

SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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
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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 March 17

For those who are ill:

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

Sunday Mar. 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	James C. Welsh Sophia McCoach People of the Parish Neal Joseph Touhill, Jr.
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
Monday Mar. 18th St. Cyril	Dr. Philip Jasper	
Tuesday Mar. 19th St. Joseph	Kenneth McCoach	
Wednesday Mar. 20th Lenten Weekday	Jarret Smith	
Thursday Mar. 21st Lenten Weekday	Jim McHugh	
Friday Mar. 22nd Lenten Weekday	William Feiler	
Saturday Mar. 23rd St. Turibius of Mongrovejo	Beryl Conroy	
Sunday Mar. 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	Joseph Paolucci People of the Parish Bernie Maas Mary D. (Deedie) Burnett

For those who have died: Grace Cullum, Giuseppe Mongioi

THE ALTAR BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM FEILER

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM FEILER

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

MON.	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11
TUES.	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
WED.	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42
THUR.	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59
FRI.	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42
SAT.	Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56
SUN.	Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

May 2024	Baptism	May 12 th
	Class	May 7 th
June 2024	Baptism	June 9 th
	Class	June 4 th



Happy Saint Patrick's Day



St. Patrick—Mar. 17

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, known for bringing Christianity to the country. He lived in the fifth century and was actually born in Roman Britain—not Ireland! When he was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and was sent as a slave to present-day Northern Ireland where he became a shepherd. He grew close to his Christian faith during these difficult years and then went on and spread Christianity to the Irish through baptism and confirmation.

Hundreds of years after his death, several legends became popularized about this religious figure. One of these includes the famous story of St. Patrick driving the snakes from Ireland. But the explanation for there being no snakes in Ireland is simply that there's never been snakes in Ireland!

Across the pond, March 17 is a holy day of obligation for Irish Catholics, typically observed by attending mass in the morning. Of course, there's still room for typical St. Patrick's Day festivities—like dancing, drinking, and eating traditional Irish food—after church services conclude!

Ireland wasn't always associated with the color green. Even though its lush hills would suggest otherwise, the Emerald Isle was actually once aligned with the color blue instead. When Henry the VIII claimed himself to be king of Ireland in the 1500s, his flag was blue, meaning that Ireland was also associated with the color. However, green was later used as the color of the flag in the Great Irish Rebellion of 1641 when the Irish fought against the English. Over the years, green became a national symbol of pride for Ireland.

Wearing green clothes became common in the U.S. at St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations in the 1800s. It was a symbol that Irish-Americans used to honor their heritage and seems to have stuck all these years later.

Fifth Week of Lent

Easter is only two weeks away. Until the introduction of the new liturgical calendar in 1969, these final two weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide, and they commemorated the increasing revelation of Christ's divinity, as well as His movement toward Jerusalem, which He enters on Palm Sunday and where His passion will take place starting on the night of Holy Thursday.

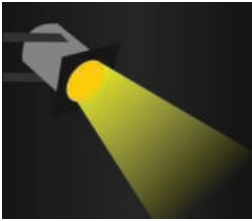
This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week.

National Girl Scout Sunday



Sunday March 10 was the official national Girl Scout Sunday. It is part of Girl Scout Week, which is a national effort to recognize the founding of Girl Scouts on March 12, 1912. The purpose of Girl Scout Sunday is to emphasize the importance of the Girl Scout promise and specifically to reflect upon the meaning of the word, "to serve God". Father Steve bestowed a special blessing on the Girl Scouts at the end of Mass. Pictured are Girl

Scouts from the parish and their fellow troop members who attended Mass on Girl Scout Sunday.



Spotlight on Faith Formation

Journey Toward Confirmation



On Thursday, March 7th, over 50 Confirmation candidates from St. Cassian School and the Faith Formation Program attended a full-day retreat at the Vocationist

Fathers Retreat and Conference Center in Florham Park. NJ-based Fiat Ventures is our long time partner and retreat facilitator. Their "Not Too Young: Confirmation Retreat Program" is specifically tailored to meeting youth where they are on their faith journey. Activities were highly interactive, involving music, games, and lots of fun.

A theme of the retreat is that youth are not too young to make important decisions about faith and morality. The

overarching call to action is that we say "Yes!" to God's invitation to a personal relationship with him and to cultivate a personal relationship with God throughout our lives. Youth were encouraged to be authentic – to identify each of their unique God-given talents and gifts and to share those with the world. Being a disciple – embracing God and being an example to others through decisions and actions modeled on Jesus – is another goal. Attendees also learned about several saints to remind them that we are all saints in the making – ordinary people called by God to live with mission and love.

