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AUGUST 15, 2021
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 7:30 PM: *(A Musical Evening with Refreshments at the Rectory Ballroom).*

Music in Elizabethan Catholic Households: Sacred Songs from the Paston Collection given by Charles and Elizabeth Weaver. *(Please call or email the parish office to make reservations).*

Edward Paston was a prominent English Catholic gentleman during the reign of Elizabeth I, when Roman Catholicism was illegal, and when the Mass could only be celebrated in secret and in private homes. An associate of the great English Catholic composer William Byrd, Paston amassed a large collection of vocal polyphony from the Counter-Reformation and arranged it for a single voice accompanied by a lute. Whether this collection was intended for liturgical use or merely for private devotion, it offers a glimpse into the intimate musical and religious life of a sixteenth-century family.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 7:00 PM: *(Retirement Party for Msgr Di Giovanni).*

Solemn Te Deum with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Thanksgiving for Msgr. Di Giovanni’s years of service to the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist at 7 PM. Bishop Caggiano will preach the homily. Outdoor reception following in the Basilica Piazza. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: *(Treasures Of The Church The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday September 30 at 6:30 pm.)*

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Registration for Religious Education for 2021-2022 is now open. Please go to the Basilica website to complete the online registration form and payment. First day of classes is Sunday, September 26th. Please see the online form for more details. *PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 AT 2:00 PM:
On September 18, 2021, Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass commemorating the 500th Year of Christianity in the Philippines at the *Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport, Connecticut.*

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7:30 PM)
Fr La Pastina will be conducting a young adult group for ages 21-35. The first meeting will be September 13th at 7:30 pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a talk followed by refreshments.

STARTING AUGUST 16TH TO 20TH:
Bell street will be *closed* to Atlantic Street traffic – *access* to Bell Street Garage will be available from Summer Street and *Exit* on Washington Blvd.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA AFFILIATE, ST THERESA CHURCH:
Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Come follow us in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Our Lady of Fatima, affiliate St. Theresa Church is growing! Please join us for an informal inquiry meeting on Thursday, August 26th at 7PM; St. Theresa School, 55 Rosemond Terrace, Trumbull in the school gym. For more information, call, text or email: Michelle Rowe: *orapronobis20@gmail.com*, 203-218-6882.

ST. JOSEPH’S SEMINARY SCHOLA CANTORUM PRESENTS:
Two Advent & Christmas Fundraising Concerts will be held at St. Joseph’s Seminary Saturday, December 4th, at 4:00 PM & Sunday, December 5th, at 4:00 PM. For more information about the 125th Anniversary events, please contact *SJS125@dunwoodie.edu*. 201 Seminary Avenue ~ Yonkers, New York 10704, *(914) 968-6200.*
WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION:
Sunday August 8, 2021: $14,585.75
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

ONLINE GIVING: Sign-up on our website by clicking “Donate”. It's easy, saves the Parish envelope cost and you can schedule your Regular Sunday Offering that is withdrawn on the date you specify.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:
Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford raised 162 gifts worth $58,461 from 142 donors bringing the parish to 62.53% of its $93,500 goal.

The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption:
Total Pledged: $3,141,093
Total Collected (As of 5/6/21): $1,809,487 (58%). To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.

MASS TIMES
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:10 pm.
Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
7:30 am (No Music)
10:00 am (Family Mass)
12:00 pm (Solemn mass)
5:00 pm (No music)

CONFESSIONS:
Monday: 11:30-12 Noon
Wednesday: 11:30 to 12 Noon
Friday: 11:30 to 12 Noon
Saturday: 2:45 to 3:45 (The priest who has confessions may also have the 4:00 PM Mass)

DEVOTIONS:
Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:00 am Holy Mass.
August 15, 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ:

As you know, our Holy Father Pope Francis issued a motu proprio entitled Traditionis Custodes on the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Its purpose was to regulate the growing use of the Roman Missal of 1962 as promulgated by Pope Saint John XXIII while ensuring a deeper union and communion among believers throughout the universal Church.

It is a sad fact that there are some voices, few in number, found in various parts of the world, that have used the celebration of what we previously called the extraordinary form of the Mass to sow dissension and division among the faithful. Such voices are rarely found in our Diocese, and I am deeply and personally grateful for your fidelity to the Church, its teachings and to our Holy Father. Rather than seeing a spirit of dissension among those who attend the usus antiquior in our Diocese, I have experienced firsthand your heartfelt desire for personal holiness, commitment to participate in your parishes and your generosity. The absence of such dissension provides an important confirmation that the use of the Missal of 1962 in our Diocese, remaining under my supervision, should continue for the spiritual welfare both of those who celebrate it and those who attend it.

