



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 4 PM
Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10 AM,
12 PM, and 5 PM

Monday - Friday
8 AM and 12:10 PM
Saturday
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

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Monday - Friday
9 AM - 4:30 PM

(The Office entrance is located
on Padre Pio Way, between the
church and the rectory)



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 am, † Cecilia P. Lyons

req. Family

10 am, † Curly Gustave

req. Pugliese Family

12 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

5:00 pm, † Sister Mary David Totah

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Saint Augustine

8 am, † Wladek & Willemina Falek

req. Daughter

12:10 pm, † Elizabeth DeLuca, Spec. intention

req. Carol Cummings

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8 am, † Alfredo Laines

req. Laura Laines

12:10 pm, † Danielle Bernier

req. Rose Bernier

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8 am, † Alfredo Laines

req. Laura Laines

12:10 pm, † Berthe Morisseau

req. Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

8 am, † Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm, † John & Mary Maloney

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8 am, † Leonard & Carrida Paulemon

req. Family

12:10 pm, Giuseppe Piria, Spec. Intention

req. Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:10 pm, Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart
of Mary

req. Vargas Family

4 pm, Mary Gainé, Spec. Intention

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, Leon Taricani, Joseph Prevot, Rita Hausman, Michael Thomas Vaccaro, Boniface & Mary DiProperzio

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

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, Helen C. Annis, Elizabeth Barron, Albert Stephens

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.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FALL 2023

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 8th at 7:30 PM
Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Birth of Mary
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)

Monday, September 18th at 7:30 PM
Lecture Series
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis de Sales"
(Rectory Ballroom)

Friday, September 29th at 7:30 PM
An Evening of Recollection for Women
(Church and Rectory)

Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM
Young Adult Society
Guest Speaker: Bishop Caggiano
(Church and Rectory)

Monday, September 25th at 7:30 PM
Lecture Series
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Teresa of Avila"
(Rectory Ballroom)

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM
Lecture Series
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Therese of Lisieux"
(Rectory Ballroom)

Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM
Lecture Series
"Masters of the Spiritual Life: Saint Francis of Assisi"
(Rectory Ballroom)

Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 PM
Candlelight Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady
for the Month of the Rosary
(Church and Piazza)

Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30 PM
Basilica Young Adult Society
(Church and Rectory)

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM
Solemn Mass for All Souls Day

Friday, November 17th at 7:30 PM
An Evening of Recollection for Men
(Church and Rectory)

Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM
Basilica Young Adult Society
(Church and Rectory)

Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 PM
Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King

November 30th to December 8th
Novena in Preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(Weeknights at 7:30 PM on Saturday following the 4 PM and Sunday following the 5 PM)

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3rd, following the 10 AM Mass
Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children
with treats, crafts, and a visit from Saint Nicholas
(Nagle Hall)

Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 AM
Candlelight Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady during Advent
(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal)

Wednesday, December 27th at 12:10 Mass
Feast of Our Patron, Saint John the Evangelist
Traditional Blessing of Wine following the 12:10 Mass

Friday, December 8th at 7:30 PM
Solemn Mass with Orchestra
in Honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Light reception to follow in the Nagle Hall)

Monday, December 18th at 7:30 PM
Basilica Young Adult Society
(Church and Rectory)

Sunday, December 31st at 6 PM
Te Deum and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
in Thanksgiving for the Graces granted by God for the Year 2023

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:**Mass & Mail-In Collection:**

\$7,328.06

Online Giving Collection:

\$5,167.00

Total: Sunday, 8/20/2023:

\$12,495.06



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/18/2023

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.

Children at Mass

Children in Mass are gifts, not distractions! But if a young child does become disruptive, which is natural, please be respectful of other parishioners and remove the child from church and feel free to return once it is appropriate. Please do not let young children wander from the pew or run up and down aisles or disturb others. Also, if late for Mass, please do not proceed to the front of the church but instead occupy a pew closer to the rear. Consideration of others and reverence help to maintain a prayerful atmosphere for all.

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.

**SAINT LEO PARISH**

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Visit our website stleostamford.org for more details.



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!

