



# The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist

*The Mother Church of Stamford*  
279 Atlantic Street · Stamford, Connecticut 06901

**July 1, 2018    The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



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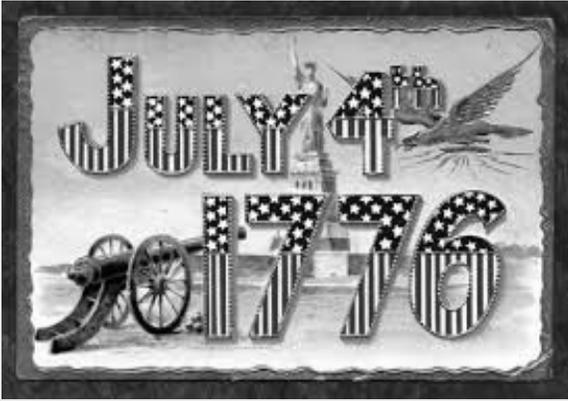
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**Pastor's Corner:** July 4th, the celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence, was always marked well in Stamford. This was particularly true following the American Civil War, when the sacrifice on the battlefields of so many thousands of Stamford's young men was still a fresh and painful memory; and among the fallen were many Catholics from Saint John's. Just ten years earlier, in 1855, a Stamford lawyer, William T. Minor was elected Connecticut's governor, and the platform of his Know-Nothing Party was "to resist the insidious policy of the Church of Rome, and all other foreign influences against the institution of our country, by placing in all offices in the gift of the People, whether by election or appointment, none but native-born Protestant citizens." The

American Civil War provided a testing ground for much in America, including the popular Connecticut Yankee notion that Catholics could not be faithful Americans. Many would have willingly deprived Catholics of our rights granted by the *U.S. Constitution*. But the service of tens of thousands of Catholics on the battlefield proved this false.

After the Civil War, newspaper articles bore a much friendlier tone than prior to 1865. For example, the July 2, 1869 number of *The Advocate* ran a long article about the first notable post-War celebration of the Glorious Fourth in which "... our Roman Catholic friends appear to be determined to do their part in making the Fourth what it ought to be—a day of popular enjoyment." A week later, *The Advocate* reported what had happened on July 4th, itself: church bells were rung, fire works exploded, citizens went to Shippan Point and Mianus Harbor to view the regatta. The paper observed, "The most exciting and interesting feature of the observances of the day is due to the public spirit and enterprise of our Irish-American [Catholics of Saint John's] citizens who celebrated the Fourth by a grand excursion and *pic-nic* in Woodside Park [today's Scalzi Park]. Before proceeding to the park, a procession was formed which moved through the principal streets." Parish priests, religious sisters, municipal dignitaries, along with the police and members of "the hook-and-ladder-and-hose company" joined with the throngs of Catholics marching through the city according to the various parish societies, accompanied by marching bands. "Last but not least, was a wagon drawn by four horses on which were grouped a number of young girls dressed in white, with red and blue favors, representing the several States in the Union." Once arrived, refreshments, entertainments, games and dancing were provided until 7:00 p.m.

Those earlier Independence Day celebrations, especially following any of America's wars, were of exceptional importance, as a means of paying tribute to the fallen heroes and to those living veterans who had endured the unimaginable horrors of the battlefield to preserve our nation and our rights. Liberty in America was deemed precious, and the rights of all sufficient cause to take up arms in self-defense. Since the Civil War, Catholics were considered neighbors worthy to be called Americans, because so many had fought valiantly and died courageously on the battlefield to preserve the Union and the Constitution.

And today? Is the United States a perfect society? No. But it is a society offering more possibilities than any other on the planet, just as it did in the 1870s. That is why so many strive to come here. Of course most come for work and the almighty dollar, certainly. But there is a more foundational reason for the arrival of millions to our shores, even if unspoken by the immigrant or misunderstood by the native born citizen. It is the existence of a near level playing field offered everyone by the unalienable rights given us by God, recognized and protected by law: the unalienable rights of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness". The United States government does not give us these rights, nor does it create these rights. They are God-given to everyone on the planet. For the most part, these are unrecognized and certainly unprotected by governments beyond our Golden Shores, yet they are defended and protected as natural rights under the laws of our country, thank God.

My father taught me many things, including that "The summer is over" on July 4<sup>th</sup>. But he and my mother also taught my sisters and me an appreciation for home. It's a great country, this U.S. of A. So, let's thank God for it! It preserves and defends those unalienable rights God gave each of us when He knit us in our mothers' wombs in His image and likeness: the Rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. And, it is the only nation on the planet that preserves those individual, God-given rights. Pray our country becomes more perfect. In the meantime, and on the Glorious Fourth, let us join in singing and praying, God bless America!

