



THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF STAMFORD
279 ATLANTIC STREET · STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT 06901

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PASTOR:

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am very grateful to Bishop Caggiano for appointing me the pastor of the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist. Following in the footsteps of Monsignor DiGiovanni will be no easy task. During his 23 years as pastor Monsignor has transformed Saint John in the vibrant parish we see today. Due to his tireless efforts the Basilica has become a place where we find the beauty of the Catholic Faith expressed not only in its architecture, but also in fidelity to the truth, reverence in worship and service to the local community. It is my sincere hope to continue that great tradition and help spread the message of the Gospel in downtown Stamford.

I am also very happy to return to Stamford! I spent nine happy years as pastor of Saint Gabriel Church on Newfield Avenue before my transfer to Greenwich.

During this past year COVID restrictions have made parish life very challenging for us. In our efforts to keep ourselves and those around us safe we have made many adjustments to how we do things. While we are all tired of these adjustments we need to continue being diligent a little while longer and pray that our lives return to normal soon. I hope no one will be insulted if I am unable to shake hands and meet as many people as I would like to in the coming weeks. I consider it a serious obligation to set a good example and do my part to keep others safe.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin my ministry here at the Basilica and know that you are in mine!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father La Pastina

SALUS POPULI ROMANI

**Our lady, protectress of the Roman People,
Help Us in Stamford!**

The image of Our Lady arrived in Rome 590 AD during the pontificate of Pope Gregory the Great. The Pope welcomed the image in person, sailing the Tiber River in procession with Her, praying for Rome during the plague.

Let us Pray:



Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Our Lady, Pray for us in Stamford!

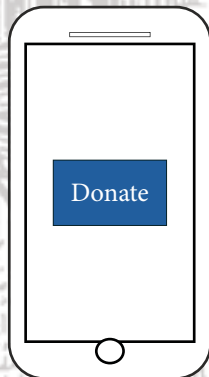
ONLINE GIVING

**New Year
New Way to Give
Switch to online giving**

Online Giving will help sustain our church, save the church envelope costs and labor, and help you keep track of your donations

Online Giving allows you to make donations via your smart phone or computer to our church

TWO WAYS TO GIVE



Basilica APP: [Available in App Stores](#)

Please pray for the sick: Monsignor DiGiovanni, Edward Mailhot, Larry Hayes, Melanie Fieffe, Theresa I., Jean Vaccaro

Please pray for those who have recently died: Tom Cycon, Becir Kotere , Ann Blackson, Janet Cigar, Emily Mossa

Sanctuary Candle: Bayonne Family

Mass Intentions

+ denotes deceased

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00 † Mary Katherine Klaum req. Tom Timon

Sunday, February 28, 2021

7:30 † Joan Mercia req. Family

10:00 † Jules Manouvrier req. daughter & son-in-law

12:00 † Robert Strada req. Marian Morris and Family

5:00 † Thomas P. Blomberg req. Fabrizio Family

Monday, March 1, 2021

8:00 † Martin and Mare Camaj req. Age

12:10 † Richard Molgano req. Paula Taylor Molgano

Tuesday, March 2 2021

8:00 Diane Strain

12:10 Barbara Bayne

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

8:00 John & Cindy Bober

12:10 Rose Migliazza req. Dom Piria

Thursday, March 4, 2021

8:00 John Sabia

12:10 Carol Fisher

Friday, March 5, 2021

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

12:10 † Margaret Hart

Saturday, March 6, 2021

8:00 Jamie Holmes

12:10 Priests & Office Staff @ The Basilica

Mater Salvatoris: Mater Salvatoris is an Independent Catholic College Preparatory School for girls, Co-ed in PreK and K, under the direction of the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. We provide a faithful Catholic Education, committed to educating the whole person. Currently enrolling from PreK3 through 4th Grade for 2020-2021. Mater Salvatoris is located at 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT 06903. Contact us at (203) 489.0977 or at stm.admissions@matersalvatoris.org. Visit us at stamford.matersalvatoris.org.

Religious Education: Classes have now begun.

