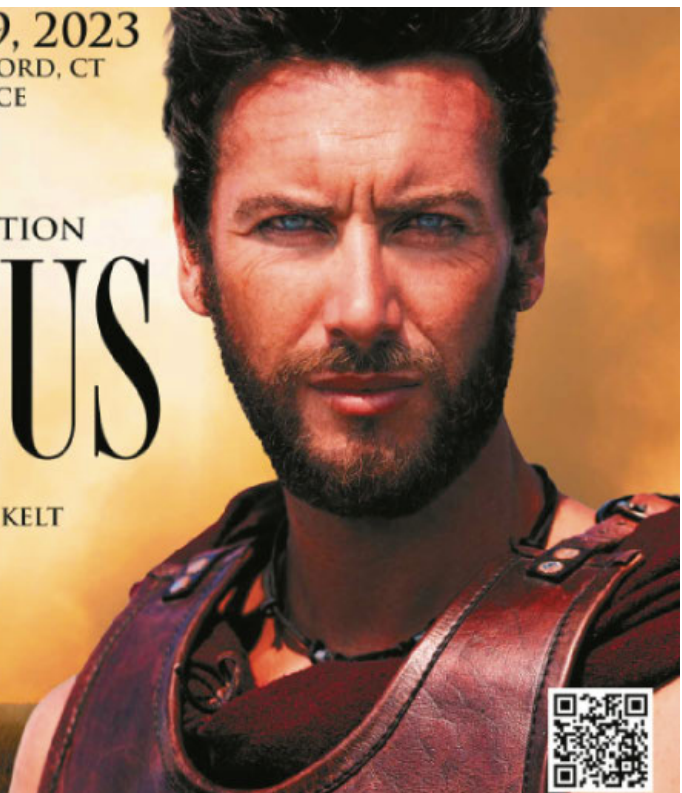
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The Assumption of  
the  
Blessed Virgin Mary



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Registration for Religious Education for 2023-2024 is now open. Please go to the Basilica website ([Stjohnbasilica.org](http://Stjohnbasilica.org)) to complete the online registration form and payment. Payment is due at time of registration. *Please note:* Registration prices will increase \$25 on Monday, August 28th.

The first day of classes is Sunday, September 24th. For Grades 1 - 7, classes will be held on Sunday mornings in Nagle Hall from 8:30-9:45 AM. Confirmation classes, offered for students entering Grade 8 and up, will be held on Sunday evenings (twice a month) from 5:30-7:00 PM. The full schedule will be available in hard copy on the first day of class or on the parish website mid-August.

**IMPORTANT** (for new students only): Please submit copies of your child's Baptism Certificate and/or First Communion Certificate (if the sacrament did not take place at St. John's).

*Gentle reminder:* Sunday Mass attendance is required for all Religious Education students. Classes are scheduled around our Mass times for convenience.





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