Pray for our country, for our President, our Congress and, especially, for our troops and police. The U.S.A. is still the greatest nation on the planet; that's why so many people still make their way to our shores-- and many even make it to Stamford, the greatest city in Connecticut, and once here, many come to Saint John's! Happy Fourth!!!

—Monsignor DiGiovanni

**Please pray for the sick:** Monsignor DiGiovanni, Elizabeth Caserta, Ruth Coyle, Yolanda Bove, Agnes Ostrowski, 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, Timothy Lyons, Gene Gavin, Richard Ridge, June Roberts, Marie Cassis, Patricia Morgan, Vittorio Faugno, Dionysia Oliveira, 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:** John Mellace, 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: II Banns: John Cristal and Danica Ann Wilhowy***

***III Banns: Ryan Miller and Cristine Kavalan***

***III Banns: Guy Phillipe Nazaire and Murielle Nicolas***

**Peter's Pence Collection** . . . Please drop your **Peter's Pence Collection** 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](http://www.stjohnsstamford.com) for a virtual tour of the interior, created and donated by Jonathan Powell.

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**JOIN THE CONVERSATION:** *The Eaglet*, the parish blog on our Basilica website, [www.stjohnsstamford.com](http://www.stjohnsstamford.com).

**If you missed the Humanae vitae Conference, check out the talks on our parish website at <http://stjohnsstamford.com/past-events/>.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**July 13, August 13, September 13, & October 13:** 7:00pm: Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

**Attention 8-12 graders! Saturday, August 11th: Fan the Fire:** Fr. Vill will be leading a group of teenagers from the Basilica Parish to Fan the Fire Youth Rally at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown, CT on Saturday August 11th. This is an all day event. The cost is \$45, please register at <https://www.formationreimagined.org/fan-the-fire/>. Be sure to select "The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist" as your parish when registering. Please see the flyers in the basilica for more details.

## Weekly Sunday collection:

Sunday	June 24, 2018	\$ 13,608.04
Sunday	June 25, 2017	<u>\$ 13,317.32</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

**July 8th Sunday Readings:** EZ 2:2-5, 2 COR 12:7-10, MK 6:1-6

**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 confirming your mass attendance by your use of weekly envelopes.

**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. Call 203-348-4355 or [www.birthright.org](http://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](mailto: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: Become a Future 5 College Prep Coach:** Future 5's College Prep Program ensures that low-income, motivated high school students receive the preparation needed to transition successfully from high school to college. They offer students a full array of help, including guidance on navigating college and financial aid applications, college visits, scholarship help, and detailed advice on college selection. A coach is matched one-on-one with a student, becoming a partner and mentor for the academic year. Future 5 will provide training in all aspects of the college application process. Time commitment: 2-3 hours per month (includes training and independent meetings with students) For information, please contact Peg Atchue at [patchue@futurefive.org](mailto:patchue@futurefive.org).

**EWTN Radio** is coming to our diocese! Visit [www.veritascatholic.com](http://www.veritascatholic.com) to learn more and to support this apostolate dedicated to bringing faithful, entertaining Catholic programming to our community.

**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.

**Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary Open House**— Come and meet the seminarians on Saturday, **June 30, 2018** and Sunday, **July 1, 2018** from 10:00AM– 6:00PM at 21 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. Enjoy a moment of communion with songs and food! Tours through the seminary will begin every 20 Minutes and all are invited to enjoy a delicious barbecue afterwards! Please call to reserve your spot at 203-588-1785 or [seminary@rmbridgeport.org](mailto:seminary@rmbridgeport.org).

**Sisters of Life Retreats** for young ladies, women, and men. Something for everyone! Registration for all retreats opens **July 2, 2018**. Visit [tinyurl.com/SistersofLife](http://tinyurl.com/SistersofLife) to learn more.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lisakotasek@gmail.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](http://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 [catholicystamford@gmail.com](mailto:catholicystamford@gmail.com)

**Catholic Adventures:** Join Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s for adventurous activities throughout the year. Connect with us on Facebook (Catholic Adventures) or email us at [CatholicAdventuresStamford@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicAdventuresStamford@gmail.com) for more information.

**Job Seekers:** Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 25th** 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](mailto:melanie@redinllc.com).

