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The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29, 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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OFFICE HOURS

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, OCTOBER 29

7:30 am, † William Longo

req. Nieces & Nephews

10 am, † Msgr. John Horgan-Kung

req. Kung Family

12 pm, † John Maloney *req.* Mary Maloney

5:00 pm, † Rose O'Donnell

req. Pugliese Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8 am, † Wladek & Willemina Falek

req. Daughter

12:10 pm, † John & Mary Maloney

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8 am, † Angela Rose Tolone Piria

req. Family

12:10 pm, † Monica Garcia *req.* Vargas Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

8 am, Mildred Herincx, Spec. Intention

req. Vargas Family

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

5:15 pm, For the Parishioners

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8 am, † Estabana Camey *req.* Jose Reyes

12:10 pm, † Dec'd Members of the Reyes Family

7:30 pm, Dec'd Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Saint Martin de Porres

8 am, † Huong Diep Nguyen *req.* Family

12:10 pm † Souls in Purgatory *req.* Vargas Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Saint Charles Borromeo

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

req. Vargas Family

4 pm, † Souls in Purgatory

req. Lilian & Alvina Ramos



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, Monique D'Auteuil, Sofia D'Auteuil-Traista, Nora Figueroa Krap, Mary Ann Gascon, Louis Lambiase, Ewa & Sylwester Indyk, Greg K.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE

RECENTLY DIED:

Thomas Timon, Anita Fasanelli, Alfred Sanseverino, Gordon Evans, 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, Andrew J. Kirkland, Oscar D. Guilford, Helen L. McNeil, Robert N. Brown

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,

With the kind assistance of long time parishioner, John Kosinski, our weekly podcasts titled “The Faith in Five” continue! The first podcast about gossip was released on Sunday, September 17th. **This week, the seventh podcast will be released** on our website, Facebook, and soon to air on Veritas Catholic Radio. **This seventh episode is titled “Prayer, Part 3”**. Please check back each Sunday for a new episode. I hope they will help listeners to grow in a deeper understanding of Christ and His Church.

I would also like to invite all men to an Evening of Recollection on Friday, November 17th at 7:30 PM. This evening is designed to be like a mini-retreat. We ask that you call or email the parish office to let us know you’re coming so we are properly prepared.

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

God Bless you,
Father La Pastina



Volunteers Needed

for Saint Nicholas Celebration

Last year’s Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children was a great success! We have planned another this holiday season for Sunday, Dec 3 after the 10 am Mass. We will have crafts, treats and a visit from Saint Nicholas. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

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.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM.

Any young adults between 21-35 years of age are welcome. Please mark your calendar and join us! This ministry is made possible by Foundations in Faith.



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

The Stamford 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fall campaign is running 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 www.40daysforlife.com or just stop to say the Rosary. For more information, contact Monika Twal at (203) 613-2376 or twalmonika@yahoo.com

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)

Monday, October 23rd 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:****\$6,743.43****Online Giving Collection:****\$5,523.00****Total: Sunday, 10/22/2023:****\$12,266.43**

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/20/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$67,290 (71.97%) Donors to Date: 147

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.

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.

Parking

Please, there is **no parking allowed in front of the church**. The spaces in front of the church are for busses and emergency vehicles ONLY.

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

The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be on Friday, November 3 at the Church of the Holy Spirit from 7 PM - 8:30 PM! We hope to see you there.

Additional meeting dates include : 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

There is a mandatory meeting for parents of First Communion students next Sunday, November 5th at 8:45 AM.

As a reminder, there is a TWO year education requirement prior to receiving a Sacrament (First Communion or Confirmation).

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

All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Masses are: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:15 PM

All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Masses are: 8:00 AM, and 12:10 PM

Solemn Mass at 7:30 PM



Blessings and Prayers will be offered by Fr. Suarez for the Repose of the Souls at Queen of Peace Cemetery, 124 Rockrimmon Road in Stamford on Thursday, November 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners and their family members and friends who have loved ones buried at Queen of Peace are welcome to attend.

