

# SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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## Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM; 9:30AM; 11:30AM

**Weekdays:** Tuesday through Saturday: 8:15AM

**Holydays:** 8:15AM and as announced

### Office Information:

#### Served by:

Rev. Steven D'Andrea, Parish Administrator  
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Kulig, Weekend Assistant  
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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00am—3:30 pm

**OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation, formerly RCIA) Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation? Call the parish office for details.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated one Sunday each month except during Advent, Lent and the summer months. In order to baptize your child at St. Cassian, the family must be registered parishioners. Parents, and godparents if available, must attend a preparation class (7:00 PM) prior to the date of baptism (1:00PM). Once registered, contact the Parish Office, (973) 744-2850, to make arrangements for the date of baptism. See schedule within Scan here to download Parish Registration Form



Arrangements to celebrate the **Sacrament of Marriage** must be made at least one year before the desired date. Do not make firm plans for the reception prior to speaking with a priest. Call the Parish Office, (973) 744-2850, to speak with a priest.

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** brings the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. It is not necessary to wait until the point of death for anointing. Contact a priest through the Parish Office, (973) 744-2850.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday between 4:15PM-5:00PM in the church or at another time convenient to the priest and penitent.



## Mass Intentions for the Week of February 25

### For those who are ill:

Cassie Lopolus	Marcia Mann
John Anderson	Leigh Major
Alesia Maria Andras	Sr. Idoia Martinez
Michael Andrews	John McCarthy
Ray Aumack	Patricia Melo
Mary Blatz	Mary McGuire
Leo Botwin	Frank Mongioi
Frank Briamont	Guiseppa Mongioi
Gustavo Caceres & family	Maria Mongioi
JoAnne Callahan	Thomas Nelson
Grace Zafonte Callum	Dr. David Pallotta
Dominek Capela	Mildred Pasino
Frank Caprio	Rosemary Raleigh
Marilyn Castellano	Ronald Rego
Rose Ciafullo	Dr. Lorraine Reyes
Joe Cultrara	Jaxson Rivera
Agnes D'Aria	Rhonda Sen
James Gannon	Elizabeth Smith
Mae Garcia	Olaf Stechow
Virgilio Geulen	Dennis Swanson
Dan Greiner	Lindsay Trembulak
Steve Grube	Amelia Zoino
Jennifer Gullace	
Joyce Hakimian	
David Hogan	
Noel Jordan	

<b>Sunday February 25th</b> Second Sunday in Lent	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	John & Dolores Kelly People of the Parish Gloria E. Schmey Ernest & Rose Caruso Badaracco
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
<b>Monday Feb. 26th</b> Lenten Weekday	Elizabeth Anne Wikoff	
<b>Tuesday Feb. 27th</b> St. Gregory of Narek	Theresa DeBrita	
<b>Wednesday Feb. 28th</b> Lenten Weekday	Jim McHugh	
<b>Thursday Feb. 29th</b> Lenten Weekday	Edward F. Gaffney	
<b>Friday Mar. 1st</b> Lenten Weekday	Jean-Pierre Gali	
<b>Saturday Mar. 2nd</b> Lenten Weekday	Lucy Hagerty	
<b>Sunday Mar. 3rd</b> Third Sunday of Lent	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	People of the Parish Robert Grassi Mary Serock Patsy Forbes

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF  
RICHARD J. COUGHLIN

### For those who have died:

Marilyn F. Johnson, Christian Smeets

Please remember these names in your daily prayers.

### ROSARY INTENTIONS...

<i>Monday</i>	For safety and freedom for the people of Ukraine
<i>Tuesday</i>	All military and protective services especially in areas of violence; protect them, grant peace to their loved ones
<i>Wednesday</i>	Respect for sanctity of life from conception to natural death
<i>Thursday</i>	Unity among churches and nations
<i>Friday</i>	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life; all parishioners living and deceased

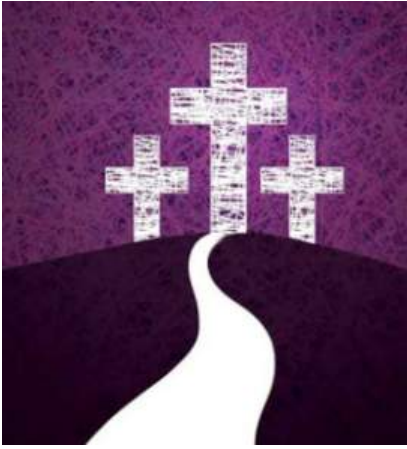
### Baptism Schedule

April 2024	Baptism	April 14th
	Class	April 9th

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON.</b>	Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
<b>TUES.</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
<b>WED.</b>	Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28
<b>THUR.</b>	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
<b>FRI.</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>SAT.</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>SUN.</b>	Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

May 2024	Baptism	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Class	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
June 2024	Baptism	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
	Class	June 4 <sup>th</sup>



## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

The purpose of Lent is above all a preparation to rejoice in God's love. It is our chance to assess our progress and consider ways to grow in a relationship with Jesus.

