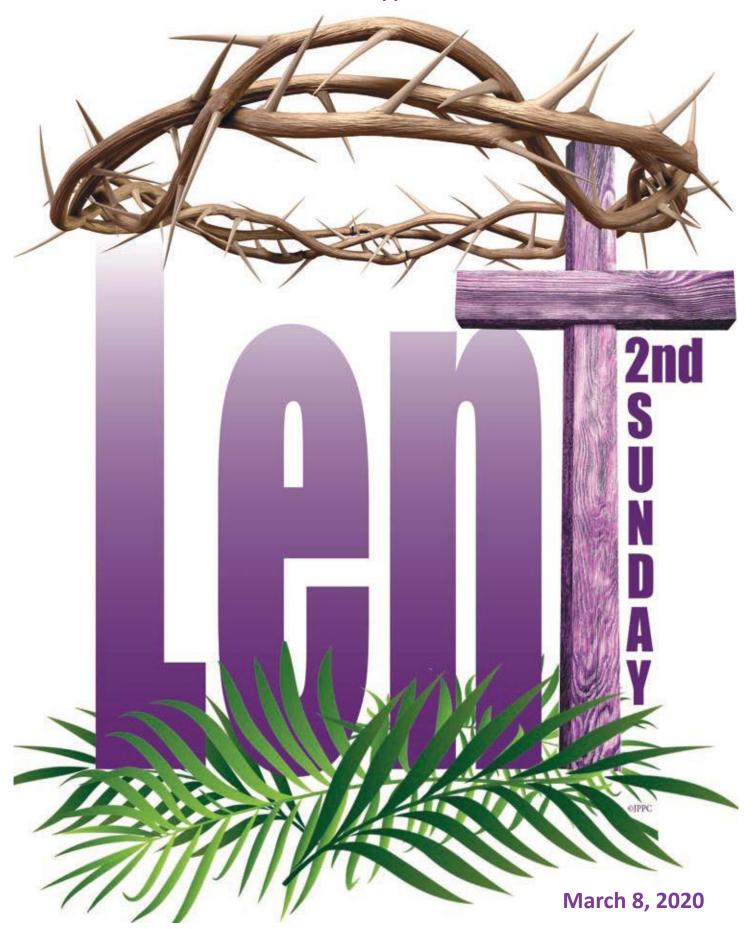
#### **Saint Cassian Roman Catholic Church**

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#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

March 8, 2020

#### Mass Schedule

Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am

Holy Days: 8:15am and as announced

#### **Sacraments**

#### **Baptisms**

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated once a month on Sunday at 1:15pm. Parents should contact the Parish Office to register.

#### R.C.I.A

Our church welcomes new adult members through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing their entrance into our church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation, please call Greg Hann at 973-744-2850.

#### Christian Marriage

The couple should contact a parish priest one year before the desired date for the marriage to ensure proper preparation for the Sacrament. Couples are not to make firm plans for the reception prior to speaking with a parish priest.

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15-5:00pm or at another time convenient to the Priest and Penitent

#### Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament is available for those of advanced age or anyone who is seriously ill. Please contact the Priests who will visit the home to celebrate the Sacrament

#### Visiting the Sick

Parishioners unable to attend Mass may receive Communion at home. Please contact our Parish Office.

#### In Case of an Emergency

Please contact the Parish Office at any hour, day or night.

#### This Week at Saint Cassian Church

#### Mass Readings and Intentions

#### Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

5:30 PM (Saturday) Marisa Scolamiero7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Edward Winarski

10:30 AM Kathleen M. O'Grady, 1st Anniversary

12:00 PM Teresa Ponciano LaTorre

#### Monday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38 8:15 AM Timothy W. Sullivan

#### Tuesday, March 10: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12

8:15 AM Tom Maida

#### Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28

8:15 AM Tina Strippol

#### Thursday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31

8:15 AM Efterpi Hines

#### Friday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a, 17b-28a Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:15 AM Janet Blasi

#### Saturday, March 14: Lenten Weekeday

Malachi 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32 8:15 AM Stacey Johnson, 45th Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 15: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

5:30 PM (Saturday) Gerard Joseph Gallo

7:30 AM Betty Ferdon

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Veronica Dorman

12:00 PM Ann Conroy, 29th Anniversary

**Registration -** We welcome you to the Parish Community of Saint Cassian, and invite you to register with us by contacting our Parish Office during office hours. You must be registered in the Parish for Baptism and the Religious Education Programs. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of the envelopes. If you are moving from the Parish, please notify the Parish Office.

