

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

# SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Office Closed 3/29, 4/1, 4/2.

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 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

**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.



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

Joyce Hakimian David Hogan

Jennifer Gullace

For those who have died: Msgr. Edward Eilert

THE ALTAR BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF

CONROY & GUNN FAMILIES

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF CONROY & GUNN FAMILIES

Please remember these names in your daily prayers.

#### ROSARY INTENTIONS...

Monday For safety and freedom for the people of Ukraine

Tuesday All military and protective services especially in

areas of violence; protect them, grant peace to their

Amelia Zoino

loved ones

Wednesday Respect for sanctity of life from conception to

natural death

Thursday Unity among churches and nations

Friday Vocations to the priesthood and religious life; all

parishioners living and deceased

#### Baptism Schedule

April 2024	Baptism	April 14th
	Class	April 9th

### Mass Intentions for the Week of March 24

•		7:30AM People of the Parish 9:30AM Bernie Maas	
Monday morr  Monday Mar. 25th  Monday of Holy Week	ning Mass is	Jane Berry	
Tuesday Mar. 26th Tuesday of Holy Week		J. Dean Paolucci	
Wednesday Mar. 27th Wednesday of Holy Week	Helen	& Michael Zieleniewski	
Thursday Mar. 28th Holy Thursday		15 Morning Prayer 30 Pasquale Listo	
Friday Mar. 29th Good Friday		15 Morning Prayer rgy of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday Mar. 30th Holy Saturday		:15 Morning Prayer For the People of the Parish	
Sunday Mar. 31st Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord	8:00 Vigil For the People of the Parish 7:30AM For the People of the Parish 9:30AM For the People of the Parish 11:30AM For the People of the Parish		

	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon.	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
TUES.	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED.	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
THUR.	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
FRI	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
SAT.	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sun.	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

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>

# ST. CASSIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS, AND EASTER COLLECTIONS	656,913	634,685
CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND DONATIONS	172,170	226,648
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	58,898	43,022
INTEREST INCOME	25,880	16,056
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	58,898	43,022
INTEREST INCOME	25,880	16,056
WEDDING, BAPTISM, AND FUNERAL FEES	23,760	19,035
CANDLE REVENUES	12,690	11,715
DONATIONS, GIFTS, AND OTHER RESTRICTED REVENUE	10,737	9,267
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	2,425	2,097

**TOTAL REVENUES** 964,196 972,095

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June 30, 2023

June 30, 2022

9,570

## **EXPENSES**

FUNDRAISING INCOME NET OF EXPENSES

**REVENUES** 

SALARIES, BENEFITS, PENSION COSTS, AND PAYROLL TAXES	549,877	600,350
BUILDING, UTILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT COSTS	96,611	84,188
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	87,252	138,036
CONTRACTED AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	46,991	45,800
LITURGICAL, OFFICE, AND RESIDENCE SUPPLIES	42,017	41,769
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	14,174	11,863
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXCLUDING SALARIES	13,445	8,838

850,367 TOTAL EXPENSES 930,844

SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS 113,829 41,251

NOTE: This financial summary does NOT include extraordinary and non-recurring items including restricted donations, Legacy Fund donations, capital improvements, and other one-time revenues and expenses. This summary is intended to reflect the results of operations only.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Cassian,

All of you, are a "Living Church", that has generously and loyally insured that the gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed and witnessed.

You are all living proof of what can be accomplished by dedicated priests and faithful parishioners who generously give of their time, talent, and treasure to continue the mission of our church.

A copy of the 2023 Financial Report for Saint Cassian Church is on the prior page.

The success of this Financial Report was the result of the hard work and careful fiscal management accomplished by Father Marc and the generosity of parishioners.

It is clear that you are very giving and loyal people, who work and sacrifice very hard to always put God and His parish family first in your lives. Because you believe - you continue to support your parish.

I am most grateful to you for your donations and dedication to Saint Cassian, especially during this past Christmas season.

The Christmas collection was \$66,184.50.

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you for your many good works, generosity, and kindnesses!

**Father Steve** 

Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible.

St. Peter Julian Eymard

### The Meaning of Holy Week



Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus'

Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection.



Holy Thursday

**Holy Thursday** is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. During this Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus changed the bread and wine into His body and blood. He taught his disciples that the Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood. Jesus' disciples were the first Catholic priests. So during the Last Supper, he taught them the importance of the Eucharist, and why priests celebrate Jesus' sacrifice during every Mass. Because of this, the Last Supper is also significant because it was the beginning of the priesthood.



