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The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 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, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 am, † Vito & Josephine Melfi *req.* Joe Melfi

10 am, Maria Teresa Vargas, Spec. Intention
req. Vargas Family

12 pm, † Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary
req. Legion of Mary

5:00 pm, Anthony Labroschiano, Spec. Intention
req. Angela Labroschiano

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8 am, Mark Gjelij, Spec. Intention *req.* Hana

12:10 pm, Hugo & Vickiana Marte, Spec. Intention
req. Gloria Quezada

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8 am, Gail Piria, Spec. Intention
req. Angela Labroschiano

12:10 pm, Ana & Jesus Marte, Spec. Intention
req. Gloria Quezada

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Saint Albert the Great

8 am, Joesph Steven & Stacey Helen Kraver, Spec.
Intention *req.* Fabiola

12:10 pm, † James Travers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland

8 am, † Rosauo (Ross) Duque Valenzuela
req. Moss Family

12:10 pm, † Milan Krupa *req.* Florence Krupa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8 am, † Patrick Kane & Family
req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12:10 pm, Karen Hsu, Spec. Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul

12:10 pm, † Barbara Schuenger
req. Lilian & Alvina Ramos

4 pm, † Michael & Salvatrice Fetta *req.* Michael Fetta



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, 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, Teresa 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, James Farrison, Lois Cavaliere

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 titles "The Faith in Five" continue! **The eighth podcast, tilted, "Holy Souls" will fittingly run thru the month of November.** New podcasts for Advent and Christmas will be announced.

I would 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 will meet in the Church and then move to the Rectory. We ask that you call or email the parish office to let us know you're coming so we are properly prepared.

On **Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 PM, we will have Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King.** We hope you can join us!

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 Tuesday, November 21st, 6:30 -7:30 PM. The deadline to register is Monday, November 13, 2023.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for this **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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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Volunteer Coordinator-New Covenant Center,
Stamford, CT

New Covenant Center (NCC) is looking to hire a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. NCC is the largest soup kitchen, food pantry, and day shelter in Stamford. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, training and scheduling volunteer groups to prepare and serve meals, and to stock the shelves of our food pantry, working with many local parish, youth and corporate groups. If you are interested in this rewarding position helping NCC serve our most vulnerable neighbors, please contact John Gutman at jgutman@ccfc-ct.org or Mike Donoghue mdonoghue@ccfc-ct.org.

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:****\$6,744.10****Online Giving Collection:****\$5,313.00****Total: Sunday, 11/05/2023:****\$12,057.10**

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 11/03/2023

ABA Goal: \$93,500 Total Pledged:

\$67,850 (72.57%) Donors to Date: 148

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.

Stamford Youth Group

The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be on Friday, November 17th at the Church of the Holy Spirit from 7 PM - 8:30 PM! We hope to see you there.

Additional meeting dates include : 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!

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.

BASILICA SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Due to the Stamford Thanksgiving Parade on Sunday, November 19, 2023:

The **12:00 Noon Mass** on Sunday, November 19th is *cancelled*.

(Choir will sing at the 10:00 AM Mass)

Parking passes for street access for all those attending the 7:30 AM or 10:00 AM Mass on 11/19/2023 will be handed out after Masses this week-end and available in the Parish Office all this week.

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 PM

Reverend Brendan Blawie
St Pius X, Fairfield Connecticut
Topic: Queen of Martyrs

Friday, December 1 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Michael Jones
St Mary Church, Greenwich, Connecticut
Topic: Mother of the Church

Saturday, December 2 at 4 PM

Reverend Cyprian La Pastina
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist
Topic: Queen Conceived without Original Sin

Sunday, December 3 at 5 PM

Reverend Jhon Gomez
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist
Topic: Ark of the Covenant

Monday, December 4 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Andrew LaFleur
St. Mary Church, Bethel, Connecticut
Topic: Morning Star

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Colin Lomnitzer
St. Mary Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut
Topic: Mystical Rose

Wednesday December 6 at 7:30 PM

Reverend John Perricone
Lecturer and Retreat Director
Topic: Refuge of Sinners

Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 PM

Reverend Gerald Murray
Holy Family Church, New York City
Topic: Queen of Confessors

Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 PM

Solemn Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
Homily given by Reverend Jon Tveit
Graduate Student in Canon Law
Catholic University of America
Topic: Mother Most Pure



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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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