**Attention Parishioners -** Recent changes in laws and regulations governing hospitals have made it necessary for hospitals to tighten the access of outside visitors, including clergy, to information about patients in the hospital. New policies now in effect require that patients must request that clergy from the patient's faith community be contacted and allowed to visit. Clergy will not be allowed to visit unless this request is made. If you are or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the Parish Office.

#### Events of the Week

Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8
Annual Appeal Weekend, all Masses

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am Girl Scout Sunday: 9am Mass CCD: 10:15-11:15am, School



Monday, March 9
RCIA: 7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, March 10

CCD: 5:30-6:30pm, School Mercier Club Lenten Reflection: 7pm, Larkin Hall

> Wednesday, March 11 Lenten Series #2: 7:00pm, Larkin Hall

Thursday, March 12 CCD: 4:00-5:00pm, School Choir: 7:30-9:30pm, Choir Room

Friday, March 13
Stations of the Cross: 8:45a, Church
PYC: 10:00am, Youth Room
Youth Group: 7:00pm, YR

Sunday, March 15 CCD: 10:15-11:15am, School Pastoral Council Meeting: 11:30am, Conf. Room

#### Rosary Intentions

For the Week of March 9th

#### Monday

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide our needs

#### Tuesday

For those serving in the military and protective services, especially in areas of violence; protect them, and grant peace of mind to their loved ones

#### Wednesday

For respect for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death

#### **Thursday**

For unity among churches and nations

#### **Friday**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for all parishioner living and deceased

#### Rosary/Altar Society

We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary every morning for the intentions of families, the world, and the Church. We begin the Rosary at 7:50am followed by the 8:15am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

#### A Message from Fr. Marc

#### **Dear Parishioners:**

I pray that this has been a prayerful and holy Lenten Season for all! Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three common themes of the season. Prayer to grow in holiness in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries; fasting, to keep our appetites in check and to be stronger in resisting temptation; and, almsgiving, in order to be mindful of the needy among us and in order to imitate the loving charity and mercy of God. Practicing these three disciplines are a challenging, yet fulfilling way to live out this Season.

This weekend, we have our commitment Sunday for the Annual Appeal for the Archdiocese of Newark. A few weeks ago, we showed the video at Mass that highlighted the many and various ways that the Archdiocese of Newark serves the needy among us. Vocations, the Mercy House in Newark, and Campus Ministries are just a couple ways that our donations help the Church and the Kingdom of God grow. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year and drop your gift in the basket. Perhaps your gift can be part of your Lenten almsgiving.

Lastly, the issue we have been hearing so much about over the past couple of months is the coronavirus. On Monday, the Archdiocese of Newark gave the churches of the Archdiocese guidelines as a precaution and prevention for spreading the virus in our midst. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, our Archbishop, has asked parishes to make some temporary changes in our Masses: Offering the Precious Blood will be suspended; the sign of peace should be exchanged without making physical contact (a wave or nod should be substituted); the Host can be received on the hands, as opposed to on the tongue. Also, those who distribute Communion will be sanitizing their hands before and after distribution. Finally, anyone who does not feel well or has flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass while they are ill. These simple changes will, hopefully, prevent the transmission of any virus that might be in our midst.

I look forward to celebrating the Lenten Season together with all of you, as we make this pil-grimage toward Holy Week.

Blessings,

Fr. Marc

Rev. Marc A. Vicari,

Pastor

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

#### 2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>, <u>March 1</u>, <u>2020</u> to <u>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</u>, <u>June 7</u>, <u>2020</u>.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

February 10, 2020 Office of the Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

We invite you to join us on Friday mornings during Lent for Stations of the Cross, immediately after 8:15a Mass.