Good Friday

**Good Friday** commemorates the day Jesus died and saved us from our sins. His death and Resurrection on Easter is the most important event, which is why it's called "good". On this day Catholics fast and remember the suffering of Jesus when he died on the cross. It's the only day of the year in which Catholic Mass is not celebrated. Instead many Catholic Churches have a Stations of the Cross prayer service, as well as a Veneration of the Cross service. It's traditionally a day of solemn prayer.

While there is no Mass offered until the Easter Vigil, many churches host a short prayer service in the morning.

**Holy Saturday** is typically a day of preparation for Easter Sunday. Morning prayers are said. During the day the Church is silent, the altars are bare. The tabernacles are empty. We wait in silence at the Lord's tomb for the Lord's resurrection.

The **Easter Vigil** is the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday and it begins the Easter celebrations of Jesus' Resurrection. This is a night for the whole parish and the whole church to come together. We come to experience the complete message of our faith, the assurance that death and sin are conquered. It begins with a bonfire. The paschal candle is lighted, blessed, and held high as it is carried into the church. Mass attendees light candles that slowly illuminate the church. Many readings from the Old Testament that

foretold Jesus' death and resurrection are read. It's also the day that new catechumens, those who are entering the Catholic Church, receive the Sacraments for the first time.

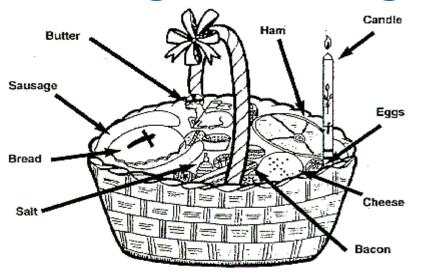


Easter Sunday

**Easter Sunday** is a continuation of the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. We celebrate that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead so that we could share eternal life with him in heaven. Jesus won our salvation for us! We are freed from sin! Alleluia! Easter marks the beginning of a fifty-day celebration period in the Church calendar. The joyful music, the elegance and fragrance of the lilies, and life in Christ, new or renewed, continues until Pentecost and beyond.

Source: www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/holy-week.html

# EASTER BASKET



How to make a traditional

Polish Easter basket

Blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place at 1 pm on Saturday March 30th.

**Butter** - This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have towards all things.

**Babka (Easter Bread) -** A round or long loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. **Horseradish** - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds.

**Eggs and Pisanki (decorated with symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity)** - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

**Kielbasa** - A sausage product, symbolic of God's favor and generosity.

**Ham** - Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Christians that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God."

**Smoked Bacon**- A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

**Salt-** A necessary element in our physical life. Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavor of the earth.

Cheese - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

**Candle** - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

**Colorful Ribbons and Sprigs of Greenery** - are attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

**Linen Cover** - drawn over the top of the basket which is ready for the priest's visit to the home or the trip to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

#### Description of the Icon of the Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (cover)

The Icon of the Entry of Christ into Jerusalem portrays the journey of Christ to His voluntary passion and death. According to the Gospel of St. John (12:1-18) the public celebration which accompanied the Entry was not only on account of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus whom He had raised from the dead. In the icon, our focus of attention is on the portrait of Christ, seated sideways on the donkey, His head turned toward the Disciples following Him, and His right hand raised in blessing.

Traditionally, children play a prominent role in this representation. Some are depicted: one, high in a tree, cutting the palm branches; another, spreading his cloak along Christ's way. Though the Gospels do not specify the children's presence, we see in them the very embodiment of the Biblical references. Related to this is the call of the Palm Sunday vespers:" Wherefore, like babes, rejoice, carrying branches in your hands. And praise Him, singing "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes, the King of Israel".

# **Did You Know?**

# FAITH FORMATION

#### Chrism Mass - March 25



This year on March 25, the Archdiocese of Newark celebrates the Chrism Mass. It always celebrated on the Monday of Holy Week. Among the many liturgies celebrated during Holy Week, the Chrism Mass is one that few Catholics ever participate in. This is because the liturgy is always celebrated at the cathedral church of the diocese, presided over by the local bishop.

All of the priests of the diocese gather together for this Mass, and during it the bishop will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass.

When commentating on the specific oils, Pope Benedict XVI explained the significance of each and how they accompany us on our journey of faith.

In four sacraments, oil is the sign of God's goodness reaching out to touch us: in baptism, in confirmation as the sacrament of the Holy Spirit, in the different grades of the sacrament of holy orders and finally in the anointing of the sick, in which oil is offered to us, so to speak, as God's medicine — as the medicine which now assures us of his goodness, offering us strength and consolation, yet at the same time points beyond the moment of the illness towards the definitive healing, the resurrection (cf. Jas 5:14). Thus oil, in its different forms, accompanies us throughout our lives: beginning with the catechumenate and baptism, and continuing

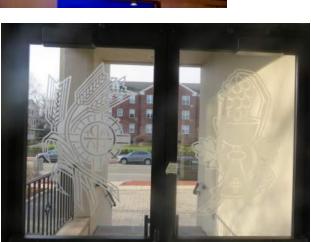
right up to the moment when we prepare to meet God, our Judge and Savior.