**Regina Caeli Academy 2018/2019-** Come join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy ([www.rcahybrid.com](http://www.rcahybrid.com)) is a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3- 12th grade students attend Socratic and hands-on classes taught by trained tutors two days a week and are home schooled the remaining days with lesson plans already outlined for in-home education. Location: 254 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT. For more information, a tour of our facility on **July 12** (by appointment only), or information about a fall tour, please contact our admissions representative, Mrs. Katrina Hartsock at [khartsock.aus@rcahybrid.org](mailto:khartsock.aus@rcahybrid.org) or (470)239-0259.

## Mass Intentions

### + Denotes Deceased

#### Saturday, June 30, 2018

4:00 +Kathy Robustelli req. Lucy Joyce

#### Sunday, July 1, 2018

7:30 +Kevin Nadin req. Glenn and Lynda Nadin

10:00 +Christopher Sabia req. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irving

12:00 Patricia Ridge req. Michelle Sagdati

5:00 Needs of Parishioners, especially the sick

#### Monday, July 2, 2018

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

12:10 Ihor Alyssa William & Families req. Nelya Stelmakh

#### Tuesday, July 3, 2018

8:00 +Gene Tushaj req. wife Age

12:10 Deceased members of the Gaine Family req. Mary Bridget Gaine

#### Wednesday, July 4, 2018

8:00 Monsignor Malanowski req. Frank and Beth Carpanzano

12:10 +Anthony Ramos req. Lilian and Alvina Ramos

#### Thursday, July 5, 2018

8:00 Gavyn Samedi Birthday req. Anne Marie Samedi

12:10 +Glen Nadin req. priest of the parish

#### Friday, July 6, 2018

8:00 +Guido Rebula Birthday Memorial req. by daughter Rosemary Rebula

12:10 Special Intentions Okogun Family

#### Saturday, July 7, 2018

8:00 +Abelardo David req. Pearl Moss

12:10 +William Kallaway req. Marcia Calomino

**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 NEWS:  
THE HARTFORD COURANT:  
160 YEARS AGO, OR SO:***

*July 3, 1858: Religious Intelligence.* "Bishop McFarland (Romish) administered the rite of Confirmation to about 70 persons on Sunday last, in Stamford."

***THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE:  
150 YEARS AGO, OR SO:***

*July 8, 1870: LOCAL AFFAIRS.* "The celebration by our Irish fellow citizens was of the most enthusiastic character. At 8 o'clock A.M., the procession formed at the Canal House, headed by the Bridgeport City Band, and comprising the newly organized Union Guards, the St. John's Benevolent Society, the Temperance Cadets, and a juvenile military company, who proceeded through the principal streets, making a march of some five or six miles, thence through Washington Avenue to Woodside Park. Several places on the line of march were honored by the procession—cheering, etc. Among the rest, our domicile was duly recognized by the presentation of arms and cheers, for which we return thanks. At the Park there was the most unrestrained enjoyment. The dancing was engaged in with a zeal that should be seen to be appreciated. The refreshments were in great abundance, and every provision made necessary for the full enjoyment of the day. The Union Guards had a target practice for several excellent prizes given them by their friends, and the following is the result: Geo. Anderson, cake basket; Geo. Smith, Spencer Rifle; John Mackey, castor; Chas. Webb, spoon holder; Jos. Green, silver cup; C. Corbett, silver cup; P. C. Feigherty, silver cup; John Berry, box of cigars; D. Graham, box of cigars; Jas. Mackey, box of cigars. Nothing occurred at the Park to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. Too much praise cannot be given by those participating to Rev. Fathers Fagan and Gaffney for the untiring efforts."

***THE CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC:  
125 YEARS AGO, OR SO:***

*July 8, 1893: STAMFORD.* "The annual Fourth of July picnic of St. John's church took place at Woodside park, a place that has been noted for its picnics in the past. The picnic this year in many respects surpasses those of former years, especially in the well arranged athletic games and races, and no more suitable weather could have been wished for such an occasion. In the morning, Mass was celebrated in St. John's church and the attendance was quite numerous. After Mass the procession formed on Atlantic street, headed by St. John's cornet band, followed by the first division of the A.O.H., St. Joseph Y.M.T.A.B. society, Father Matthew's Temperance society, Catholic Benevolent legion, and the Second division of the A.O.H., headed by Oriental fife and drum corps. P. Hanrahan was grand marshall of the day with John Ryle and Mr. Philpott as aids. The procession and appearance of the several organizations reflected credit on those taking part in the parade."

**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, Portugese, 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](mailto:religious@stjohnsstamford.com), attention Ms. Anne Marie Carpanzano. 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)