Father Steve officiated a beautiful mass as part of the retreat. He emphasized the fact that God loves us all and wants to be a part of our lives. His encouragement to "keep an open heart and mind" and to allow Jesus into our lives resonated with adults and youth alike. Father Steve also participated in adoration with the youth. This time of prayer and reflection was an opportunity for the youth to communicate with Jesus and to experience how loved they are by God, their families, and the St. Cassian community.

May God continue to bless the St. Cassian Confirmation candidates and their families.

Sincerely,

Keri Misurell

Director of Faith Formation



Lenten Service Project for Confirmation Candidates

As part of their sacramental service, Confirmation candidates are asked to collect baby supplies to donate to local service organizations. We are inviting the parish to participate in this almsgiving effort. There is a display in Larkin Hall with tags identifying the items needed. The items are : diapers, (size 3-5 T) baby wipes and formula. Please take a tag. The drop off place is Larkin Hall by March 21. Please call the office before arriving. Thank You for your continued generosity.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday **Saturday, March 23** 4:15 Confessions
5:30 PM Mass

Sunday, March 24
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Mass

Tuesday **March 26** 8:15 AM Mass

Wednesday **March 27** 8:15 AM Mass

TRIDUUM 2024

Holy Thursday **March 28** 8:15 Morning Prayer
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration will be held
in Larkin Hall until 10:00 PM

Good Friday **March 29** 8:15 Morning Prayer
3 PM Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday **March 30** 8:15 Morning Prayer
1 PM Easter Food Blessing
Please note there is no 5:30 PM Mass.
Regular Confessions will not be heard.
8 PM Mass Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday **March 31**
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM 11:30 AM Mass



Wear RED for Palm Sunday! It is the liturgical color. Red is seen as a symbol of love and is traditionally used on Palm Sunday to represent the Lord's willing suffering for humanity.

SIGNS OF STEWARDSHIP	Gift of Treasure 2/24-2/25
<i>Minimum weekly needed</i>	\$16,250
<i>Regular Weekly Collection</i>	\$5,966
<i>Faith Direct Average</i>	\$6,765
<i>Weekly Total</i>	\$12,731

PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

We will be collecting cleaning items and any of the usual items we collect on the weekend of Mar. 23/23 and 30/31.



Thank you for your continued generosity.

Confessions

Tuesday 3/19 6-8 PM
Saturday 3/23 4:15 - 5 PM

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.

Part-Time Parish Job Opportunity

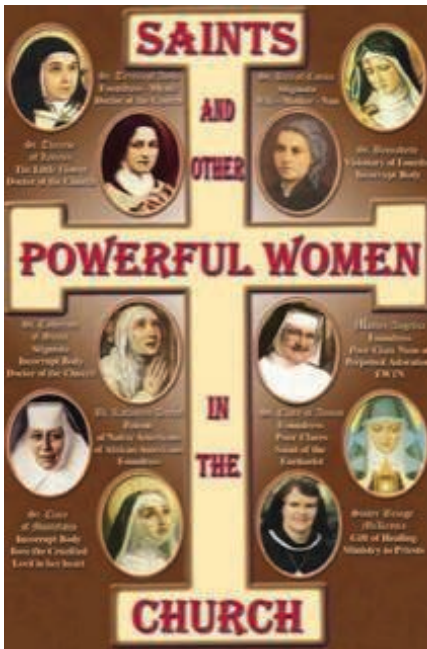
Seeking a qualified candidate to support the weekly bulletin, parish website, and parish communications. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Keri Misurell at (973) 744-2850 or by email at kmisurell@Stcassianchurch.org

Women's History Month project: Who is your favorite Female Saint ?

Besides coinciding with Lent, the month of March offers us a reason to celebrate female saints. U.S. presidents have proclaimed March "**Women's History Month**" since 1987. The movement to more formally honor women's contributions to society started in the 1970s. We would like to recognize Female Saints that have a special meaning for you in our parish.

Create a poster of your favorite Female Saint. We will display it in Larkin Hall.

- Draw a picture or cut out a picture of the saint.
- Include a brief write-up about the saint.
- Posters will be accepted throughout March but we encourage submission by 3/17.
- Submit posters to :parish office or to your child's Faith Formation teacher .



