



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am, † John & Mary Maloney
 10 am, Diane Kremheller, Spec. Intention
req. Clergy & Staff of the Basilica
 12 pm, † Rev. Philip Pitya
req. Ramos Family
 5:00 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8 am, † Segundina Tabiliran
req. Emillie Dayanghirang
 12:10 pm, † Norma Strike *req.* Rose Bernier

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary
 8 am, † Ana Haidar
req. Maria Livesay
 12:10 pm, † Chenet & Michael Jean Guillaume
req. Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Saint John Chrysostom
 8 am, Anne Marie Mbabaali, Spec. Intention
req. Family
 12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8 am, † Kenneth M. Mirch *req.* Paul Coleman
 12:10 pm, † Francesca Pugliese
req. Pugliese Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
 8 am, † Dec'd Members of the Samedi Family
req. Anne Marie Samedi
 12:10 pm, † Souls in Purgatory
req. Gloria Quezada

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Saint Cornelius & Saint Cyprian
 12:10 pm, † Salvatore R. Piria *req.* Family
 4 pm, † Sandy Collazo & Angel Ayala
req. 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 Gainé, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Leon Taricani, Joseph Prevot, Rita Hausman, Michael Thomas Vaccaro, Boniface & Mary DiProperzio, Monique D'Auteuil, Sofia D'Auteuil-Traista, Nora Figueroa Krap, Mary Ann Gascon, Louis Lambiase

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, Robert Nasso

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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I never thought I would ever make a podcast! Social media in general holds no real attraction for me. Yet I acknowledge that many people listen to podcasts and utilize social media, and for better or worse, they have become an important source of information. It is interesting that there are a large number of podcasts that are categorized as “Christian”.

With the kind assistance of long time parishioner, John Kosinski, we have started recording podcasts here at the Basilica. The weekly series titled “The Faith in Five”, will begin on September 17th. Each week, we will explore a different topic. I hope they will help listeners to grow in a deeper understanding of Christ and His Church.

I would also like to invite you to join us for our Fall Lecture Series, “Masters of the Spiritual Life”. Details can be found in the Bulletin. Lectures will be held in the Rectory Ballroom.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine!

God Bless you,
Father La Pastina

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 of 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Registration for Religious Ed for 2023-2024 is still open. Please complete the online registration form and payment (Stjohnbasilica.org). Payment is due at time of registration.

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 soon.

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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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:****\$6,496.14****Online Giving Collection:****\$5,433.00****Total: Sunday, 9/3/2023:****\$11,929.14**

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/01/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$60,705 (64.92%) Donors to Date: 141

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 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Christmas Craft Fair

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, November 11, 2023

TIME: 10 AM – 4 PM

St. Michael Church Hall, 469 North Street,
Greenwich

If you would like to rent a table for your craft, tables are available.

Please email Mary Elizabeth FitzRoy :
office.stmichael469@gmail.com for a
Registration Form

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.

Stamford Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group kicks off on Friday, September 15 at the Church of the Holy Spirit from 7 PM - 8:30 PM! We hope to see you there. Additional meeting dates include Sept 29, Oct 13, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1 and Dec 15.

High School will meet monthly for Adoration and socials at Saint Gabriel Church and for fun events throughout the fall. Those dates are coming soon!

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. All are welcome!



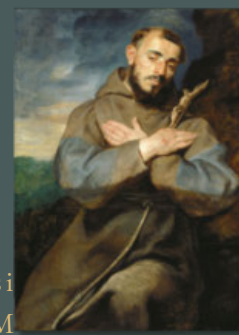
Saint Francis de Sales
September 18th at 7:30 PM



Saint Teresa of Avila
September 25th at 7:30 PM



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
October 2nd at 7:30 PM



Saint Francis of Assisi
October 16th at 7:30 PM

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

Conducted by Father La Pastina

The evening is 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 includes Eucharistic Adoration in the Church with a short spiritual talk and then continues in the Rectory with refreshments and a catechetical talk.

Please mark your calendars and join us!

*Kindly call the office to make a reservation so
we can be prepared to welcome you.*

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The Stamford 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fall campaign will begin on Wednesday, September 27th and continue through Sunday, November 5th. Vigil hours are from 8 AM to 6 PM every day at the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 35 6th Street, Stamford, CT 06905.

Please join us in prayer and sacrifice to end abortion in Connecticut.

Sign up for vigil hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/stamford> or just stop by to say the Rosary. For more information, contact Monika Twal at (203) 613-2376 or twalmonika@yahoo.com

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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