One of the additional aspects of the Chrism Mass is the annual renewal of priestly promises. With all of the priests of the local diocese present before the bishop, they renew their fidelity to him and to Jesus Christ.

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful celebration of unity and is meant to strengthen ties with a diocese, uniting all parishes under the guidance of its local shepherd.



Have you ever looked at the shadows that are cast by the crucifix over the altar? There are 2 shadows reminiscent of the two thieves on either side of Jesus at Calvary. I do not know if the lighting was intentional to cast these shadow or not. But it does make for a beautiful Lenten reflection.







Next time you enter the church, check out the etchings on the glass doors. One door has grapes and a chalice, the other door has wheat and a host. All are symbols for the great miracle of the Eucharist that is about to take place. Look closely to see the etched glass doors to Larkin Hall. Check them out on your way to hospitality.

#### 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

TuesdayMarch 268:15 AM MassWednesdayMarch 278:15 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

#### **ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS**

THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

WE HAVE \$52,462 ALREADY PLEDGED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 64% OF OUR GOAL OF \$82,246. THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM MANY PARISHIONERS LIKE YOU HELPS SUSTAIN THE IMPORTANT MINISTRIES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCES OF NEWARK. THESE PROGRAMS HELP TO MAKE OUR OWN PARISH A MORE VIBRANT PLACE OF WORSHIP.

IF YOU HAVE YET TO GIVE, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.RCAN.ORG/SHARING OR SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

SIGNS OF STEWARDSHIP	Gift of Treasure 3/2-3/3
Minimum weekly needed	\$16,250
Regular Weekly Collection	\$3,948
Faith Direct Average	\$6,765
Weekly Total	\$10,713



#### PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.



April 5-7, 2024

For more details, please call Cheryl Riley, Director of the Respect Life Office at 973.497.4350 or via email at cheryl.riley@rcan.org

#### **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



# Saint Cassian Church Holy Week 2024



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

Altar Servers:	
(2) Lectors:	Liz Lynch , Agnes Dembia
(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 Vierheilig(N), JB McCall (V)
(2) Eucharistic Ministers: Ushers:	Barbara Gregory , Fr Steve , Msgr Doran , Deacon Demetillo
Usners:	
_Easte	er Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024 - 8:00 PM
Altar Servers:	
Lector:	Jason Lynch , Lisa Higgins , Michael Cantine
(4) Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Cantine , Tom Higgins , Fr Steve , Deacon Demetillo
Ushers:	Ken Goss , , ,
	Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024
	7:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	C. Grube
Lector:	Sandy Kenny , Peg Rydzewski
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Lector: (4) Eucharistic Ministers: Ushers:  Altar Servers: Lector: (4) Eucharistic Ministers:	Sandy Kenny Peg Rydzewski Barbara Gregory Jeanette Lauture John Rogers Fr Steve Pat & Chris Lee  9:30 AM Mass  J. Imbesi J. Misiukewicz S. Misurell N & C Horvath Alicja Delag Keri Misurell Kathrynna Demetillo if needed Mary Ann Vierheilig, Maryann Kuzel Fr Steve Deacon Demetillo
Lector: (4) Eucharistic Ministers: Ushers:  Altar Servers: Lector: (4) Eucharistic Ministers: Plus (2) Rear of Church:	Sandy Kenny Peg Rydzewski Barbara Gregory Jeanette Lauture John Rogers Fr Steve Pat & Chris Lee  9:30 AM Mass  J. Imbesi J. Misiukewicz S. Misurell N & C Horvath Alicja Delag Keri Misurell Kathrynna Demetillo if needed Mary Ann Vierheilig, Maryann Kuzel Fr Steve Deacon Demetillo Carlos Espinoza Cynthia Demetillo Jerry & Eileen Fasanella
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Thank you for volunteering during Holy Week and Easter.



SHINING A LIGHT ON HEALTH, PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

#### Start of Weekly Updates

Dear Lamp supporters,

It is clear that Haiti is in serious crisis. Current media reports on Haiti are frightening and bewildering. Many of you have asked how Lamp is faring in the midst of this upheaval. As supporters of Lamp's mission to provide care for the vulnerable, you have shown your concern, in a very concrete way, for those who bear the brunt of each crisis as it arrives. You have been a positive part of Haiti's recent history and we want to keep you abreast of Lamp's efforts.