The title of this book intrigued me. It fit right in with our project for Women's History Month. The book is written by Bob & Penny Lord. Starting in the upper right hand corner and going clockwise the women are:

St Rita of Cascia Stigmata Wife Mother Nun

St. Bernadette Visionary of Lourdes Incorrupt Body

Mother Angelica Foundress Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration EWTN

St. Clare of Assisi Foundress Poor Clares Saint of the Eucharist

Sister Briege Mc Kenna Gift of Healing Ministry to Priests

St. Clare of Montefalco Incorrupt body Bore the Crucified Lord in Her Heart

St. Katharine Drexel Patron of Native Americans and of African Americans Foundress

St. Catherine of Siena Stigmata Incorrupt Body Doctor of the Church

St. Therese of Lisieux The Little Flower Doctor of the Church

St. Teresa of Avila Foundress—Mystic Doctor of the Church

Definition of Terms:

Doctor of the Church

(Latin: doctor "teacher"), also referred to as Doctor of the Universal Church (Latin: Doctor Ecclesiae Universalis), is a title given by the Catholic Church to saints recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study, or writing. Along with significant theological contribution, the person must also display a high degree of sanctity, which is why all church doctors are also canonized saints. A third requirement to be named a doctor of the church is formal proclamation as such by the pope or an ecumenical council. As of 2024, the Catholic Church has named 37 Doctors of the Church. Among the 37 recognized Doctors, 28 are from the West and nine from the East; four are women and thirty-three are men.

The one not identified on the cover is Hildegard of Bingen 1098, a polymath (person of wide range knowledge or learning), composer, visionary, theologian, abbess OSB, physician philosopher.

Stigmata (singular stigma) is a term used by members of the Christian faith to describe bodily marks, sores, or sensations of pain in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ, such as the hands, wrists, and feet.

For more definition of terms you can go online to look them up.



St. Joseph—Mar. 19

After the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is the greatest of the saints. He is the one “into whose custody God entrusted his most precious treasures,” Jesus and Mary. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Custodiamus et Custodiamur*, Pope St. John Paul II elaborates on this statement of Pope Leo XIII, as it touches upon Mary and Joseph’s vocation with respect to the Incarnation of the Eternal Word,

[This is] the mystery in which Joseph of Nazareth “shared” like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word. He shared in it with her; he was involved in the same salvific event; he was the guardian of the same love, through the power of which the eternal Father “destined us to be his sons through Jesus Christ” (Eph 1:5).

And later, Mary is the Lord’s humble servant, prepared from eternity for the task of being the Mother of God. Joseph is the one whom God chose to be the “overseer of the Lord’s birth”, the one who has the responsibility to look after the Son of God’s “ordained” entry into the world, in accordance with divine dispositions and human laws (Custodian of the Redeemer). The Church therefore honors St. Joseph on March 19th for his faithfulness to God, and to his vocation as Custodian of the Redeemer.

The Feast of St. Joseph, or *La Festa di San Giuseppe*, (which happens to be Father Steve’s confirmation name) is celebrated with food and drink. The holiday’s roots date back to the Middle Ages, when Sicily underwent a major drought that threatened a famine. The locals prayed to their patron saint to bring them relief in the form of rain. In exchange, they promised to honor St. Joseph (the husband of the Virgin Mary) with a proper banquet. Sure enough, he answered their prayers. In return, they feasted on local foods like fava beans, which thrived after the rain, as well as many sweets. Since the feast occurs in the middle of Lent, it is a meatless celebration.

According to cookbook author and chef Lidia Bastianich, on St. Joseph’s Day, Italian tables are filled with fig dishes, including fig cookies. (St. Joseph also happens to be the patron saint of pastry chefs.) Zeppole or Sfinge—dough fritters covered in sugar—are also traditionally eaten on this day. Depending on where they are consumed, they can



St. Cyril Mar. 18

Cyril’s life began a few years before Arianism (the heresy that Jesus was not divine or one in being with the Father) and he lived to see its suppression and condemnation at the end of his life. In between he was the victim of many of the power struggles that took place.

We know little about Cyril’s early life. Historians estimate he was born about 315 and that he was brought up in Jerusalem. He speaks about the appearance of the sites of the Nativity and Holy Sepulchre before they were “improved” by human hands as if he were a witness. All we know of his family were that

his parents were probably Christians and he seemed to care for them a great deal. He exhorted

catechumens to honor parents “for however much we may repay them, yet we can never be to them what they as parents have been to us.” We know he also had a sister and a nephew, Gelasius, who became a bishop and a saint.



