



The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist

The Mother Church of Stamford
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April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Parochial Vicar's Column:

Springtime is Sacrament Time!

This week was a great one for the parish of Saint John the Evangelist! On Tuesday evening, Bishop Neil Tiedemann, an auxiliary of the Brooklyn Diocese, celebrated the Mass of Confirmation for thirty-six young people from the Basilica parish and the parish of St. Mary in Greenwich. On Saturday, I celebrated Mass for the forty-five students who received their First Communion.

In the Rite of Baptism, we hear in the blessing over the father of the newly baptized child that “he and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of the Faith, may they also be the best of teachers...” The primary place of learning the Catholic Faith is in the domestic Church that is family life. The Church, in her wisdom, provides a support to families in their job of catechizing their children by providing parish religious education. This work is meant to supplement the experience of the weekly Eucharist and the instruction in the Faith which is taking place at home.

It takes many people to ensure that we can provide a quality religious education program to all of our families in the parish. I want to thank our many catechists who each week pass on the Faith which they have received to our young people. They do tremendous work and offer a great gift of their time and efforts to the parish. In particular I want to thank Anne Marie Carpanzano who serves as the Assistant Director of our Religious Education program. Without her support and institutional memory of the parish and our program, I can literally say that I would be lost! I also want to thank our catechists, Maria Marchetti, Maria Boursiquot, , Jeannine Steward, Michelle Sherry, Sue Kremheller, John and Jennifer Marciano, John Pendergast Sr., and the dedicated sisters of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary who instruct our children every Sunday. I continue to be indebted to Doug and Trish DePhillips who, for many years now, have taught and coordinated our Confirmation program. In addition to our regular catechists, we have many who substitute throughout the year who deserve my gratitude as well.

Our parish secretary Keri Landeche has been a great support with registration for our Religious Education program. Andrew Mbabaali continues to provide excellent direction during the parish liturgies, especially having served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Tiedemann. Our sacristans and custodians Marion Morris, Dominic Piria, and Tony Colon keep the church and sanctuary always prepared for the beautiful liturgies we have throughout the entire year. David Indyk, in his leadership of our parish choirs, has worked tirelessly to provide the lovely music at many of our Masses and other nights of prayer. Janet Lancaster, along with her family and other volunteers, for many years now has worked generously behind the scenes to set up refreshments for our receptions and family nights of Catechesis.

While this year's “Sacramental season” has come to an end, it doesn't mean that the work of the domestic Church has as well. In season and out of season, families should be attending weekly Mass together, praying before meals and at bedtime and teaching their children the ways of the Faith. May God bless you all as you endeavor to faithfully carry out Christ's mission to *make disciples of all nations* (cfr. Matthew 28:19)!

-Fr. Andy Vill

Please pray for the sick: Monsignor DiGiovanni, Marva Mitchell, Michael Cole, Wyanna Burke, Rose Marie Clarke, Janet Caione, Joseph Kung, Loretta Wallace, Michael Scully, Roger Borrelli, Nyal Colies, Dorothy Keyes, Joevil Basulgan Delacruz, Mary Duffy, Pat Farenga, Kenyon Jimmy Valcour, Jennifer Marciano, John Mellace, Ann Borkowski, Timothy Lyons, Gene Gavin, Richard Ridge, June Roberts, Marie Cassis, Patricia Morgan, Vittorio Faugno, Robert Strada, Dionysia Oliveira, Salvatore Piria, Mary Ellen Callahan, Louise Wiles, Frank Wruk, Isaac Lopez, Ron Frasca, Lisa Giugno, Michele Giugno, Helga Pecaric, Maria Trivino, Maria Gabriela Mossa, Paula Bennett, Mildred Beirne.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Lucy Hawthorn, Ann Borkowski, Art Reynolds, Lena Cocchia, Pasquale [Pat] Santagata, Elma Hefferna, Anne Mennona, Emile Maignan, Regina Derrisaint, Joanne Santarsiero, Carmen Colon Diaz, Kathryn Anne Marciano, Marilyn VanAuken, Joyce Patten, Katherine Kimberly, Mary Louise Wakin, David Kochosky, Jonathan Shearman, Debbie Schemmel, Susanne and Suzanne DePreta

Banns of Marriage: I Banns: Ryan John Durkin Jr. and Trisha Cristine Ulloa

Catholic Home Missions Collection . . . Please drop your **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** envelope into the **ONE** basket that will be passed at the Offertory. There will only be one collection today.

Police: Policemen and women are under attack throughout the country, we ask that you *Please* remember the members of our Stamford Police Department in your prayers. Likewise, remember in your prayers Stamford's EMS and Fire Department and our military women and men who protect our nation.

Virtual Tour of the Basilica: Click on the parish website www.stjohnsstamford.com for a virtual tour of the interior, created and donated by Jonathan Powell of Matterport.