#### Stewardship and Faith

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful,"

#### Collection

Needed weekly	\$16,250.00
*Sunday, February 23 (Basket)	8,323.00
Faith Direct weekly average	5,381.00
Building & Maintenance (restricted)	2,468.00
Legacy Fund	<u>1,333.00</u>
Weekly total: .	\$17,523.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to Saint Cassian Church

#### Upcoming Events at St. Cassian

Sat/Sun, March 7/8: Annual Appeal Weekend Sunday, March 8: Girl Scout Sunday, 9am Mass

Pastoral Council Meeting: 11:30a, CR

Tuesday, March 10: Mercier Club Lenten Reflection at 7:00pm in Larkin Hall

Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Series #2, 7pm, Larkin Friday, March 13: Stations of the Cross, 8:45am Wednesday, March 18: Lenten Series #3, 7pm, Larkin Friday, Marcy 20: Stations of the Cross, 8:45am Wednesday, March 25: Lenten Series #4, 7pm, Larkin Thursday, March 26: UNICO, 7pm, Larkin Friday, March 27: Stations of the Cross, 8:45am Saturday, March 28: PYC Easter Volunteer Day, 9a LH Sunday, March 29: 125th Anniversary Meeting, 11:30 LH Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Series #5, 7pm, Larkin Hall Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross, 8:45a, church Autumn Years, 12:30pm, Larkin Hall

Saturday, April 3: SC School 5K Run, 8:30a, Brookdale

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, September 13, 2020: Join us as we celebrate 125 years as a parish. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am by Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark. A special reception will be held after the Mass.

Saturday, October 24, 2020: Late Nite Catechism, Gym

#### **Legacy Fund "Wish List"**

Included is a list of particular needs the Parish has or perhaps a project that we are working on. This makes up the Legacy Fund projects or items. It is a "wish list" of projects/items that I would like to have funded. The purpose of the Parish **Legacy Fund** is so that Parishioners who are interested can give directly to the particular needs of our Parish in a way that is strictly "restricted giving." This means that any money that is donated for this particular project or items is not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and we do not need to pay an assessment on them. I met with my Legacy Fund subcommittee recently and we determined the following items as either priority needs or projects we hope to have funded in the future. We will continue to populate the **Legacy Fund** list so that if anyone is inspired to give for a specific need, you can do so.

\*Rectory Roof (project for Spring 2021) 32,000
Funded: \$11,525

Pew Refurbishing (Funded) 1,500
Communion Bells (for Mass) (Funded) 300

Lavabo Set (Basin & Ewer) (Funded) 700

Thank you for helping us reach our goal with previous items on the list.

#### Shining the LIGHT of CHRIST Annual Appeal

The 2020 Annual Appeal has begun. By now, you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. To date, 61 families pledged \$31,925 towards our goal of \$78,000.

If you have not received material in the mail, please pick up a brochure at the back of church. I encourage all families to prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Appeal so that our parish is represented 100%.

We will be holding a special collection this weekend, March 7/8, and will continue to accept your pledge until our goal is reached. Please give according to your means.

Thank you, Fr. Marc A. Vicari



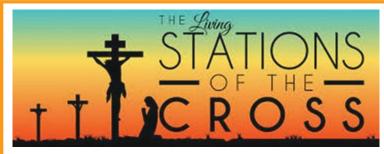
Mercier Club Lenten Reflections

with Monsignor Paul Bocchichio

Topic: "Do not Conform, but be Transformed"

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00pm

St. Cassian RC Church, Larkin Hall



There are still parts available for the Youth Group's presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening in the Church. We meet each Friday at 7pm-8:15pm for rehearsal. The Living Stations of the Cross is a prayerful reenactment of

the Way of the Cross performed by the Youth Group for the parish on Good Friday evening. If any youth are interested or if any adults are interested in assisting, please call the parish office or email Greg Hann at

ghann@stcassianchurch.org.



Have you ever wondered why the priest washes his hands at Mass?

Do you know why we call it the "Sacrifice of the Mass"?

Is Mass just an obligation for you and not an experience of Heaven on earth?

St. Cassian Church invites you to spend an hour each Wednesday of
Lent beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Larkin Hall to view and
discuss Bishop Robert Barron's series on <u>The Mass!</u>

#### Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM Mary Cavagnaro, Cindy O'Connell
9:00 AM George Prell, Michele Quinn, Sub needed

10:30 AM C. Fazendin, Lisa Mataro, M. Sanchez

#### **ALTAR SERVER**

Saturday/Sunday, March 14/15

5:30 PM O. Basile, J & H Lynch

7:30 AM Q. Bardouille, D. Pence, M. Rydzewski 9:00 AM J. Imbesi, O, Kahng, Server Needed

10:30 AM Servers Needed

12:00 PM A/M Bradley, Servers Needed

#### **LECTORS**

Saturday/Sunday, March 14/15

5:30 PM Jason Lynch
7:30 AM Richard Zwiren
9:00 AM Eileen Fasanella
10:30 AM Julia Swearer
12:00 PM Marie Badaracco