I recently met with 16 priests in our Diocese who have in the past celebrated the Mass according to the Missal of 1962. The discussion during the meeting was both informative and helpful. At its conclusion, we forged a consensus towards the creation of permanent norms that will allow the continuation of the celebration of the Mass according to the Missal of 1962 in our Diocese, while remaining faithful to the directives issued by our Holy Father. I plan to issue these permanent norms in the next few weeks.

I believe that the Holy Father's motu proprio is a moment of grace for the entire Church because it reminds us of the essential unity that we share and must protect as believers. It also reminds us that every Mass must be celebrated reverently and according to the rubrics that govern it.

As your shepherd, I wish to assure you that the celebration of Mass according to the Missal of 1962 will continue in our Diocese to be a source of nourishment and spiritual growth for you and your families.

With a promise of prayer, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport
CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 7:30 PM
Young Adults Meeting (ages 21-35) in Church and Ballroom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 7:30 PM
Concert: Music in Elizabethan Catholic Household, Sacred Songs from the Paston Collection, in the Rectory Ballroom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 6:30 PM
Treasures of the Church: Presentation and Exposition of Sacred Relics of the Saints, in the Church and Nagle Hall

OCTOBER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:30 PM
Candlelight Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady during the Month of October, in the Church and Piazza

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 7:30 PM
Basilica Lecture Series: Saints Who Changed the World: Saint Thomas Aquinas, in the Rectory Ballroom

NOVEMBER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:30 PM
Young Adult Meeting (ages 21-35) in Church and Ballroom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7:30 PM
Basilica Lecture Series: Saints Who Changed the World: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in the Ballroom

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 4:00 PM
Vespers for the Feast of Christ the King

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 5:00 PM
Parish Pasta Supper, in the Nagle Hall

NOVEMBER 30TH TO DECEMBER 8TH
Novena in Preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (7:30 PM on weeknights and at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 5:00 PM Sunday Mass)

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 7:30 PM
Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed by Reception in the Nagle Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 6:30 AM
Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady during Advent

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 7 PM
Te Deum in Thanksgiving for the Year 2021 with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:30 PM
Young Adult Meeting (ages 21-35) in Church and Ballroom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH AT 7:30 PM
Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of Wine in Honor of our Patron Saint John the Evangelist
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:
Monsignor DiGiovanni, Dorothy Carlino, Craig Hopkins, Gail Piria, Edward Mailhot, Larry Hayes, Melanie Fieffe

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:
David Bond, Edward Nemchek Sr., Jay Olnek, Dr. Cortland Mehl, Peter Koroscił, Joan Agnes O’Neill, Anton Mrmus, Rosario P. Pugliese, Sr., Isaac Sumpter, Sarah Aslam, Keith Simmons, Justin Cassamajor, Idelcia Cassamajor, Marge & Donald DelColle, Esther Soffio, Evelyn Gill, Frances VanDereedt,

MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021:
4:00: †Rosario Pugliese, Sr. req. Caterina Guarna & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021: The Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30: † Yvette Constant req. Geralda Constant- Berrouet
10:00: Mrs. Justina Okogon (Birthday) req. Joseph Okogun & Family
12:00: † John Maloney req. Mary Maloney
5:00: Ann Marie & Andrew Mbabaali, 1st Wedding Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021:
8:00: Souls in Purgatory
12:10: Jesus Marte & Gloria Quezada req. Hugo Marte

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021:
8:00: †Patrick Kane & Family req. Estate of Catherine Kane and Family
12:10: † Mr. & Mrs. Naissance Jean-Guillaume req. Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021:
8:00: Scholastica Nabwire req. Family
12:10: † Donald Hensley req. Carmen Hensley & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021:
8:00: † Deceased Members of Paulemon Family req. Montanie Paulemon
12:10: Monica Jimenez, Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021:
8:00: For Altar Servers of the Parish
12:10: † Mary Murray req. Pat Mignogna

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021:
8:00: For the Parishioners
12:10: For the Waveny Lifecare Network Staff
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WALKING WITH PURPOSE:
Will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 AM on ZOOM, for more information contact: wwwptbsj@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.

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Burial in a Catholic cemetery allows Catholics to be surrounded by others who share a common faith through Baptism and Confirmation. The Church designates these places on earth as “sacred,” places where the faithful worship and places where the faithful are buried. To have a conversation about an immediate need, or to start your pre-planning process, reach out to Melanie Szlucha at melanie.szlucha@diobpt.org or 203-869-4828 to schedule a tour.

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