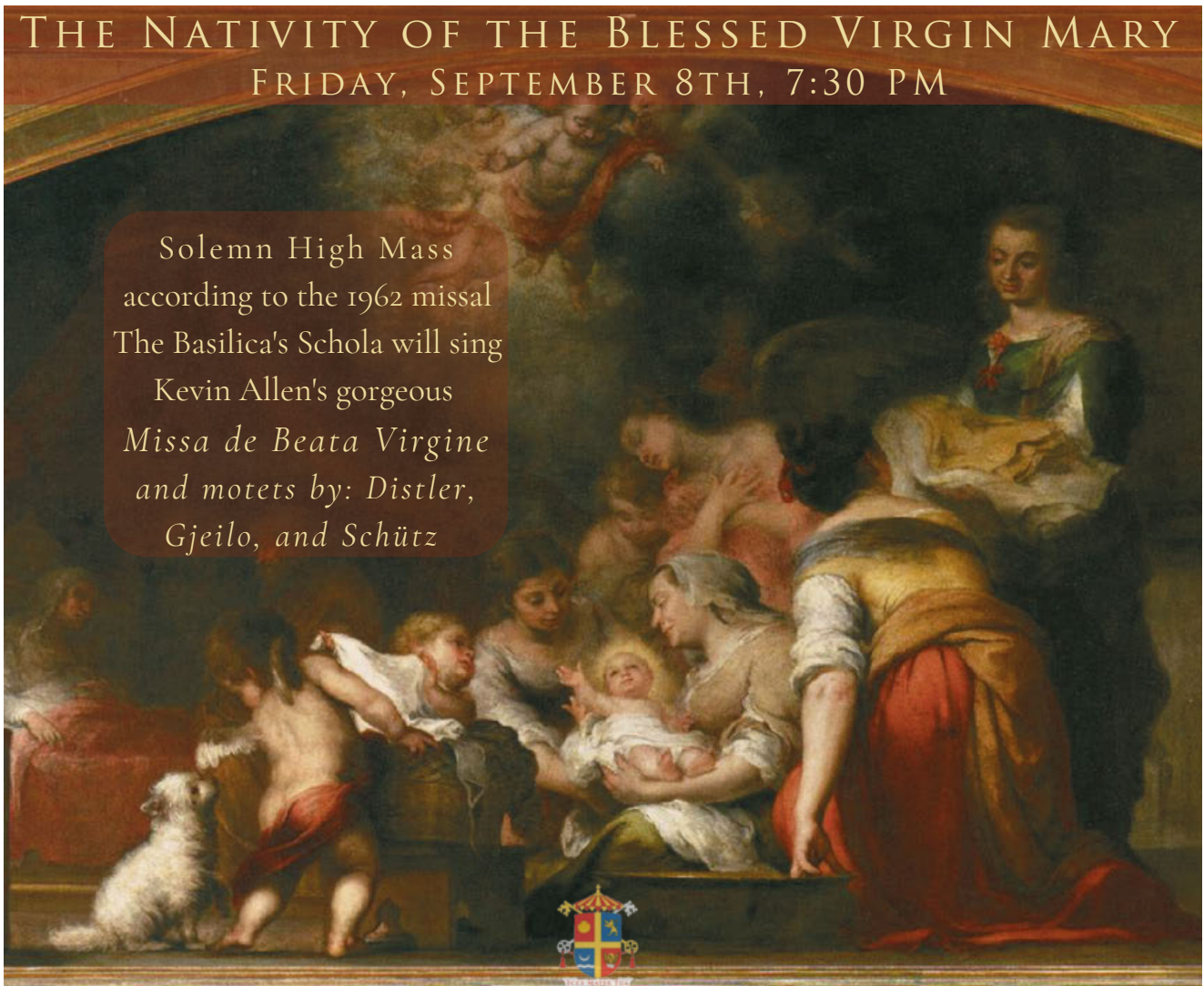
An evening of Recollection for Women will be on Friday, September 29th

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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 7:30 PM

Solemn High Mass
according to the 1962 missal
The Basilica's Schola will sing
Kevin Allen's gorgeous
Missa de Beata Virgine
and motets by: Distler,
Gjeilo, and Schütz





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