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday/Sunday, March 14/15

5:30 PM Nora Brenneis, Maria Llanes, Jean & Terry Rose

7:30 AM Linda Melchiorre, Christina Zwiren 9:00 AM Vivien Finn, Roberto/Cynthia Demetillo,

Angela & Tom Langan

10:30 AM Betty Ann & David Connolly, Elaine Jordan,

Kathleen/Lee Swearer

12:00 PM Carlos Espinoza, Kathleen Conroy,

Maria & Mariano Banzon

#### EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO NURSING HOMES— March 8

Little Nursing Home

Family of Caring @ Montclair

Linda Melchiorre Jeanette Lauture

March 15

Cathy Olsen

Yvette Rego

Walter Springer Vivien Finn

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit the Nursing Homes. Join this ministry of dedicated volunteers who make a difference in the lives of those who are unable to attend Mass. Interested? Questions? Call Mary Gallagher at 973-509-0633.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD-9AM MASS

March 8 Jessica Freeman, Theresa Giarusso, R. Sammon

March 15 Theresa Giarrusso, Regine Sammon

BAPTISM Instruction-Church ....... 7:00pm

April 16, 2020......Mr. Greg Hann

BAPTISM SCHEDULE - 1:15pm

April 19, 2020......Mr. Greg Hann

#### SUNDAY RECEPTIONIST

March 8.....Caitlin Rydzewski March 15.....Joanna Wypasek

#### Little Angels Nursery

Our Nursery is open during the school year, downstairs in the Youth Room during Sunday's 9:00am Mass. Children between the ages of 1 and 3 are welcome to participate. Our Nursery gives parents of young children the opportunity to enjoy Mass while their children are cared for by our capable and dedicated volunteers.

March 8 Helen Brown

March 15 Helen Brown

March 15 Caroline Dooley

#### We Pray for those who are Ill

Angel and Emilio Abrego, Maria Banzon, Louise Bariletto Karen Bergen, Caroline Bogert, Susan Bowe, Ron Boersch, John Bravaco, Sr., Peter & Rosemary Cass, Antonia Chiusano, Luca Corvino, John Corcoran, Camelia Criscitiello, Barbara Daly, Jan Daly, Chiara D'Agostino, Kim Dibdim, Mandie DiCarlo, Mary Ann Duffy, Elaine Flynn, Chantal Fousset, Melanie Fleming, David Fowler, Darryl Fox, Dennis Gannon, Roman Gonzalez, Holly Hargrave, Heather Hazen, Mona Hitti, Steve Hoskins, John Hubach, Matthew Jackson, Marilyn Johnson, Baby Hank Kominski, Maria Kuziemko, Janice Laird, Henry Lawrence, George Linke, Beth Lipov, Stephanie MacDonald, John Maragliano, Edward McCabe, Jim McNevin, Steve Metro, Zoila Moncada, Samantha Murray, Thomas Murray, Patrick Murphy, Emily Niles, Doreen Nilan, Yolanda Ocejo, Dr. David Pallotta, David Quigley, Jose Vazquez-Quiles, Toni Ray, Ron Rego, Ann-Marie Richards, Frank Roca, Florence Russo, The Schaeffler Family, Margaret Schroeder, Nick Sciara, Roberta Sciara, Bernard Shea, Linda Simonnetti, Michael Swift, Deana Tariemi, Lilly Thompson, Gregoria Villanueva, Dr. & Mrs. I-Yen Yang, Fumiko Yozama

> We pray for all who have died: Dolores Kelly

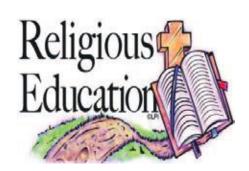
Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chaves

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord ...

#### Archdiocese of Newark

takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-497-3256.

#### CCD News



For more information regarding the CCD program, please call **Regina Sammon** or **Judy Nash** at **(973) 744-2850**  Att: Confirmation Parents: The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st from 8:15a-3:30p.

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**Attention First Communion Parents:** 

The Retreat for all First Communion students is on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am to 12:00noon.

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 Parents and Sacramental Students in 2nd & 8th Grade:
 Don't forget to sign-in!