We are now beginning our second week. How are you doing? Did you get off to a smooth or a rocky start? The first couple of days of Lent are similar to starting up at the gym. It is difficult at first. But you do feel better that you did it. If you have not started, it is never too late.

If getting our physical body in shape is difficult, then we also realize that we may have difficulty getting our spiritual side in shape. Constantly resisting, kicking at everything is going to make life more complicated, difficult, hard. Sometimes we have to accept that our emotional, spiritual life gets out of gear just as if your tummy had got out of gear. Accepting patiently the reality of the situation will take the worst out of it. As for purifications to come, we must be ready to see the weeds growing in our own garden and have the courage to see them pulled up and to pull them up ourselves.

Lent is a season for spiritual gardening. Jesus counsels disciples to leave the wheat and the weeds together until the harvest. Good and evil are closely related, for virtue is often the flip side of vice. Envy is the shadow of emulation, patience a mere stone's throw from lethargy, and stubbornness the downside of determination. If we pull out the weeds of our souls, we risk uprooting the wheat. During Lent we prune our habits rather than plow them under.

Source: Following Jesus

### Stations of the Cross

Around the fifteenth century, Christians began the practice of prayerfully meditating on the Passion of Christ by reproducing that pilgrimage in miniature in what eventually became known as the Stations of the Cross. Here are the Stations as they have traditionally been presented from the 17th through the 20th century. 1. Pilate condemns Jesus to die. 2. Jesus accepts his cross. 3. Jesus falls for the first time. 4. Jesus meets his mother, Mary. 5. Simon helps carry the cross. 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. 7. Jesus falls for the second time. 8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. 9. Jesus falls for the third time. 10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes. 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross. 12. Jesus dies on the cross. 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.. 14. Jesus is place in the tomb.

In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a form of the Stations of the Cross more closely linked to events recorded in the Scriptures. 1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. 2. Jesus, betrayed by Judas, is arrested. 3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin. 4. Jesus is denied by Peter. 5. Jesus is judged by Pilate. 6. Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns. 7. Jesus bears the cross. 8. Jesus is helped by Simon to carry the Cross. 9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. 10. Jesus is crucified. 11. Jesus promises his kingdom to the good thief. 12. Jesus speaks to his mother and the disciple. 13. Jesus dies on the cross. 14. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

The Vatican publishes a guide that you can download . It contains prior years meditation topics that the Pope used on past Good Fridays. [https://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/documents/index\\_via-crucis\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/documents/index_via-crucis_en.html)

#### Our Parish Schedule for the Stations of the Cross

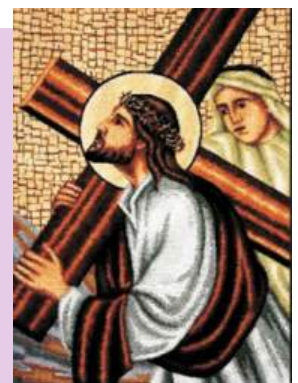
Every Friday after the 8:15 AM Mass

Feb. 23rd– 7 pm “Through the Eyes of Mary” read by parishioners

Mar. 1st—7pm read by the Knights of Columbus \*\*\*\*\*

Mar. 19th—1 pm and 7pm “The Living Stations of the Cross” by the St. Cassian School children

\*\*\* Revision





## MAKING PRETZELS—A TRADITIONAL LENTEN ACTIVITY

The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. In fact, it was the ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat. They made small breads of water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms for in those days they crossed their arms over the breast while praying. Therefore they called the breads "little arms" (bracellae). From this Latin word, the Germanic people later coined the term "pretzel."

Thus the pretzel is the most appropriate food symbol in Lent. It still shows the form of arms crossed in prayer, reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. It consists only of water and flour, thus proclaiming Lent as a time of fasting. The earliest picture and description of a pretzel (from the fifth century) may be found in the manuscript-codex No. 3867, Vatican Library.

