



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Mother Church of Stamford, Connecticut



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2023



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)

CLERGY

PASTOR
VERY REV. CYPRIAN P. LA PASTINA

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 1

7:30 am, †Mr. & Mrs. Walter Longo

req. Steve Terenzio

10 am, Vargas Family, Spec. Intention

12 pm, †Michael Lamotta

req. Mossa Family

5 pm †Bryan Washington

MONDAY, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9 am, †Josie Romero *req.* Paz Family

TUESDAY, January 3

8 am, †Mary A. Loglisci

req. Piria Family

12:10 pm, †Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

WEDNESDAY, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8 am, †Espalie Valbrum

req. Guirlene Valbrum

12:10 pm, †William Martin, Jr.

req. Kolenberg Family

THURSDAY, January 5

Saint John Neumann

8 am, †Pauline & Sephise Mayas

req. Marie Azor

12:10 pm, †Souls in Purgatory

req. Jean Guillaume Family

FRIDAY, January 6

Saint Andre Bessette

8 am, Janet Catenacci, Spec. Intention

12:10 pm, Msgr. DiGiovanni, Spec. Intention

SATURDAY, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penafort

8 am, †Thomas Lasorda

12:10 pm, †Charlie Vitolo

req. Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Ingram

4:00pm, †Juniper Paul

req. Tom & Tracy Banahan

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

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 for Adults (RCIA). Classes begin Monday, January 9, 2023



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.



Sanctuary Candle:

For the Special Intentions of the Bayonne Family

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!



Pictures from our St Nicholas Party on December 4, 2022



Mass Intentions

The Mass book for 2023 Intentions is available for Mass requests. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis and are \$10.00 each. (Canon n.946 of the Code of Canon Law) Please contact the parish office with your requests at 203-324-1553 or email office@stjohnbasilica.org.



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Mass & Mail-In Collection: \$8,297.10

Online Giving Collection: \$4,386.00

Total: Sunday, Dec 18, 2022: \$12,683.10

Dec. 25, 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 179 gifts worth \$72,577 from 146 donors bringing the parish to 77.62% 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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Have you thought about including our Parish in your will? Our Diocese has partnered with **FreeWill** to offer members of our Parish the opportunity to create their legal will for free. Using FreeWill's easy-to-use online platform, you can write your will in 20 minutes or less, and start your legacy with our Parish in the process.



Get started today at FreeWill.com/BridgeportDiocese

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 8th, Solemn Mass at 12 pm, Vespers at 3:30 pm



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!

YOUNG ADULT 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.

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