#### Evangelization

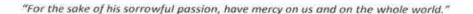
Join us in praying the

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays after the 8:15am Mass,

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.







- First time parent and overwhelmed by the daily responsibilities of your new bundle of joy?
  - Recent NYC transplant looking to have your toddler met new friends?
    - · Searching for volunteer opportunities for your first grader?

#### Join the St. Cassian's Tea & Tots (Play group) Ministry

Our next meeting for St. Cassian's Tea & Tots Ministry is Friday, March 20th at 10:00am in the Youth Room.

FAMILY SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY! Will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 10am to 11:30am in Larkin Hall. Families are invited to join us as we prepare Easter "bags" for children served by Mercy House in Newark. This is an excellent way for our youngest children and their older siblings to share in our Lenten mission to get closer to the Lord through serving others. We need volunteers for assembly on March 28th, but there are also donation opportunities for those who can't make the event itself. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, or for a link to our Sign-Up Genius for donations, please reach out to Rose Farley at irose75@me.com.

For more information, or to be added to our outreach list, please visit <u>stcassianchurch.org/pyc</u> or contact Greg Hann at <u>ghann@stcassianchurch.org</u>.



Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:30pm, Bishop Manuel Cruz, Regional Bishop for Essex County, celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion for those seeking full participation in the sacramental life of the Church through the RCIA. At St. Cassian we have two candidates for full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Please pray for Justin Misurell and Amanda Turcotte as they prepare for full initiation into the Catholic Church!



We will be conducting the Midnight Run on April 25, 2020 and a Breakfast Run on a date to be announced. We are in need of volunteers to help distribute some much needed food and personal items to the homeless in NYC. We are also collecting items.

There will be a box in the vestibule to collect donations of:

SOCKS – white or dark MEN'S UNDERWEAR – sizes 32-44

SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, JUICE BOXES, LIP BALM

#### Of Interest to our Parishioners

### The Mass Intention Book for 2021 is now OPFN.

To arrange for a Mass, please stop by the Parish Office between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm.



St. Cassian RCIA program will began again in October 2020 at 7PM in the Parish Center. If you are not baptized, of a different faith tradition or baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and/or Confirmation please call the parish office or email Greg Hann at <a href="mailto:ghann@stcassianchurch.org">ghann@stcassianchurch.org</a>.

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Stewardship of time and talent

Please use your God-given talents to help St. Cassian Church

<u>HOSPITALITY:</u> We are in need of volunteers during the school year to help with hospitality after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. Volunteers work with a team of 3 and training is provided. The schedule is prepared on a rotational basis. Call Mary to join this FUN ministry: 973-744-2850.

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>: The best thing you can give a child is faith ... share your faith with the children of St. Cassian's parish. To volunteer, speak with Regina Sammon.

Please consider joining one of our many ministries. Use your God-given talents to help our parish. Joining is easy; call the parish office at 973-744-2850, and we will put you in touch with the ministry chairperson. *Many hands make light work!* Thank you.

#### FOOD BASKETS HELP FILL OUR BASKETS!

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting food for Catholic Charities, who will distribute the food to the many food pantries within the Archdiocese. We will be collecting **COFFEE**, **COCOA AND TEA** for the weekend of March 14/15. Please place all items in our food baskets located:

One in church lobby One in the stairwell

On their behalf, we thank you for your generosity. Any non-perishable, packaged items are always welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who contribute to our weekly food collections. Please note, the food pantry will also accept diapers, adult depends and Ensure food supplements.

#### Help is available "IN A PINCH"

When a little help makes a lot of difference, call the Saint Cassian "In a Pinch" Committee! If you need:

- Companionship for shut-ins A ride to Mass
- Transportation to keep a physician's appointment
- A daily or weekly telephone call just to keep in touch
- Meals for families facing illness or hospitalization
- Grocery shopping for families dealing with illness
- Meals for parents and siblings of St. Cassian's "New Babies"

If you think we can help you in any way, just try us. Don't hesitate to contact us at the parish office, 973-744-2850! Volunteers are ready and willing to help.

#### Job Seekers of Montclair

We recommend you look into The Job Seekers of Montclair (held at St. Luke's Church), 73 So. Fullerton Ave (corner of Union St.), which now has a web site with the schedule of events and will be getting more referral links: http://www.jobseekersofmontclair.org. We encourage all to attend the 12-week series for some outside support and advice and training, but more importantly the opportunity to network with a new group of people and volunteers who are interested in helping with networking opportunities.