Easter Duty: What makes you a Catholic? The fact that you are "IN Communion" with the Successor of Saint Peter, the pope, and an active member of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. We share the same Faith, the sign of that is receiving Holy Communion. The bottom line is that you receive Holy Communion: the Body and Blood of the Resurrected Christ—at least once each year. To receive Holy Communion you must be freed from serious, mortal sin, living a life of grace. The means you should also go to Confession at least once each year. That is done at Easter—the Easter Duty. Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once between Easter [April 1] and Pentecost Sunday [May 20]. If you haven't been to Confession for a while, you should repent of your sins and confess them as a preparation for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, June 23 : The Basilica of St. John's is hosting an all day conference in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Humanae vitae** on June 23rd. Speakers include Mary Eberstadt, Mary FioRito, and George Weigel and a panel of medical experts. The 4PM Vigil Mass will be offered by Bishop Caggiano. Register at <http://stjohnsstamford.com/making-room-for-gods-love-humanae-vitae-at-50>

Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm - 9pm : Save the date! Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm - 9pm Talk & Book Signing by Jennifer Fulwiler in our parish hall. Bring your book "One Beautiful Dream" or buy your book at the talk. For tickets, <https://onebeautifuldream.ticketleap.com>. Questions, contact Lisa Kotasek at lisakotasek@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 3rd at 7PM: Parent information meeting for **Cardinal Kung Academy**, a proposed Catholic classical high school located in Stamford, targeted to open in September 2018 with ninth and tenth grades, to be held at St. Bridget of Ireland Church parish hall at 278 Strawberry Hill Ave. in Stamford. For more information, contact (203) 918-0992 or cardinalkungacademy@gmail.com

Weekly Sunday collection:

Sunday	April 22, 2018	\$ 11,539.79
Sunday	April 23, 2017	<u>\$ 13,475.49</u>

Please **increase** your Sunday offering by **\$5.00 each weekend**. *“I ask you one thing: do not tire of giving to God, but do not give your leftovers.”* ---Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

May 6th Sunday Readings: ACTS 9:26-31, 1JN 3:18-24, JN 15:1-8

Baptism/Confirmation Sponsorship Certificate: When asked to be a sponsor, a certificate is needed from your home parish. If the priest does not know you personally, or by sight, the only other way of knowing you as a practicing Catholic is by tracking your contributions by check or envelope.

Walking with Purpose: Reaches out to women who desire to grow in their faith using a Scripture based program that is fresh, relevant, and focused on conversion of heart. We meet Tuesday mornings in Msgr. Nagle Hall from 9:30am-11:30am. Childcare is available. **Register at: tinyurl.com/WWPTBSJ2017.** **For more information, contact Rosa Federici at: wwptbsj@gmail.com or 203-536-5480.**

Birthright: seeks volunteers: Support women to bring their babies to term, providing pregnancy tests, connecting women with medical, financial, legal and other resources. Flexible schedules; training provided. They are in need of **WINTER maternity clothes** (all sizes). Call 203-348-4355 or **www.birthright.org** if you can help.

Project Rachel- Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope. Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, July 14, 2018 for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact 203-895-3554 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information and confidential registration.

End Legalized Abortion: Abortions take place daily at Stamford's Planned Parenthood, 35 Sixth Street. Help us stop this by joining parishioners in front of the facility on Wednesday or Friday mornings, 8am-10:30am, or even just for 30 minutes. We pray and silently bear witness to the sanctity of human life. Our presence has helped convince expectant mothers to spare their children. Call Noelle at 857-345-0808 for specialized training as a Sidewalk Counselor.

Volunteers: **FUTURE 5** is a non-profit organization to help motivated low income high school students in Stamford to improve themselves and their future. We need volunteers to do one-on-one student work, such as college coaches, job prep coaches, and teachers. We also need tutors. We currently have a new student who needs a tutor in Japanese. For more information or to volunteer and/or tutor, please contact Fanny Moran: **fmoran@futurefive.org**.

Faith on Tap: Young adults age 21-39 are invited to join us **Tuesday, May 15th 7:00-9:00PM** at Murphy's Townhouse Cafe, 97 Franklin St. “Stump the Priests”, with your questions on the Catholic Faith & Church. Bring a friend or two!

First Friday Adoration- Join St. Catherine of Sienna in Riverside for First Friday Holy Hour after the 5:15 mass. Holy Hour and Benediction will take place every first Friday of the month. All are welcome!

Electronic Giving - Offertory Donations Made Easy... Consider using your credit card to make your weekly or monthly donation to St. John's. Easier for you, and less costly for the parish than the printing and mailing of weekly envelopes, credit card giving automatically sends your weekly offering to the Basilica of St. John's. Call the parish secretary (324-1553, ext. 21).

Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: Natural Family Planning / Fertility Care – Are you seeking a family planning method that is natural, effective, and morally sound? The Creighton Model System is based upon a couple’s knowledge and understanding of their naturally-occurring phases of fertility and infertility. Engaged couples preparing for marriage, as well as married couples, and couples who are experiencing infertility issues, can all benefit from using this system. The teachers of the Creighton Model System are trained allied health professionals, and specifically-trained physicians have been educated to incorporate the Creighton Model System into their medical practice. For a FREE introductory session, please contact Angela Marchetti at angelamarchettifcp@gmail.com

Homeplace Wisdom: Is a Catholic women’s organization promoting friendship and vocational development with monthly speakers and gatherings, play dates, and a daily email list for sharing ideas, prayer requests, parenting or home-place questions, and reading material. To join: lisakotasek@gmail.com

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: *The Eaglet*, the parish blog on our Basilica website, www.stjohnsstamford.com.

Not Married in the Catholic Church? Please call the parish 203) 324-1553 or Fr. Vill at (ext. 130) to make an appointment, to discuss the Church’s teaching on marriage and the possibility of getting married in the Church. This also applies to those who want to learn more about seeking an annulment.

SilverSource: SilverSource is available to St. John’s parishioners both as a place to volunteer or an important resource to help parishioners as we age. SilverSource is looking for volunteers to help older adults live as independently as possible by reaching out to say “hello”, reading and visiting a senior, or running to the market. St. John’s parishioners who are seniors and require some help can receive financial assistance for housing stability, for eye glasses and hearing aids, or for transportation to and from doctor’s appointments. Call Michael Feighan: 203-324-6584, or website: www.silversource.org.

Catholic Young Adults of Stamford: We are Catholic young adults in our 20s and 30s, We regularly meet for social events and community service projects. Join us for our monthly Sunday dinner following 5pm Mass. Connect with us on Facebook or Meetup, or email us at catholicyastamford@gmail.com

Job Seekers: Next meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd! No meetings March and April. Led by Melanie Szlucha whose company, Red Inc., is a leader in helping find jobs. Meetings are held in Monsignor Nagle Hall on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 9PM. Topics include Job Interviewing, Resumes, Networking and Job Search Strategies. THERE IS NO CHARGE, this is free job coaching. Call Melanie Szlucha at 203-866-1606, or melanie@redinllc.com.

Men’s Choir: Men who can even just hum a tune are welcome: contact David Indyk in person, or leave your contact information at the parish office, 203-324-1553, ext 21.

FORMED: Donated by a parishioner, this is a revolutionary online platform provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, and St. Paul Center– **right at your fingertips, without cost.** Learn more at app.formed.org/ Access Code WWT2NF.

Summer Program at Sacred Heart- Space is available for the 2018 SHU Journey, an extraordinary six-day residential summer experience of faith education, self-discovery, and enjoyment for high school youth held each summer at Sacred Heart University. The week includes workshops, games, conversations with Catholic leaders, and a chance to experience university living – all at no cost. To register, visit www.sacredheart.edu/shujourney.

Mass Intentions

+ Denotes Deceased

Saturday, April 28, 2018

4:00 + Bernard Daruz req. Legion of Mary

Sunday, April 29, 2018

7:30 +Mrs. Christian Parham req. Dr. Joe McAleer

10:00 +Maureen Flanders req. Marion Morris & Family

12:00 +James and Ismalia Machado req. Lilian and Alvina Ramos

5:00 +Hope McAleer

Monday, April 30, 2018

8:00 +Patrick Kane and Family req. Estate of Catherine Kane & Family

12:10 +Maureen Naccarato req. Cynthia Psencik

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

8:00 Alexandra and Gertha Laurent

12:10 +Saverio Feraro req. Tom and Olga Kolenberg

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

8:00 Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians

12:10 +Giuseppe Annetta req. Pugliese Family

Thursday, May 3, 2018

8:00 +Michael Dacres req. daughter

12:10 +Santiago and Jose Ramon Zone req. Nino Family

Friday, May 4, 2018

8:00 +Tom Camaj req. niece Age

12:10 Maria Trivino req. Maria Marulanda

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:00 +Mark Ronan req. the Martelli family

12:10 +Mario Carpanzano req. Frank and Beth Carpanzano

Baptisms: Are celebrated every day of the week, according to the schedule of the parish priests and the families. Baptisms at St. John's are one-family only ceremonies: never groups. For more information, please call Keri, (203-324-1553, ext 21). Baptisms are offered for parishioners only. Baptisms are offered in English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.

Weddings: Couples must contact and begin meeting with one of the parish priests for at least 6 months before a hoped for wedding date at Saint John's. Please call the parish secretary, Keri, or one of the priests for an initial discussion. Weddings are offered for parishioners only.