That many people eat pretzels today all through the year, that they take them together with beer in taverns and restaurants, is only an accidental habit. In many places of Europe, pretzels are served only from Ash Wednesday to Easter, thus keeping the ancient symbolism alive. Check out a recipe at [www.catholicicing.com](http://www.catholicicing.com).

Lent pretzel prayer Dear God, we ask you to bless these pretzels which we are about to eat. Each time we eat them may we be reminded that this is the season of Lent, a time of prayer. Help us to remember to pray for those who need our prayers each day. Keep your loving arms around us, O God, to protect us. In Jesus's name, Amen.



**Help on your Lenten Journey** Pick one or more of these QR codes and find something you can connect with.



### Hallow- Pray 40 Challenge

Walk through spiritual classic "He Leadeth Me" written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.



### Instrumental Music

Quiet, soothing instrumental background music for reading, praying or just relaxing in the Lord.



### Catholic Mom - Meatless Friday Recipes

30 pages of meatless recipes not just for Fridays during Lent. Includes kid friendly recipes, soups, vegetables, all kinds of fish, pizzas, sandwiches, fast and more involved dishes. You can use these all year long.



### Catholic Mom - Coloring Pages for Lent, Saints and Feast Days

You can't beat some coloring pages to occupy the little ones when you'd like to take some time out for yourself.



### Sacred Space

A prayer for every day of the year.

# NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

## Hospitality

Volunteers are still needed  
 No need to commit to every Sunday.  
 Contact Mary Cavagnaro at (973) 744-2850 or [mary@stcassianchurch.org](mailto:mary@stcassianchurch.org) for more info and available dates.



## PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

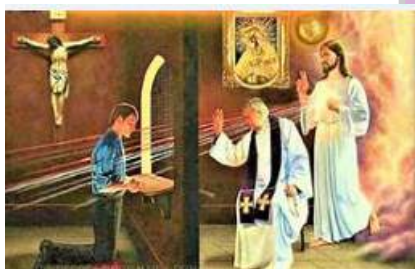
We will be collecting canned good and sugar and any of the usual items we collect on the weekend of Mar. 2/3.



Thank you for your continued generosity.



**EMs Lectors and Altar Servers**  
 Kindly respond promptly to weekly assignment email reminders. Thank You.



## Reconciliation

Tuesday  
 Mar. 12 6 –8 pm  
 Mar. 19 6-8 pm  
 Every Saturday 4:15—5 PM

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**  
**DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING**

Please pray and fast on March 1st (First Friday) for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb in NJ and for an end to abortion. Fasting can be from food, media, etc. as you are able. The goal is to get 500 people praying monthly for the unborn in NJ. Prayer changes things!!  
 Add your name to the tally each month at: [EqualRightsforBabiesintheWomb.com/prayerandfasting/](http://EqualRightsforBabiesintheWomb.com/prayerandfasting/)

SIGNS OF STEWARDSHIP	Gift of Treasure 2/3-2/4
<i>Minimum weekly needed</i>	\$16,250
<i>Regular Weekly Collection</i>	\$5,458
<i>Faith Direct Average</i>	\$6,765
<i>Weekly Total</i>	\$12,223

## Home Visits

If you are unable to come to church or if you know a relative or friend who finds it difficult to come to church, let us know. We have many dedicated and caring Eucharistic Ministers who would be happy to bring Communion to you or to your loved ones who are homebound. Fr. Steve would be more than happy to make a visit to someone's home if they wish to go to confession, receive communion or receive the anointing of the sick. Call the Parish Office if you would like someone to visit you at home.



The Montclair Knights of Columbus Council is offering its organization's Spiritual Planner, **Vivat Jesus**, free of charge to parishioners. **Vivat Jesus** is a pocket sized planner and prayer book that includes monthly calendars for 2024, space to write out your prayer plan each month, and suggested devotions and practices based on the liturgical calendar. To order please email your request to [christopher747@gmail.com](mailto:christopher747@gmail.com) with your name, mailing address and telephone number.