Walking with Purpose: Will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 AM on ZOOM, for more information contact: wwptbsj@gmail.com

Mass Intentions: We are receiving a high volume of Mass requests; therefore, we will need to limit the requests to 5 per family for the remainder of the year. Generally, Mass requests are scheduled several months in advance. It is customary to offer a \$10.00 donation per Mass at the time the request is made. (This tradition is referenced in canon n.946 of the Code of Canon Law (CIC) which states that those members of the faithful who give Mass stipends are contributing to the good of the Church, for they share in the Church's support of its ministers.) To schedule your Mass intention please call Juanita in the office: (203) 324-1553.

Project Beloved is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-open medical practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: ***Family Practice Physician (FT or PT), Nurse Practitioner(FT or PT), Medical Assistant(FT), and Receptionist(FT)***. Project Beloved Inc. is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please visit www.projectbeloved.co to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: info@projectbeloved.co

2021 Pew Missals: If you would like a 2021 Pew Missal (***\$5 donation per missal***), please come to the Parish office Monday - Friday from 9am-3pm.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Consecration of the Diocese to St Joseph

On March 19th, Bishop Caggiano will consecrate the Diocese of Bridgeport to the patronage of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, at a Pontifical Mass at St. Augustine's Cathedral in Bridgeport at 7:00pm.

To prepare for the consecration, you are cordially invited to participate in a special Novena to Saint Joseph that will seek his intercession upon our diocese during this celebratory year. The Novena will begin on Wednesday, March 10th and end on March 18th, and will take place at 7:00pm every evening via Zoom. You will be able to access the novena through our diocesan website.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this diocesan-wide devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church during the Year to Saint Joseph.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 PM: Benediction in honor of Saint Philip Neri

Friday, March 19 at 7:30 PM: Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite for the Feast of Saint Joseph

Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 PM: Rosary & Benediction for the Feast of the Annunciation

The Basilica App: The Basilica has an app! [Available in app stores.](#)

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 18, 2021

Very Reverend Cyprian LaPastina
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist
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Dear Father LaPastina:

Allow me to begin by offering you my prayers and support as you begin your pastorate at the Basilica Parish of Saint John the Evangelist in Stamford.

In the coming years, you will have the opportunity to build on the vision, leadership and hard work that Monsignor DiGiovanni has generously offered to the people of the parish for many years. I have every confidence that you will build on the pastoral foundation that he has created with distinction and generosity.

As you prepare to start your new pastorate, we continue to face the challenges and sufferings that the current pandemic has created in our midst. I wish to reiterate the request that I have made to all the pastors of the Diocese, namely, that you observe and maintain all the protocols that I have mandated to help ensure the safety and well being of all our people. As part of what has become our standard procedures during the pandemic, I specifically ask that you review the safety protocols already in place at the Basilica Parish and if needed, amend them to ensure that full compliance with diocesan mandates is being observed.

I recognize that we have all grown weary of many of the safeguards that now govern our ordinary lives. However, despite the understandable desire to return to "normalcy", it is imperative that we do not drop our guard at this critical juncture. We must continue to protect people's lives, which is to follow the mandates of the Gospel.

Many thanks for attending to this request and for your wonderful priestly service to the people of Saint Mary in Greenwich. I know that they will miss you greatly. However, another wonderful spiritual family of faith awaits you at the Basilica Parish. May your years of pastoral service at Saint John's be long and joyful ones.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

PHASE II STATE GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH CAPACITY

Effective November 1, 2020

The following guidelines must be observed:

1. Masks must be worn
2. Only every other pew can be used for seating
3. 6 feet of distance must be maintained between individuals within a pew

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WEEKEND MASSES

Normal Weekend Schedule (Saturday at 4pm vigil,
Sunday at 7:30am, 10am, 12noon & 5pm)

100 Person Maximum per Mass – First-come, first-served

DAILY MASSES

Normal Weekday Schedule (Mon-Sat, 8am & 12:10pm)

100 Person Maximum per Mass – First-come, first-served

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Saturday, 7:30am-approximately 1:00pm

CONFESSIONS

In the Vestibule of the Church

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

LIVESTREAM OF THE MASS

(All daily and weekend Masses)

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