Holy Name Society: For men of the parish, **meets Fridays in the Rectory, 7-7:50 a.m.** for coffee, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. All men are welcome. We finish in time for the 8a.m. Mass.

The Legion of Mary: Wednesday Evenings: 7:30 pm 'till 9:00 pm in the Msgr. Nagle Hall.

St. Monica Latin Patristic Reading Group: The St Monica Latin Reading Group meets on Tuesdays. Please call St John's Rectory, 203 324 1553, ext. 21, for more information.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE ADVOCATE: 130 YEARS AGO, OR SO:

May 3, 1889: Stamford's Centennial. "This, one of the oldest towns in the State, was not behind others in a proper observance of April 30th. Mass was said at St. John's R. C. Church, and taken altogether, the day was properly commemorated in accordance with the Governor's proclamation. On Atlantic, Main, Broad and other streets, many flags were displayed, and on Monday large banners were flying on the top of Clark & Hoyt's building, and the flag pole in the park and the Town Hall. The great holiday was variously observed. At 9 a.m., Tuesday, at St. John's R. C. Church, High Mass was said by Father Keena, and a large congregation was present. A few remarks were made in regard to the observance of the day and what it was intended to commemorate."

100 YEARS AGO, OR SO:

May 3, 1917: SUPPER FOR THE CAST.

"Members of the cast of "Little Johnny Jones" had a social time last evening in St. John's Parochial School Hall. About 90 members enjoyed a chicken supper and dancing. The decorations were in green and white, the colors of St. John's Alumni Association. Chairman Convery suggested that those not at present members of the society become at least associate members. He complimented the members of the cast upon their excellent work in the play."

90 YEARS AGO, OR SO:

May 5, 1927: "There will be rehearsal of the Children of Mary Sodality of St. John's R. C. Church Thursday evening at 7:30 to practice for the reception which will take place Sunday, May 22. White or light colored dresses may be worn this year so there is no excuse for girls not joining. The meeting is for all girls that now belong and all girls that are going to join the Sodality. The Sister in charge is very anxious that a large number of girls turn out at this reception."

40 YEARS AGO, OR SO:

May 2, 1979: St. John's women join in communion breakfast. "The combined St. John Rosary Altar Guild and St. Anne Society annual communion Mass at St. John's Roman Catholic Church will be celebrated by the Rev. William A. Nagle, Pastor, Sunday at 9 a.m. The annual communion breakfast will follow at the Marriott Hotel with the Rev. Eugene C. Brissette, S. J., as featured speaker. Father Brissette is a graduate of LaSalle Academy, Providence, R.I. and played football as a Boston College freshman with the future 1941 Sugar Bowl Champions. At the end of his freshman year he entered the Society of Jesus where he made his novitiate and philosophic studies. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 1951 by Archbishop John J. McEleney, S.J., founder of Fairfield University and since 1956 has taught chemistry at Fairfield Preparatory School, where he is now chairman of the science department."

Daily & Weekend Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:00a.m. & 12:10p.m.

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:00p.m. (Hymns)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. (No Music)
10:00 a.m. Family Mass
12noon Solemn Mass (Gregorian Chant)
5:00 p.m. (No Music)

Holy Days of Obligation:

- Vigil Mass (evening before): 5:15p.m.
- Holy Day: 8:00a.m., 12:10p.m. & 5:15p.m.

Confessions:

(English, Francais, Espanol, Italiano, Portuguese, Deutsch).

Mon-Fri: 11:30-11:50 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00-7:25, 9:30-9:55, 11:30-11:55 a.m.

Anytime by appointment in the Rectory.

Baptism

Parents must be parishioners of St. John's. Please call the parish office: 324-1553, ext. 21.

First Communion and Confirmation

For information on Religious Education, please e-mail religious@stjohnsstamford.com, attention Fr. Vill. Confirmation is a two-year program.

Sacramental Records

call the parish secretary,
Mon-Fri: 9am - 4pm.in the rectory, 324-1553, ext. 21.

Marriage

Engaged couples [**bride or groom must be a St. John's parishioner and attending Sunday Mass regularly**] should contact one of the St. John's parish priests at least 6 months in advance of the wedding. Marriages are not performed on Sundays at St. John's.

Sick Calls, First Friday Communion Calls, and the Anointing of the Sick:

Our priests would be happy to bring Communion, hear Confession and administer the Sacrament of the Sick to anyone seriously ill, homebound or in the hospital. Please call the rectory: 324-1553, ext. 21.

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 12:00 p.m.
- Daily Rosary following the 12:10 Mass: Mon-Sat.

The Basilica of St. John Bookstore Hours

Sunday: 10:45a.m. - 12 Noon.

Thursday: 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. (Closed during Mass)

Friday: 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. (Closed during Mass)