St. Turibius of Mongroveja—Mar. 23

Spanish-born Turibius was a pious youth, devoted to prayer and service of the poor. He studied law and taught as a professor of law in Salamanca. He was chosen to be a missionary archbishop for the Spanish colony in Peru. In 1580, he was named archbishop of Lima, Peru; he then received Holy Orders and was ordained a bishop in Seville. Throughout his 25 years of missionary service, he labored to build up the local Church. He also protected the rights of the native Indian people and was responsible for creating indigenous-language catechisms. To better care for the physical and spiritual needs of the people, he introduced several European religious orders into Peru

and founded schools, churches, and hospitals. He also opened the first seminary in the New World and encouraged native Indians to become priests. As archbishop, he baptized and confirmed many into the Christian faith, including St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres. Turibius is a patron saint of indigenous rights, Latin American bishops, and Peru

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Saint Cassian Church

Palm Sunday & Holy Week 2024



Palm Sunday, March 23/24, 2024

5:30PM Mass

Altar Servers: Oscar & Eric Zaccone
(2) Lectors: Viviana Santiago (N) , Mary Ann Vierheilg(V)
(4) Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa & Tom Higgins , Carlos Espinoza , Fr Steve
Ushers: Joseph Cavagnaro

7:30AM Mass

Altar Servers: C. Grube
(2) Lectors: George Kenny (N), Sandy Kenny (V)
(2) Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanette Lauture , Patricia Pelter , Msgr Kulig , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers: Pat & Chris Lee

9:30AM Mass

Altar Servers: N & C Horvath , K. Tsikitas , J. Imbesi
(2) Lectors: Michael Mancini (N), JB McCall (V)
(4) Eucharistic Ministers: Vivien Finn , Linda Melchiorre , Msgr Kulig , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers: Jimmy McGrath , Walter Springer

11:30AM Mass

Altar Servers:
(2) Lectors: Michael Cantine (N), Charles Meyer (V)
(4) Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Baer , Marie Meyer , Msgr Doran , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers:

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Altar Servers:
(2) Lectors: Liz Lynch , Michael Mancini
(4) Eucharistic Ministers: Marguerite Giustina, Fr Steve , Msgr Doran , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers:

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 – 3:00 PM

Altar Servers:
(2) Lectors: Mary Ann Vierheilg(N), JB McCall (V)
(2) Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Gregory , Fr Steve , Msgr Doran , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers:

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 during the Easter season.

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Update on the Lamp March 8, 2024

Dear friends-

You have no doubt heard the news coming out of Haiti in this past week about the greatly heightened level of insecurity especially in and around the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Airports are closed, the main shipping port is closed, and the country is in a state of emergency for another month. The Haitian Prime Minister, Ariel Henry, is reported to be unable to return safely to the country as local gangs coalesce in calling for his resignation.

Locally, even very basic movement around the capital is risky. Up until 2 days ago we were able to transport our staff to our second site. Yesterday and today, that has not been possible, due to dangers inherent in just driving on the streets.

Our staff is safe. Both our main Lamp for Haiti Health Center in Cite Soleil, as well as our ancillary second site, are intact. We are glad to report that news.

Today we mark the "International Day of Women". At Lamp, today especially, we stand with our sisters and our brothers in Haiti who are enduring yet another extremely difficult period. We at Lamp remain grateful for your continued friendship and involvement in this important work.

We will continue to keep you posted as best we can.

In solidarity,

Jim, Henry, and Kelli

Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell invites girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 to join us for our Spring Open House on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm. Please register at our website, www.msdacademy.org and experience how we inspire our students to "Find Their Fire!"

Building a Culture of Life in NJ

Topics:

- New Jersey after Roe
- Graciously answering Pro-abortion Rhetoric
- Post abortion Healing/Mercy House
- Church Activation Projects
- Attacks on Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Lawsuit against the State of NJ over Abortion Bill
- Legal status of Joan Bell & other pro-life heroes

+ Refreshments/Networking



Sat. March 23, 2024
9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Holy Family Church
St. Joseph Center
28 Brookline Dr.
Nutley, NJ 07110

Space is limited.
Pre-registration is required at:
lifeneteducation.org/life

Love offering taken.