## Part-Time Parish Job Opportunity

Seeking a qualified candidate to support the weekly bulletin, parish website, and parish communications. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Keri Misurell at (973) 744-2850 or by email at [kmisurell@Stcassianchurch.org](mailto:kmisurell@Stcassianchurch.org)

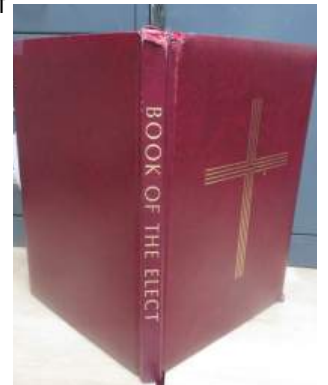
# Rite of Continuing Conversion OCIA



On the first week end of Lent, three candidates from our parish OCIA program attended the “Rite of Election” at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark. They gathered with those seeking either Baptism or full Communion with the Church to celebrate another step on the journey. This was the largest group participating in the ceremony since 2010.

From early centuries, adults seeking baptism (they’re called catechumens) gathered together with other catechumens for instruction and formation in the faith. When their formation reached their final stages, the community presented them to the bishop who, at the beginning of Lent, in a ceremony called Rite of Election, formally accepted them as candidates. They came forward one by one to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. And that is what they did.

For many centuries, the rituals by which adults gradually became members of the Church fell into disuse. These rituals were restored in 1972 and called RCIA. In 2021, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops decided to change RCIA to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).



Deacon Roberto, Meghan DiGiamo (sponsor), Anthony Paradiso-OCIA candidate, Peyton Kinney –OCIA Candidate, Anthony Pessolano (sponsor).



Mrs. McCoy (Dee Dee’s grandmother), DeeDee McCoy (OCIA Candidate), Meghan DiGiamo (OCIA), Agnes Dembia (sponsor), Deacon Roberto.



In last week’s bulletin, there was an article by Fr. Matt Pawlikowski about “5 Things You should know about the Sign of the Cross”. He was also attending the OCIA with his cadets from West Point who were being initiated into the Rite of Election. He just happens to be holding last week’s bulletin in his hand.....(Another God incident )

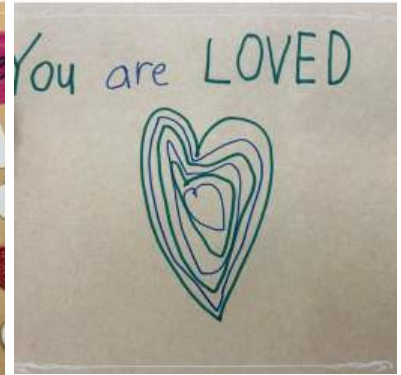


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THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

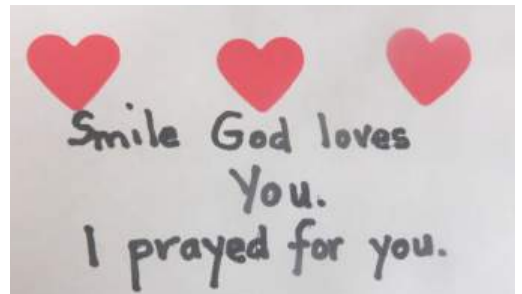
Sloane Diana Robling  
Child of Jack and Susan Robling  
with older brother Reid



# Valentine's Day 2024: Love in Action



Faith Formation and the St. Cassian School students have been hard at work creating loving and encouraging messages for people who might otherwise feel alone or forgotten on Valentine's Day. Handmade cards were hand-delivered to the retired Sisters of Charity at Convent Station in Morristown, the retired priests at Monsignor Kelly Residence in Caldwell, senior residents of Job Hains Home in Bloomfield. Handmade placemats brightened up guests of Toni's Kitchen. We are grateful to the students, teachers and families who supported this effort and look forward to future opportunities to serve the community.





# Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration



Students from the St. Cassian School and CCD program stepped up to the challenge and created their own version of a grotto to honor Our Lady of Lourdes. Even some adults participated. Grottos were created using a variety of materials including paper plates and bowls, paper, felt markers, colored pencils, gems, popsicle sticks, clay, stones, cardboard, paint, a flashlight, and yarn. The art work will be on display until the end of the month. Check out the creativity of our students.



Mrs. Melchiorre's 2nd grade CCD class filled a flower pot with yellow roses for the grotto. Yellow roses were at the feet of Our Lady of Lourdes when she appeared to St. Bernadette.

Joseph Cavagnaro decorated the fence by the grotto with blue and white flags.