We would like, therefore, to initiate a weekly "news" post while this crisis persists. Each Wednesday we will update you on the general situation, the specific issues that Lamp is facing, and the efforts that Lamp is making to counter the deadly effects of the current period.

We prefer not to show scenes of street violence, but we also do not want to sugarcoat a terrible situation. We will continue to reduce suffering wherever possible; we will protect our assets and our staff; we will prepare ourselves to be ever more effective when the situation allows. We know that we are part of the long-term solution and take this responsibility very seriously.

One reason for this weekly update is that things are constantly changing in Port-au-Prince. Last week, gangs took control of the area surrounding the international airport with the result that the acting Prime Minister, Ariel Henry, was not able to return to Haiti after his visit to Kenya. The Lamp office/depot and both of our service sites (at Bwa Nef, and Clercine) are close to the airport, so that this gang activity affected us very directly. At Clercine, we rent

space at a partner called Haiti Communitere, which has, very reasonably, decided to close the location until the gang presence in the neighborhood diminishes.

Ariel Henry has now resigned. The government of the United States withdrew its support for him and the result was immediate. However, it is not clear who can take up the reins of government. The US continues to push for a multinational military intervention, and has provided significant funds for this force. It is unclear what the effects of such an intervention would be. A transitional government is needed to allow for elections to take place but the situation in the capital is not conducive to free and fair elections. The future continues to look very murky. We will keep you updated!

While this is arguably the worst crisis Haiti has faced, we are certain the resilience and strength of the people will ultimately prevail. Let us try to remain a beacon of light - a symbol of hope for the future.

In solidarity, Jim, Henry, and Kelli





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Kids Fun Run - 9:00am 5K - 9:30am

#### ENTRY FEES:

5K - \$30 on or before March 1, \$35 after Kids Fun Run - \$25 on or before March 1, \$30 after

#### PRE-REGISTRATION:

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#### RACE DAY REGISTRATION:

8:00am - 9:00am - Brookdale Park

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# Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

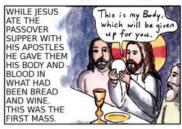
On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



# The Passion of Jesus

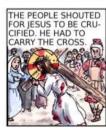
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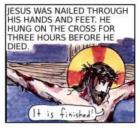


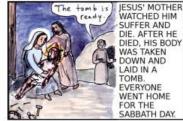






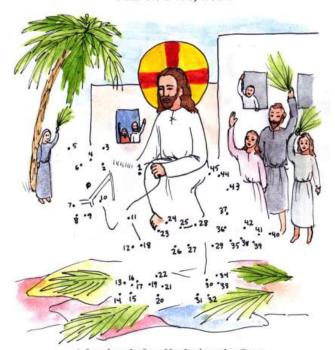




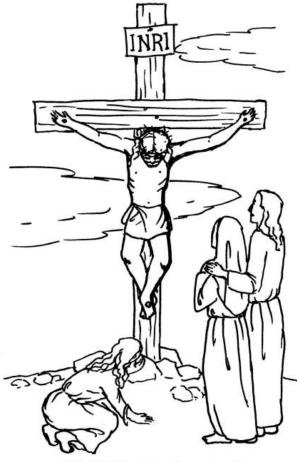


SUFFER AND DIE. AFTER HE DIFD. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN DOWN AND LAID IN A гомв. EVERYONE WENT HOME FOR THE SABBATH DAY

#### Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 24th, 2024

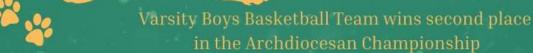


A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!



A Good Friday picture for you to colour.







# COUGAR SPORTS NEWS

At St. Cassian School, we encourage physical fitness and recognize the importance of the lessons learned by playing on a team. Through participation in school's team sports, we aim to build athletic skills, collaboration, confidence, self-esteem and a well-balanced lifestyle,

which we believe increases academic performance.

The winter basketball season was no exception. The students in grades 3 through 8, who participated in our athletic program, demonstrated great growth and enjoyed wonderful experiences throughout the season. We are so proud of all of our teams and the individual students! We want to express our gratitude to the volunteer coaches for their commitment to excellence and for their dedication to the Cougar Sports Program.

In addition, we congratulate our boys varsity team and their coaches for earning second place in the Archdiocesan Championship on March 10th.

Team Members: Jason Tolliver, Simon Streit, Ben Schestag, Ryan Cohen, Karl Krajewski, Julian Vasquez, Henry Meyers, Ben Caldwell, Jacob Chalet, Andrew Costa, Bennett Tam, Alex Tannous, Alexander Choe,

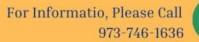
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