The meetings cover topics such as "Coping with Change", "Handling Your Finances", etc. Please see the bulletin board for a complete listing of meeting topics. Our next meeting is March 11th from 7:30-9:00pm and we will be presenting a workshop, "Understanding Networking II." Everyone is welcome.



#### St. Cassian School

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Mrs. Maria Llanes, Principal

Telephone (973) 746-1636

#### St. Cassian Celebrates Priest Week, A Unique Experience

The celebration of Priest Week, which commemorates the presence of priests in our school and parish, is a celebration unique to St Cassian School. Priest Week has become a tradition that our students look forward to every year.

During this special week in February, Father Marc visited classes, engaged in classroom lessons, and shared memorable moments with our students. Some of the activities included creating art projects, reading stories, playing games and sharing in the learning experiences. At the end of the week, there was a culminating event featuring photo memories of the week's eventful experiences.

#### Priest Week was a great success and a fun experience for all! Thank you, Father Marc!











### Exciting New Project in Celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Cassian Church

In anticipation of the 125th anniversary of St. Cassian Church, the students and staff of St. Cassian School will be engaged in creating a special documentary depicting the history of our church. We will be working with Mark Bozek, a professional filmmaker whose film, The Times of Bill Cunningham, premieres this month. The completed original film project will be showcased at the parish anniversary celebrations in the Fall.

In order for the project to be a success, we are calling on your support.

#### You can help us in any of the following ways:

- 1. Share your photos and videos/video clips with us! We are looking for any photos or video footage that you may have of St. Cassian Church throughout the last 125 years. Photos/videos may depict the Church, the Sacraments, parish life, parish priests, and so on. When submitting your photos/video clips, please include details about when the photo/video was taken, who is in the photo/video, and what is happening in the photo/video. If you need help scanning the photos or submitting digitally, we can help.
- 2. Share your memorable moments, quotes, or stories with us! We also want to hear about your memories of parish life throughout the years. Do you have a story or quote that sticks out as a significant memory for you? Do you know of any stories or quotes that have been shared with you by others? Write us and let us know! Whether your anecdotes are informative, faith inspiring or funny, we can't wait to hear them!
- 3. Interview with us! Have you and/or your family been with St. Cassian Parish for a long time? Would you say that you and/or your family have many stories and memories about St. Cassian Parish over the years? Or, maybe you've just been at St. Cassian for a short time but have an important story you'd like to share about your experience here. If this sounds like you or you can answer yes to any of the previous questions, consider interviewing with us!

Please note that all media submissions, stories, and interviews may be used and showcased publically in the documentary project. If you can help us, please send your photos, videos, stories, moments, quotes, or a note about your willingness to interview with us to Mrs. Courtney Ceponis and/or Mrs. Maria Llanes at 125documentary@stcassianschool.org or call the school office at 973-746-1636 by March 1st!



#### Anniversary Liturgies 2020

The Archdiocese is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, as follows:

April 19

3:00pm

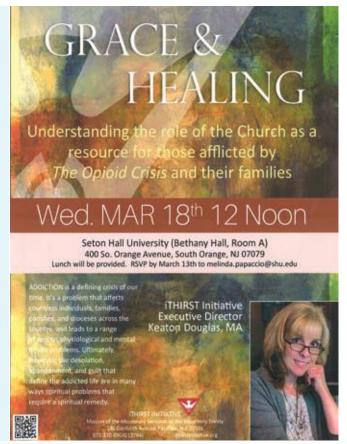
5 years & 25 years

May 3

3:00pm

50 years

If you would like to register for an Anniversary Liturgy, please contact Eileen Ziegler at the Parish Office, parishoffice@stcassianchurch.org. or 973-744-2850.



St. Cassian School 5th Annual

5K & Fun Run

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Brookdale Park, Bloomfield NJ 07003

Fun Run - 8:30am (early bird rate \$15\*)

5K - 9:00am (early bird rate \$25\*)

\*Prices increase March 11th

#### REGISTRATION:

https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Bloomfield/SaintCassian5K

Race will be held rain or shine!

For more information: stcassian5k@gmail.com

#### **Catholic School Parents**

Some of you might not be aware that Catholic Education in our Archdiocesan Schools is subsidized by the Archdiocese of Newark. Parishioners belonging to parishes within the Archdiocese pay less in tuition because they are parishioners. The discount is usually about \$900-\$1,000 per student.