We had mini cupcakes with icing to resemble roses at hospitality on Sunday. This was a suggestion of a CCD student. The roses were at the feet of Our Lady when she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes. We also had pretzel sticks that signified the firewood that Bernadette was collecting when she came upon the visitation by the Blessed Mother.



## 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made you pledge and/or donation. Your support, whatever you can afford, is central to the mission of our faith. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church.





**Archdiocese of Newark**  
**Office of Family Life Ministry**

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

June 2, 2024      12:00 PM      50 years (All counties)

May 5, 2024      12:00 PM      5 years & 25 years (All counties)

If you are still playing "catch-up" with your celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join us as well. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021 (or even if they missed 2022 or 2023), the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

If you would like to attend one of these masses, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office or in the collection basket. We will send it to the Family Life Office for you and they will acknowledge receipt of your registration and send you any additional information, directions, etc.

**2024 Anniversary Liturgies Registration Form**

Couple's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Couple's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting Parish: St. Cassian Parish City: Upper Montclair

Celebrating Our: \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Anniversary All Counties June 2nd– 12:00 PM (due May 24th)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All Counties May 5th - 12:00 PM (due April 29th)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Anniversary All Counties May 5th - 12:00 PM (due April 29)



Sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Dominic and centered at the Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse, the Lumen Center invites all to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, study and action grounded in the contemplation of God, justice and the sacredness of the Earth. The sacred space of the

Motherhouse adds greatly to the beauty of our events. Our schedule includes day/evening programs, days of retreat, scripture study and dialogue about our responsibility in using the Earth's resources.

Check out the web site at [www.caldwellop.org](http://www.caldwellop.org)

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# I've got to hand it to you



You may have surmised that Father Steve likes religious icons. We have used pictures of them several times in the weekly bulletin and also displayed them in the church. There was much discussion concerning the picture of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, specifically the positioning of Jesus's right hand.

Well it turns out that each gesture has a specific meaning. It is no wonder we can't always understand them: they're written in Greek. Classical Greeks and Romans developed a well-established, quite complex hand-gesture code, which was used by both orators and rhetoricians alike, when they were giving speeches in the agora or the Senate, during their private addresses, or even in the classroom.

The gestures accompanying the oratory, of course, were a matter of public knowledge at the time. That is, they were quite common and understood by almost everybody. But not by us!

It is not surprising that the first Christian icon painters used this repertoire of hand gestures in their paintings of Christ, saints and angels. For example, in icons of the Annunciation, the Archangel Gabriel is generally shown with his hand raised in the same way Roman rhetoricians raised their hand when indicating they were about to start an important sentence. In Greek Orthodox iconography, as also in early Christian iconography, the gesture of the blessing hand actually shapes the letters IC XC, an abbreviation for the Greek words Jesus (IHCOYC) Christ (XPICTOC) which includes the first and last and last letter of each word. The hand that blesses reproduces, with gestures, the Name of Jesus. The "Name above every name". In addition to shaping letters, the gesture of blessing made by Christ also conveys doctrinal truths. The three fingers used to spell the I and X also represent the Trinity, the Unity of One God in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The bringing the thumb and the ring finger together to touch not only forms the letter C, but also symbolized the Incarnation, the union of the divine and human natures in the person of Christ. Source: aleteia.org



## Why Fold hands during prayer?

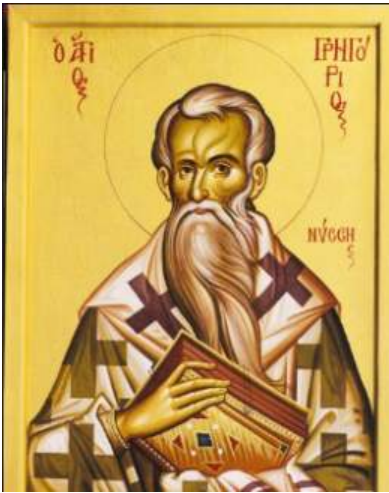
So, what to do about those awkward hands that appear so vexsome during Mass? Where do we put them? The *Caereemoniale Episcoporum* (1985) in the paragraph *De manibus iunctis* is clear about the Catholic posture concerning the folding of the hands during Mass and prayer:

"When it says with hands folded, it is to be understood in this way: palms extended and joined together in front of the breast, with the right thumb over the left in the form of a cross" (#107, n.80)"



Another form, long in tradition, and also reverent while standing (pressed gently against the waist), as well as in kneeling, is hands **clasped** in prayer with thumbs forming a Cross ... although we hasten to add that this form is not *uniquely* Catholic.

