



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20, 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, AUGUST

7:30 am, †Millien Family *req.* Anne Marie Samedi
 10 am, † William Longo
req. Nieces & Nephews
 12 pm, John Kung, Spec. Intention *req.* Parents
 5:00 pm, † Souls in Purgatory *req.* Gloria Quezada

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Saint Pius X
 8 am, † Souls in Purgatory
 12:10 pm, † Adam Kokas
req. Michael Borkowski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8 am, Emperataiz Contreras, Spec. Intention
req. Fabiola
 12:10 pm, † John & Mary Maloney

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Saint Rose of Lima
 8 am, † Bertuca Caterina Piria *req.* Family
 12:10 pm, † Raffaella Annetta
req. Pugliese Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Saint Bartholomew
 8 am, † William Covert, Sr.
req. Carlo & Angela Albanese
 12:10 pm, † Theresa E. Wargo
req. Marion Morris

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Saints Louis & Joseph Calasanz
 8 am, † Dennis Sugrue *req.* Ruzzi Family
 12:10 pm, Joseph & Marie, 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8 am, † Patrick Glynn
req. Frank & Beth Carpanzano & Family
 12:10 pm, † Richard W. Agostino
req. Frank & Beth Carpanzano & Family
 4 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & 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:

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, Rev. Dr. Tommie Jackson, Patrick Glynn, Kenneth M. Mirch

Mass Intentions

The 2024 Mass Intentions book is now available for Mass requests. All requests are first-come, first-serve and are \$10.00 each. Please contact the parish office with requests.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Registration for Religious Education for 2023-2024 is now open. Please go to the Basilica website (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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM. The featured guest speaker is Bishop Frank J. Caggiano. All young adults between 21-35 years of age are welcome. Please join us!

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 Monday, 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:

\$5,838.23

Online Giving Collection:

\$3,328.00

Total: Sunday, 8/13/2023:

\$9,166.23



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

2023 Bishop’s Appeal as of 8/11/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500

Total Pledged:

\$60,380 (64.57%) Donors to Date: 140

The Bishop’s Appeal supports the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout Fairfield County. If you have not yet given your support, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your support is critical to the continued success of the ministries.

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.

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.



SAINT LEO PARISH

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St. Leo Parish announces its 42nd Annual Parish Fair.

Tuesday, 8/29/23 through Friday, 9/1/23, 6pm to 11pm, and Saturday, 9/2/23, 2pm to 11pm. \$30 ride bracelets are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 6pm. Sample international foods including pizza frita, and try your luck in our Bingo Parlor, or our \$10 raffle with a 1st Prize \$30,000 in Amex Gift Cards.

Visit our website stleostamford.org for more details.



Prayer Before Communion

Almighty and Eternal God, behold I come to the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick I come to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal splendor; poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore, I beg of You, through Your infinite mercy and generosity, heal my weakness, wash my uncleanness, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I thus receive the Bread of Angels, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, purpose and intention, as shall aid my soul's salvation.

Grant, I beg of You, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, but also its full grace and power. Give me the grace, most merciful God, to receive the Body of your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, in such a manner that I may deserve to be intimately united with His mystical Body and to be numbered among His members. Most loving Father, grant that I may behold for all eternity face to face Your beloved Son, whom now, on my pilgrimage, I am about to receive under the sacramental veil, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
7:30 PM

Solemn High Mass for the
Feast of the Birth of Mary
Latin Mass according to the
1962 Missal





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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.



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