

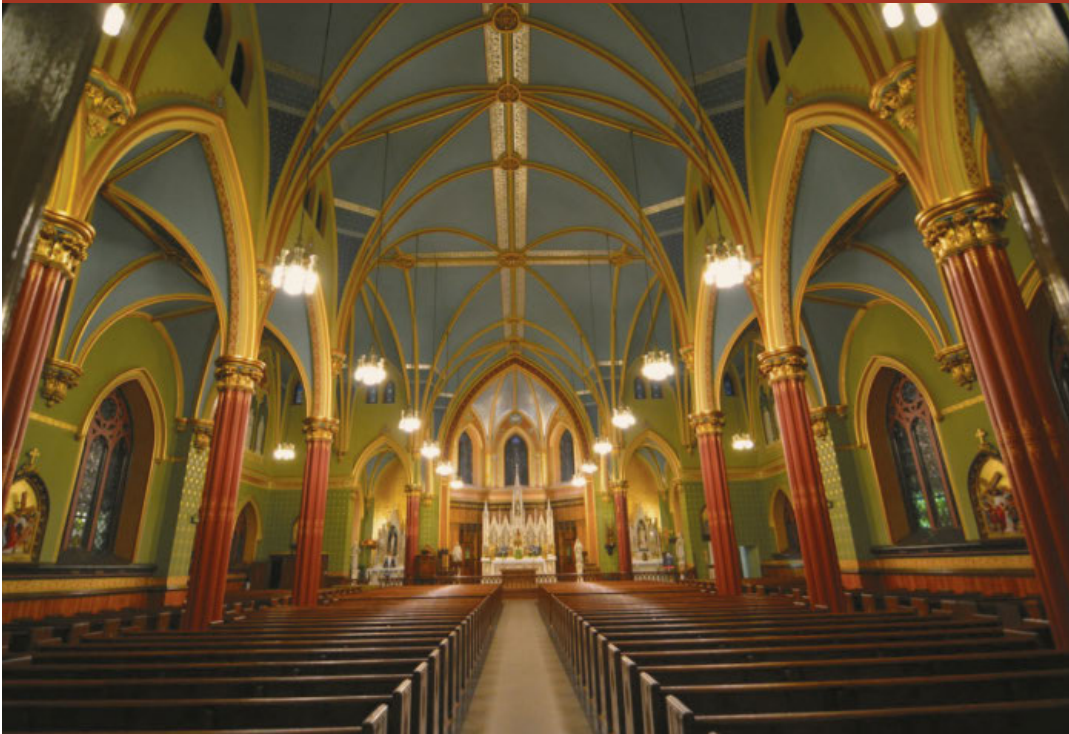


# THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 7, 2024



## 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  
Federal Holiday  
9 AM

## 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)

## CLERGY

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This Second Sunday of the Easter season has been known by many names throughout the history for the Church. In the early Church it was called “Dominica in Albis” as the newly baptized Christians would stop wearing the Alb (white baptismal garments) they received at the Easter Vigil. It was also called “Quasi Modo Sunday”, not after the Hunchback of Notre Dame, but after the first two words of the Introit or the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass. It was also known as “Low Sunday” in contrast to the great celebration of Easter the week before.

But I think now this Second Sunday of Easter is known best as “Divine Mercy Sunday“ calling to mind the apparitions of Our Lord to the Polish nun, Saint Faustina in 1931. During these visions the Lord reminded the nun of His great mercy to sinners. Our Lord gave Sister Faustina the image of the Divine Mercy as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet which is like a form of the Rosary. About this Chaplet the Lord said:

“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....”

This devotion reminds us of the love of Christ for all mankind. It calls to mind the grace and mercy extended to each of us, even the most sinful, up until the moment of our death. This devotion should give us hope in spite of our weaknesses and failings. It should remind us that no matter what we do in this life, there is always a way back to the Lord where we will find mercy and peace.

With prayers and good wishes,  
Father La Pastina

### Upcoming Bereavement Programs

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Stamford, CT 06903  
April 16 - June 11  
Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am

St. Thomas More Church  
374 Middlesex Road  
Darien, CT 06820  
May 7 - July 9  
Tuesdays: 2:30 - 4:00pm

Please go to the Catholic Cemeteries website to read more about the program.  
[ctcemeteries.org/newday](http://ctcemeteries.org/newday)

**Advanced Registration Required**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

4:00 pm, † Lori Rubino *req.* Jim Rubino

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

7:30 am, † Fr. Al Audette

10 am, † Lois Cavaliere *req.* Pinto Family

12 pm, † Ann Borkowski  
*req.* Michael Borkowski

5 pm, † Marilyn Goshea *req.* Family

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

*The Annunciation of The Lord*

8 am, † Giovanna Fallone  
*req.* John & Maria Mossa

12:10 pm, Jessica & Matthew Kulper, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Schrichte Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

8 am, † Linda Gabriel  
*req.* Tom & Olga Kolenberg

12:10 pm, † Daniel Neylan  
*req.* Mary Savage

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

8 am, † Onied Jean-Guillaume & Berthe Morisseau  
*req.* Family

12:10 pm, Matthew Borkowski, Spec. Intention  
*req.* Michael Borkowski

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

*Saint Stanislaus*

8 am, † Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jean-Guillaume  
*req.* Children & Grandchildren

