

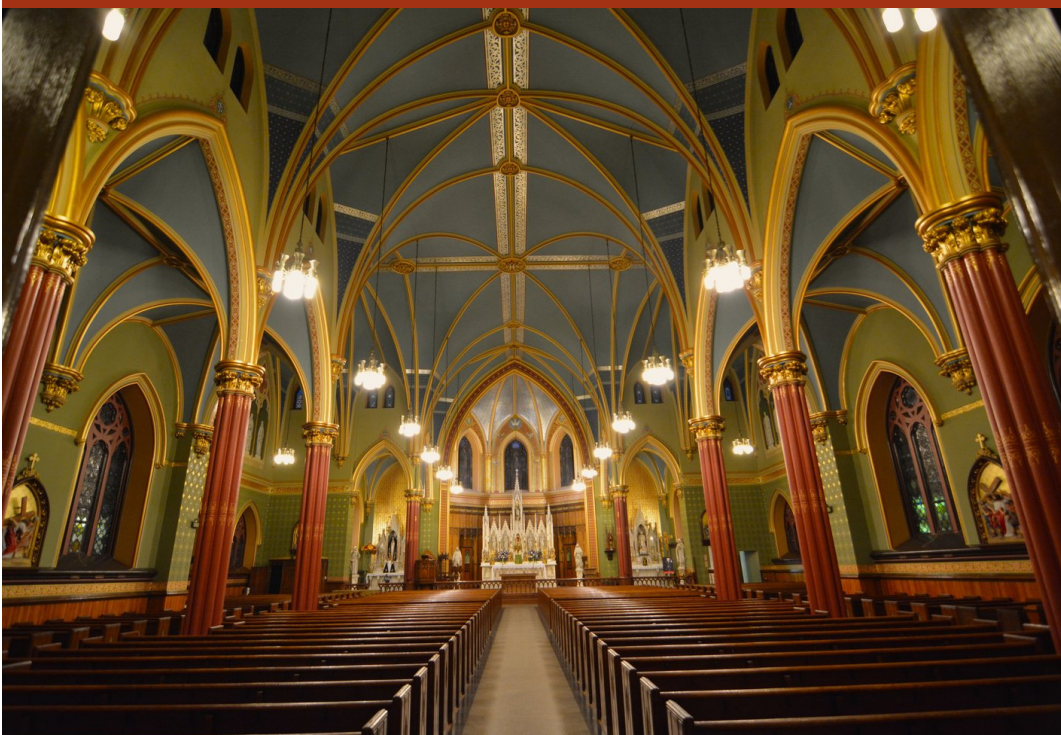


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022



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
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 11

7:30 am, †Wladek & Willemina Falek

req. Daughter

10 am, †Elisa & John Prizio *req. Elisa Pavia*

12 pm, †Margaret Velanzon *req. Jean Vaccaro*

5 pm, †James Cox

MONDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 am, Jaiden Kravar, Spec. Intention

req. Stacey Kravar

12:10 pm, †Pal & Ana Haidar

req. Josephine Aspinall

TUESDAY, December 13

Saint Lucy

8 am, †Souls in Purgatory *req. Felicia Pacheco*

12:10 pm, †Patrick Kane & Family

req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

WEDNESDAY, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

8 am, †Souls in Purgatory

req. Felicia Pacheco

12:10 pm, †Lois Costantino *req. Son*

THURSDAY, December 15

8 am, †Souls in Purgatory

req. Felicia Pacheco

12:10 pm, †Francesantonio Annetta

req. Pugliese Family

FRIDAY, December 16

8 am, †Souls in Purgatory

req. Felicia Pacheco

12:10 pm, †Raffaella Annetta

req. Pugliese Family

SATURDAY, December 17

8 am, †Hope & Joseph McAleer

req. McAleer Family

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

4 pm, Persecuted RC Church in China

req. Cardinal Kung Foundation

CHRISTMAS MASS

SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th:

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 PM Midnight Christmas Mass
with schola

Sunday, December 25th:

7:30 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM with schola

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 Labroschiano, Richard Conti, Junjie & Aileen Ibanez, Evan Gaine

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE

RECENTLY DIED:

John Klucinec, John Santoro, 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



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 meeting originally scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 7:30 PM is cancelled due to the Stamford Young Adult Group Meeting. Please join this group on Wednesday, December 14th here at the Basilica. Adoration and Confessions start at 6:00 PM, Mass starts at 7:00 PM. A social will be held afterwards at Bobby V's, 268 Atlantic St.



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!



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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RORATE MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:30AM

"Rorate Mass," a special Mass celebrated in honor of Our Lady on the Saturdays of Advent. The title comes from the first words of the entrance antiphon for the Mass which translated means: "Drop down ye heavens from above." This reminds us that the Lord came down from heaven and became Man in the womb of the Virgin.

What makes this Mass so unusual is that it is celebrated in the early morning by candlelight. The celebration should be timed so that the sun begins to rise by the time of the consecration of the Mass. We will celebrate a "Rorate Mass" according to the 1962 Missal in Latin. If you are an early riser please join us!

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 BENEDECTION

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: \$5,759.54

Online Giving Collection: \$5,906.00

Total: Sunday, Dec 4, 2022: \$11,665.54

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 176 gifts worth \$72,427 from 145 donors bringing the parish to 77.46% 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's. 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.



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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 January 9, 2023

The Asperges for the 12PM Solemn Mass is on **page 32** of the Source & Summit missal. Followed by the versicles:

V. Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.

R. Et salutáre tuum da nobis.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratióem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.



STAMFORD YOUTH GROUP

Friday night Youth Group meetings resume this fall! Please join us for sports and games, faith-filled activities, and prayer with Fr. Connaughton, Fr. Mariusz, Fr. Suarez and the Stamford Youth Ministry team! Join us at the Church of the Holy Spirit (403 Scofieldtown Road) on the following dates! Additional information and more activities to be announced soon!

Middle School Dates: December 17

High School Dates: December 16



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Saint Aloysius Catholic School is a community rooted in Catholic teachings and values, devoted to academic excellence, and committed to serving others. We are excited to announce that St. Aloysius Catholic School will have a new school building & campus in the heart of downtown New Canaan in Fall 2024! Due to our exciting new construction project, beginning in Fall 2022, St. Aloysius Catholic School will be moving to a temporary home at the nearby Holy Spirit Campus in North Stamford. Schedule a tour by emailing admissions@sasnct.org today.



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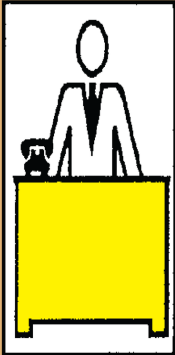
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