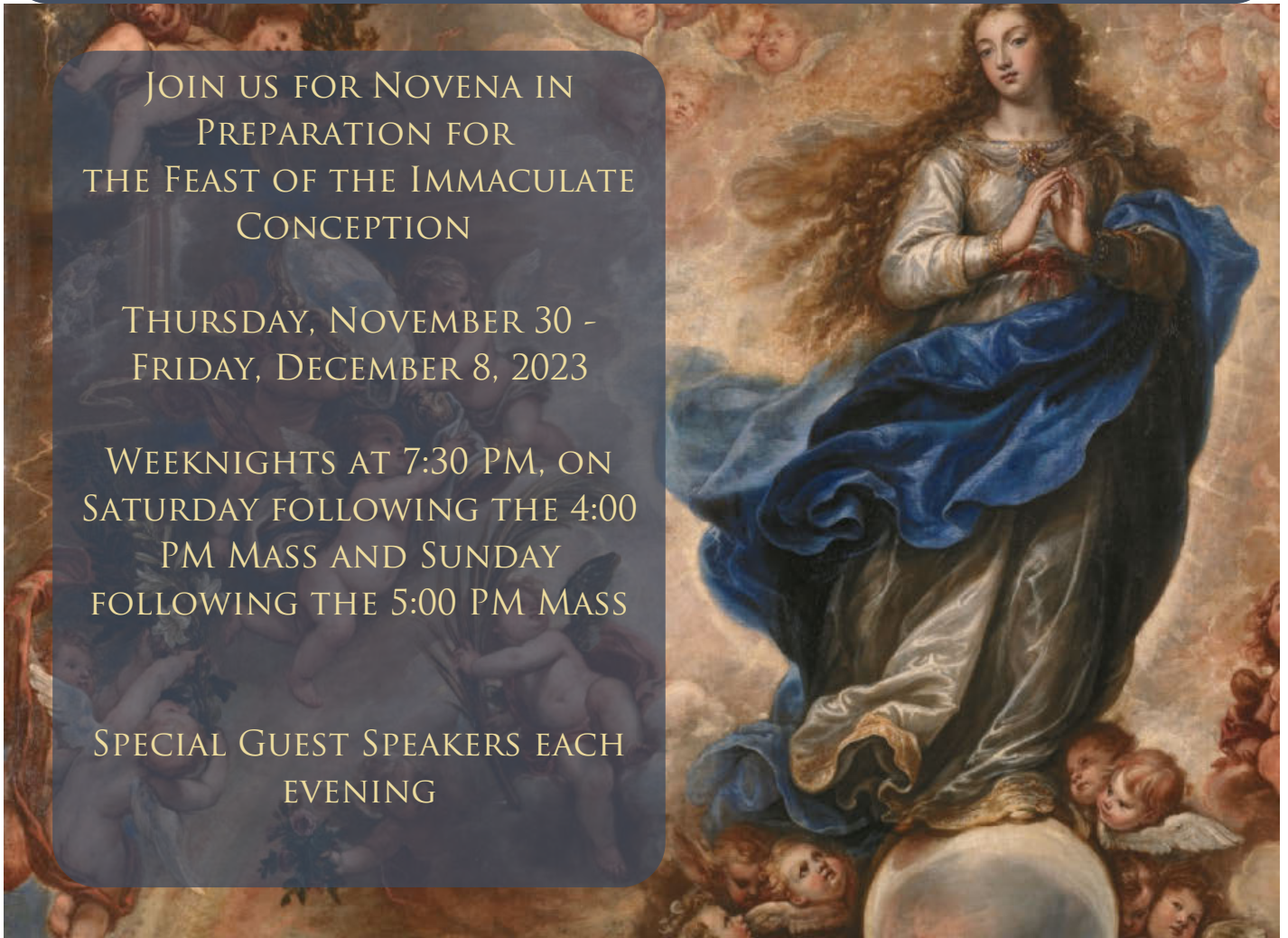
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PREPARATION FOR
THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 -
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

WEEKNIGHTS AT 7:30 PM, ON
SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE 4:00
PM MASS AND SUNDAY
FOLLOWING THE 5:00 PM MASS

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS EACH
EVENING





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The Catholic Academy CASH raffle is back!
 Tickets are \$10.00
 Prizes from \$40 - \$1,000
 Tickets may also be purchased from any student or family until November 27th

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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