12:10 pm, † Sal & Minnie Maranelli  
*req.* Family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

8 am, † Joseph G. Terenzio & Carmella Terenzio  
*req.* Steve Terenzio

12:10 pm, † Patricia Miriam Brennan  
*req.* Anne Marie Mbabaali & Family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

12:10 pm, † Patrick Kane & Family  
*req.* Estate of Catherine Kane

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, Ram Jhunja, Marie Anne Guillaume, Joseph Prevot, Rita Hausman, Michael Thomas Vaccaro, Boniface & Mary DiProperzio, Monique D'Auteuil, Sofia D'Auteuil-Traista, Nora Figueroa Krap, Mary Ann Gascon, Ewa Indyk, Greg K., John Whipple, Marie Nicolas, Mark Kuehn, Bill Steward

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE**

**RECENTLY DIED:**

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, Michele Cappelli, Marie Jean-Charles, Sylwester Indyk, Linda Gabriele, Matthew Costantino, Juanita Velasco, Justin Nizolek, Daniel Neylan, Leon Taricani, Don DelMazzio, Nancy Shinn, Mandy Richardson, Amber J. Graves, Robert Miller, Jr., Brenda Snell, Mary Aldrich, Zef Gjelij, Kyle Bancroft, Mother Beulah M. Manning

**Mass Intentions**

The 2024 Mass Intentions book is available for Mass requests. All requests are first-come, first-serve and are \$10.00 each. Please contact the parish office: office@stjohnbasilica.org or 203-324-1553.

Congratulations to the following RCIA students (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) who have been fully initiated into the Catholic Faith:

Easter Vigil Mass  
Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 8:00 PM:

*Matthew Joseph Cammarota*  
*Nicholas Scott Cammarota*  
*Justin Gregory Karas*  
*Alexandra Elyse Merenda*  
*John Hohyong Nahm*  
*Akhil Narayana Uppuluri*

A very special thank you to their instructor, *Diane Krembeller* for her time, devotion and dedication in preparing these adults for their journey of faith.



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- Edward Carrillo - 4th Year of Diaconate formation, Anticipated Ordination June 2024



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The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/27/24

Bishop's Appeal Goal:

\$93,500

Total Pledged:

\$43,147 (46.15%)

Donors to Date:

78 Donors



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### LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Nagle Hall. All are welcome to join!



**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

In Mass: \$12,423.89

Online Giving: \$4,258.00

Total: Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024: \$16,681.89

In Mass: \$18,757.73

Online Giving: \$7,436.00

Total: Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024: 26,193.73

**BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The next meeting is scheduled for

**Tuesday, April 23rd 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.

**ONLINE GIVING:**

Whether you are out of town or unable to attend Mass due to weather, illness, or an emergency, you will be able to contribute to the support of the Basilica. Your information is protected, your transaction is secure, and your donations are automatically transferred to the Parish account.

NOTE: You can make a one-time donation to the collection of your choice. You also have the option to set up recurring donations from your bank by setting up an account. Changes of amount or duration can be made at any time.

Sign up on the Basilica's web-site, [www.stjohnbasilica.org](http://www.stjohnbasilica.org) by clicking on the "Donate" button.

**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](http://virtusonline.org). Call the parish office at 203-324-1553 for additional information or questions.

**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 MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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**Location: Church of the Holy Spirit**  
 403 Scofieldtown Road Stamford, CT  
**Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**SPRING MEETING DATES**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>FEBRUARY 9</b>  | <b>APRIL 12</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY 23</b> | <b>MAY 3</b>    |
| <b>MARCH 8</b>     | <b>MAY 17</b>   |
| <b>MARCH 22</b>    | <b>MAY 31</b>   |

Organized by  
 Fr. Suarez,  
 Fr. Connaughton,  
 and Lauren Doyle

GET CONNECTED!



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SPRING 2024

### FEBRUARY

**Friday, Feb 2 at 7:30 PM**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Blessing of Candles and Procession with Solemn Mass

**Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Catherine of Siena  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Monday, February 12 at 7:30**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

**Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter  
(Plenary Indulgence can be gained at the Basilica for this feast)

**Monday, February 26 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Augustine of Hippo  
(Rectory Ballroom)

### MARCH

**Monday, March 4 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Lecture Series  
The Saints Show Us The Way: Saint Philip Neri  
(Rectory Ballroom)

**Saturday, March 9th at 10 AM**

Solemn Requiem Mass for the Anniversary of the Death  
of Ignatius Cardinal Kung  
Sponsored by the Cardinal Kung Foundation

**Monday, March 11 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

**Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph  
Followed by the Traditional Blessing of Pastries  
in Nagle Hall

### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

### MAY

**Monday, May 6 at 7:30 PM**

May Devotions in Honor of Our Lady  
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, May 21 (Time to be announced)**

Eucharistic Adoration and Procession  
with Bishop Caggiano as part of the Eucharistic Revival

**Monday, May 20 at 7:30 PM**

Basilica Young Adults  
(Church and Rectory)

### JUNE

**Sunday, June 2 at 5 PM**

Feast of Corpus Christi  
Solemn Mass with Instruments and Outdoor Procession

**Friday, June 7 at 7:30 PM**

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Solemn Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, June 28 at 7:30 PM**

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
(Plenary Indulgence can be gained at the Basilica for this feast)



## OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, April 17th  
6:00-8:00 PM

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