In a word, there are gestures and postures, that we assume as Catholics that others do not. They are signs distinctly, uniquely — and historically — associated with Catholics. It is what Catholics do. It is part of our identity of being a Catholic. We have Crucifixes with the Corpus Figure of Christ on them, rather than plain Crosses. We have Rosaries. Up to 40 years ago we bowed our heads whenever the Sacred Name of Jesus was uttered. We struck our breasts in reciting the Confiteor, made the Sign of the Cross before we went into the water or upon any undertaking. These things do not necessarily identify us as Catholics, but they are unmistakably signs of Catholics. Source: www.boston-catholic-journal.com



### Saint Gregory of Narek—Feb. 27

Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977.

A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as “an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations.” This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985.

Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis

concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church. His liturgical feast is celebrated on February 27.



### Please Join Us for a Lenten Book Club

We will read and discuss ***Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly**, a collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

*Beautiful Eucharist* is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world. We will meet in **Larkin Hall on Wednesdays @ 7 pm on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>**. To register and to

pick up a copy of the book, please call or stop by the Parish Office.



### Please Join Us for a Lenten Meditation Series

Evening sessions are part of a six-week series -- registration is required and there is a suggested offering of \$20 to cover the cost of the book that will be given to each participant. To register, please call the parish office or visit the parish website “Events” section.

Tuesdays – Six week series, one hour sessions -- @ 7 pm - 8 pm: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19

**Tuesdays**– Drop in, thirty-minute sessions -- @ 3:30 - 4 pm: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 \*\*\*\*\*

Thursdays – Drop in, thirty-minute sessions @ 9:15 - 9:45 am: 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21

All sessions will be held in Church. Dress comfortably. \*\*\*\*\* Revised Dates



*Nowhere are you (Jesus) more hidden than in the Eucharist. When I approach your tabernacle, my senses seek in vain for a sign of your sovereign presence, and I behold you there—silent as in Mary’s womb, motionless as in the sepulcher, immolated as on the cross.*

**Servant of God Luis Maria Martinez**



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As a fundraiser in support of the arts at SCS, the original works will be  
available for purchase by the parents of students.

# Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus.

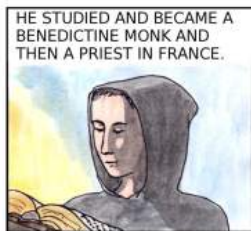


Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!

# Saint Oswald February 28



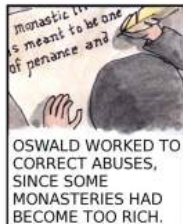
OSWALD WAS BORN IN THE 900'S. HE WAS FROM A DANISH FAMILY, BUT WAS RAISED BY HIS UNCLE IN ENGLAND, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.



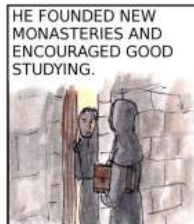
HE STUDIED AND BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK AND THEN A PRIEST IN FRANCE.



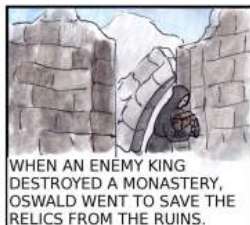
WHEN HE WENT BACK TO ENGLAND HE WAS MADE A BISHOP.



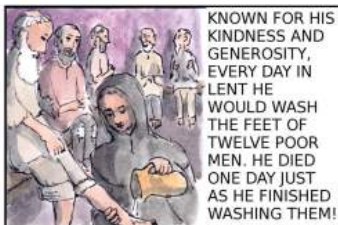
OSWALD WORKED TO CORRECT ABUSES, SINCE SOME MONASTERIES HAD BECOME TOO RICH.



HE FOUNDED NEW MONASTERIES AND ENCOURAGED GOOD STUDYING.



WHEN AN ENEMY KING DESTROYED A MONASTERY, OSWALD WENT TO SAVE THE RELICS FROM THE RUINS.



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# Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2024

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly His became dazzling white, like the sun. He began to speak with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside Him. were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build : one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah?" Then a came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then only was there with them. Coming down the , He told not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

## ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God?             
3-3=     

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

He                       and            a  
3+4=           6+4=           5-1=     

5-3=           1+5=     

- |         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| 0 YES   | 4 SENT    | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO    | 5 KILLED  | 9 SWORD  |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM   |
| 3 COW   | 7 STOPPED |          |





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