973-497-4520
info@lifeneteducation.org

Speakers include:



Fr. John Ginty
Holy Family Church,
Nutley



Holly Wright
LIFENET Trainer



Christine Flaherty
LIFENET Director



Cheryl Riley
Respect Life Office &
Mercy House Director
Archdiocese of Newark



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Monday, APRIL 15, 2024

Cocktails at 6:00 (cash bar) Dinner at 7:00

The **HIGHLAWN**

In EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION
1 Crest Dr, West Orange, NJ 07052

\$90 per head in advance, \$100 at the door
Reserved tables of 10 will get preferred seating if paid by April 8, 2024
Sponsorship opportunities are available

This is a fundraiser for local charities
Attendance is limited to men and boys 14 and older

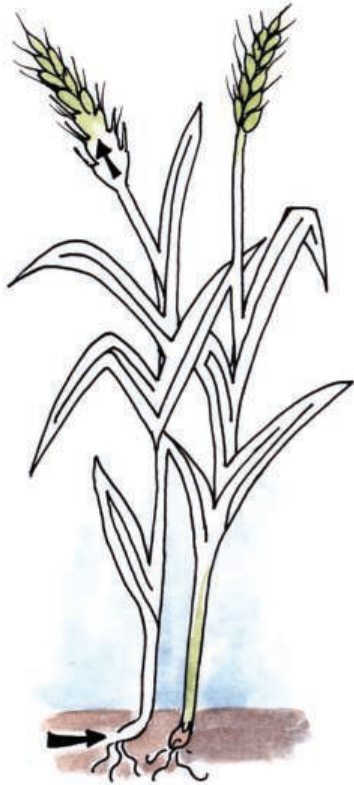
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ADDRESS _____
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NUMBER IN PARTY _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Please list both the email and street addresses of each of your party on the back of this form.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

Psalm 51 Word-Find

S A G R E A T N E S S
S C O M P A S S I O N
T G O D L V H M Y F P
E U D T A K E A T F R
A I N C L E A N S E E
D L E A M E R C Y N S
F T S S O U T W I C E
A O S T C R E A T E N
S N R E N E W S I N C
T H O R O U G H L Y E

See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,
in your GOODNESS;
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

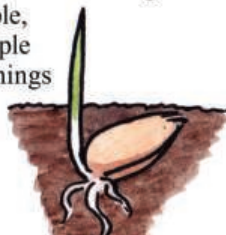
Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



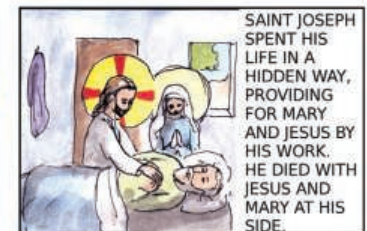
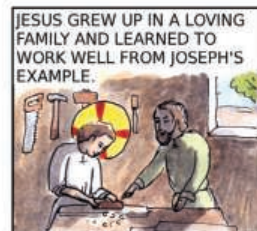
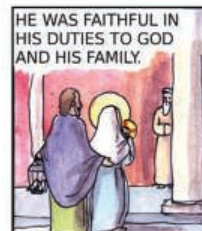
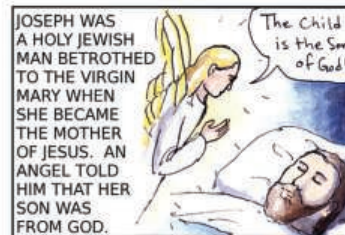
Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

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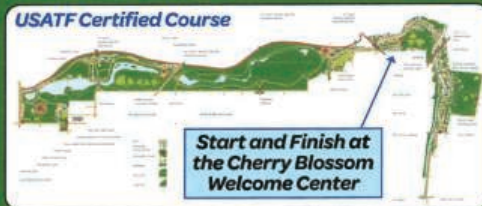
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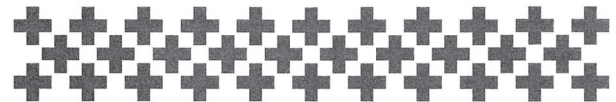
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Congratulations to our eighth graders for receiving their graduation rings during a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Steve. We are so proud of our eighth graders for their achievements! SCS students received acceptances to top schools in the country, including Regis High School in NYC, as well as to wonderful local private schools. Many acceptances include placement in honors programs and substantial merit based scholarships.

Some of the offers from schools, such as Seton Hall Prep, Mount St. Dominic, St. Joseph's High School, and Don Bosco Prep are in the amount of four full years of tuition. We want to offer our thanks to the dedicated staff and to the parents, whose motivation and assistance contributed to our students' success!

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Recently, our students engaged in a school-wide service project titled, Socks of Love, with the aim of helping those in need. The project entailed students collecting socks and personal hygiene items, including mouthwash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Then, filling socks with the donated toiletries and donating the items to the Archdiocese of Newark Mercy House to benefit the needy.

We are so grateful our students had the opportunity to help the Mercy House, whose mission is to offer a welcoming space for individuals and families in need, and to provide emotional support and healing in a comfortable, faith-filled environment.

We also want to express our thanks to the Student Council and its advisors, Michelle Petrillo and Philip Cook, for organizing the collection of donated items.





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