

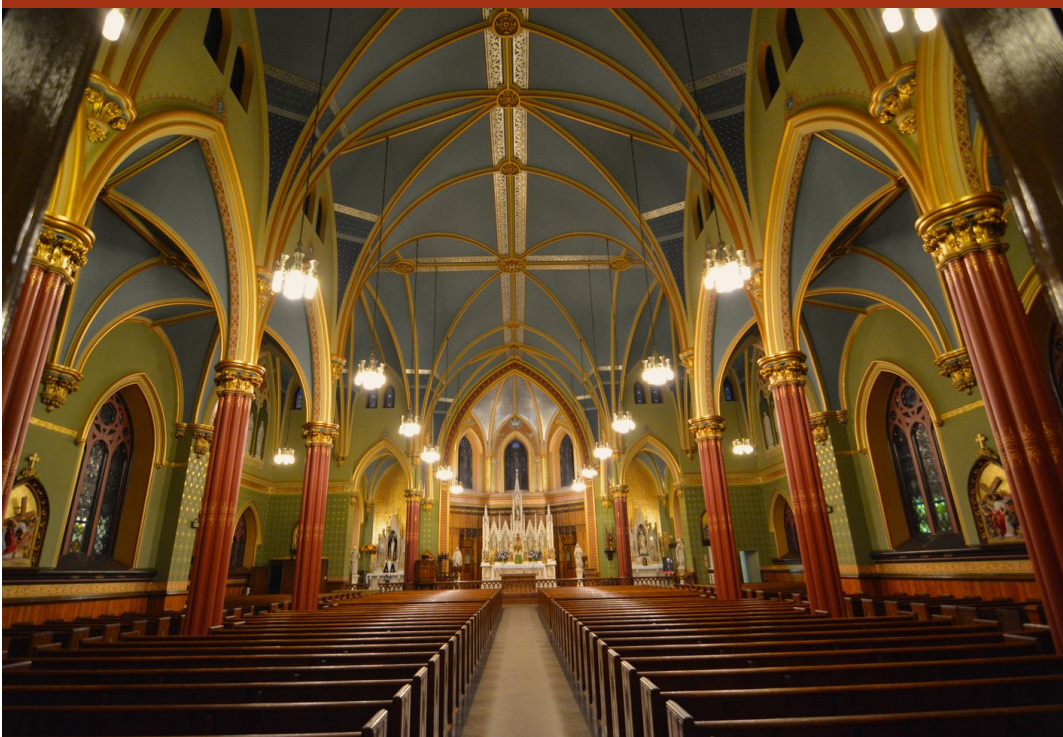


THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday - Saturday
8 AM and 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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 4:30 PM
(The Office entrance is located
on Padre Pio Way, between the
church and the rectory)

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 25

7:30 am, Tom & Cathy Miller, Spec. Intention

req. Margaret O'Shaughnessy

10 am, †Raymond & Judith Jean Rene

req. Jene Rene Family

12 pm, †Mary Audette

MONDAY, December 26

Saint Stephen

9 am, †Vargas Family, Spec. Intention

TUESDAY, December 27

Saint John

8 am, †Nang Duc Nguyen *req.* Family

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

req. Family

WEDNESDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8 am, †Eugene Traynor *req.* Sally & Al Vigorito

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

req. Family

THURSDAY, December 29

5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Lord

8 am, †Jeremiah M. Lamotta

req. John & Maria Mossa

12:10 pm, †Estebana Camey *req.* Jose Rejes

FRIDAY, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8 am, In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received

req. Bayonne Family

12:10 pm, † Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

req. Pugliese Family

SATURDAY, December 31

7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Lord

8 am, †Huberto Escobar *req.* Family

12:10 pm, †Archangels & Saints

req. Pugliese Family

4:00pm, Nelson & Maria Teresa Vargas, 32nd

Wedding Anniversary *req.* Children

BASILICA MASS SCHEDULE

CHANGES:

There will be

ONE daily Mass at

9:00 AM

on

Monday, December 26, 2022

and

Monday, January 2, 2023

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Monsignor DiGiovanni, Frank Carpanzano, Phil DeFelice, Ruby Lang, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Iannarelli, Julia Oliveira, Gail Piria, Larry Hayes, Julian Lucas Randal, Anthony Labrosciano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Alfred Joseph Cesar, Jean H. Zawacki, Emma Clay, Josephine Darling, Damon Thornton, Edith Shamsid-Deen, Charlie Vitolo, Alfredo Sanguinetti, John Leick, Dennis Verhaegen, Felice Saracco, Jerry W. Atkins, Dcn. Herbert Davis, Jr., Joanne Labs, Juliana R. Medina, Eugene Lang, Katherine Klaum, Margaret Rose Swan, Thomas Timon, Anita Fasanelli



VERITAS CATHOLIC NETWORK:

Veritas Catholic Network is the local EWTN Radio affiliate for our diocese. With the blessing and participation of Bishop Caggiano, they have been on the air now for over two years. Veritas Catholic Network is available via local radio, live stream, and a mobile app.

PRO-LIFE-GROUP

Our Pro-Life Group meets each Wednesday morning to pray before the local abortion clinic

THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

The First Saturday devotion is after the 12:10 pm Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Fr. La Pastina's Young Adult Group will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 with Bishop Caggiano. This group welcomes all Young Adults between 21-35 years of age.



Sanctuary Candle:
For The Parishioners

THE LEGION OF MARY:

A group of parishioners gather every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Msgr. Nagle Hall for prayer and spiritual conference. We are dedicated to strengthening our love for Our Lord through devotion to His Blessed Mother, by deeper prayer and works of charity. All are welcome.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to serve lunch at the New Covenant Center Soup Kitchen, 174 Richmond Hill Avenue in Stamford. We are seeking volunteers for the lunch shift on the first Wednesday each month from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office to join our team!

PATRONAL FEAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH AT 12:10 NOON

Wine is traditionally blessed on the Feast of Saint John in remembrance of the legend that Saint John safely drank poisoned wine offered to him by his enemy after blessing it.



TE DEUM AND BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 7:00 PM

There are many traditions associated with this time of the year. One of the lesser known is the singing of the “Te Deum” a hymn of thanksgiving sung for special occasions. It is the custom to sing the “Te Deum” on New Year’s Eve to offer thanks to God for the graces given during the previous year.

The Church offers a plenary indulgence to those who participate in this devotion under the usual conditions. (Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father within 8 days of the devotion.)

This year our choir will sing the “Te Deum” followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm on New Year’s Eve.



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$6,685.34

Online Giving Collection: \$4,429.00

Total: Sunday, Dec 11, 2022: \$11,114.34

Dec. 18, 2022-Not available at time of printing due to holiday schedule

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. You will also receive a statement that details your generosity.

Note: You can make a one-time donation to the collection of your choice and you also have the option to set up recurring donations from your bank by setting up an account.

Sign up on the Basilica's web-site by clicking on the "Donate" button.

2022 BISHOP'S APPEAL: A Bridge Home

Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford raised 178 gifts worth \$72,527 from 146 donors bringing the parish to 77.57% of its \$93,500 goal.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit:

2022BishopsAppeal.org, or call (203) 416-1470.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:

You must be an active, registered parishioner to marry at the Basilica of St. John. Either the bride or the groom must be a practicing Catholic and registered at the Basilica for one year before contacting us regarding scheduling the wedding here. The bride or groom must be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and using our online giving portal or the envelope system in regular support of the parish.

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.

FREEWILL 

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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). Classes begin Monday, January 9, 2023

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Many would have us think the Christmas season ends December 26th. Just look at how quickly the stores remove their Christmas decorations.

The church celebrates the season of Christmas from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in the beginning of January. In the middle of this season is the Feast of the Epiphany, the day we recall the visit of the Wise Men bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This year, we will celebrate the Epiphany on Sunday, January 8, 2023 with Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 3:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and join us!

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
January 8th, Solemn Mass at 12 pm, Vespers at 3:30 pm





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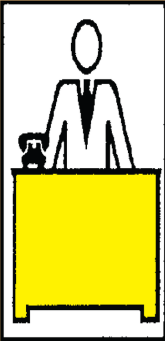
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