This subsidy, however, comes from the parishes of the Archdiocese through an assessment of the parishes' revenue. At St. Cassian Parish, our assessment is 18% and part of that goes to school subsidies across the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese asks that those who receive the Parishioner Discount be active, participating and contributing members of their parish. Each year, parents of school children are required to have a Parishioner Verification Form (PVF) signed by parents and their pastor attesting to the fact that they are active, participating and contributing parishioners in order to receive the parishioner discount. Equally important is your weekly presence at Mass.

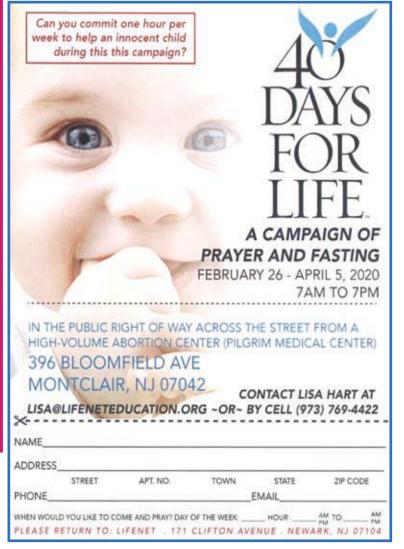
I believe that it is completely reasonable to ask parishioners who receive a tuition discount to at least annually contribute the amount of tuition that they are discounted per child. In all fairness, we should not expect others to pay the discount through the assessments. At the same time, I cannot sign the PVF allowing families to receive a discount if they are not offsetting the discount itself. Please consider this when making your parish contributions.

Blessings, Fr. Marc A. Vicari, Pastor





Pray the Rosary Pray for Peace



#### Around the Archdiocese

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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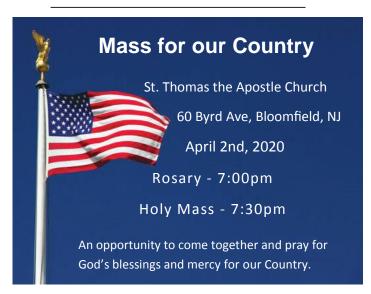
For more information, call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or by email at:

mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com Or visit our website: www.wwme.org

#### Is Your Marriage Valid?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel, and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission).

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.



#### For Parents who have suffered the loss of a Child

The needs of parents who have suffered the loss of a child are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child. The groups are led by trained facilitators ~ parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet at:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, and

St. Peter the Apostle Church, rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ on the Third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

There is no fee to participate and pre-registration is not needed. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327. or email: egan-laur@rcan.org for additional information.

#### A Message from PSE&G

Important News About Payment Assistance

Have you and your family been struggling to pay your gas and electric bills? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund may be able to help you pay your winter heating and PSE&G bills. Applications will be accepted until July 31st, 2020. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low-income programs, moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs, may provide the help you need.

For more information, or to find out how to apply, call "211" which is available 7 days a week, or visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish)





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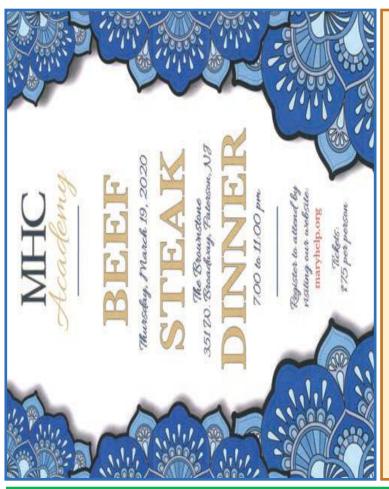
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# St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Saint Mary's Church

17 Monsignor Owens Place, Nutley, NJ

## The Novena:

Tuesday, March 10 to Wednesday, March 18 @ 7pm in Church

# Solemnity of St. Joseph, Solemn Mass

Thursday, March 19 @7pm

# The St. Joseph Altar, Table and Dinner:

limited number of tickets for the dinner will be sold at \$10 per person. Following the Solemn Mass on March 19th, all are invited to the St. Joseph Altar, Table and Dinner to be held in Msgr. Walsh Hall. A You must purchase a ticket for admission to the dinner.

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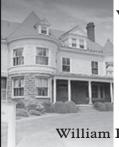
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