

John 20: 29

Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and yet believe.



Divine Mercy

Jesus,  
I Trust  
in You

# SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 7, 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.

### Office Information:

#### Served by:

Rev. Steven D'Andrea, Parish Administrator  
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Kulig, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Roberto Demetillo  
Stephen Powers, Director of Music  
Keri Misurell, Director of Faith Formation  
Maria Llanes, St. Cassian School Principal

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00am—3:30 pm



## Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day. Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is said at 3 pm central time ( 4PM eastern time ) on RelevantRadio.com. EWTN has several videos on Divine Mercy.

While 3:00 pm. is the best time to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the faithful can say this prayer any time of day and on any day of the week. 3 pm is the time that Our Lord died on the cross.

There is a pamphlet for the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet and Divine Mercy prayer cards at the rear of the church.

On Sept. 1, 2015, the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge launched a petition drive requesting the Holy See to name St. Faustina a Doctor of the Church. The Church bestows this ecclesiastical title on saints of extraordinary holiness, those whose theological writings have been declared exemplary and beneficial for the countless faithful worldwide in teaching the truth, beauty, and splendor of the faith.

## Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

April 7, 2024

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**2 Locations**

St. Philip the Apostle Parish  
797 Valley Road  
Clifton, N.J.

St. Aloysius Church  
219 Bloomfield Ave.  
Caldwell, N.J.



**For those who are ill:**

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| John Anderson            | Noel Jordan        |
| Alesia Maria Andras      | Elizabeth Leuven   |
| Michael Andrews          | Cassie Lopolus     |
| Ray Aumack               | Charles W. Mahal   |
| Mary Blatz               | Marcia Mann        |
| Josephine Bonomo         | Leigh Major        |
| Leo Botwin               | Sr. Idoia Martinez |
| Frank Briamont           | John McCarthy      |
| Gustavo Caceres & family | Patricia Melo      |
| JoAnne Callahan          | 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        |
| James Gannon             | Dr. Lorraine Reyes |
| Mae Garcia               | Jaxson Rivera      |
| Deirdre Egan Graham      | Rhonda Sen         |
| Dan Greiner              | Elizabeth Smith    |
| Steve Grube              | Olaf Stechow       |
| Jennifer Gullace         | Lindsay Trembulak  |
| Joyce Hakimian           | Amelia Zoino       |
| David Hogan              |                    |

**For those who have died:** Helen Wyckoff,  
Richard Casparie

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF  
JOHN JOSEPH O'CONNELL, 3RD

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 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 April 7**

<b>Sunday Apr 7th</b> Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	Pat Forbes People of the Parish Janet T. DeStefano Scalzi & Pontoriero Families
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
<b>Monday April 8th</b> Annunciation of the Lord	Rosaria Mannino-Apap	
<b>Tuesday April 9th</b> Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter	Deceased Members of the Edward F. Gasffney Family	
<b>Wednesday April 10th</b> Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter	Deceased Members of the Cass & Higgins Families	
<b>Thursday April 11th</b> Thursday of the Second Week of Easter	Eileen Gelston	
<b>Friday April 12th</b> Friday of the Second Week of Easter	Jim McHugh	
<b>Saturday April 13th</b> Saturday of the Second Week of Easter	Brian Fiore	
<b>Sunday April 14th</b> Third Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	Eileen Gelston People of the Parish Emanuel Nwangwu Floyd & Betty Schneider

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON.</b>	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
<b>TUES.</b>	Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
<b>WED.</b>	Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21
<b>THUR.</b>	Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36
<b>FRI.</b>	Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
<b>SAT.</b>	Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
<b>SUN.</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

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>

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Please show your support for the sacrament of First Holy Communion candidates by joining the 9:30 Mass on April 14th. During the Mass, Father Steve will bless the parish gifts for the sacramental candidates. The gifts are a scapular, rosary and First Communion Mass book. All are invited to attend.

### 2025 Mass Book is Available

The 2025 Mass Book is available for those who wish to come to the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to arrange Masses for the year.

Because of the overwhelming request for Masses, we will follow these established rules:

- There will be a limit of four (4) Masses per donor, only 2 of which may be Sunday or Holy Day Masses.
- Christmas and Easter Masses will be offered for the People of the Parish and the intentions of those present.

### PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

We will be collecting cereals **and any of the usual items we collect on the weekends of Apr 13/14.**

Thank you for your continued generosity.



### ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!**

**WE HAVE \$54,632 ALREADY PLEDGED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 66% 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](http://WWW.RCAN.ORG/SHARING) OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.**



SIGNS OF STEWARDSHIP	Gift of Treasure 3/16-3/17
<i>Minimum weekly needed</i>	\$16,250
<i>Regular Weekly Collection</i>	\$4,669
<i>Faith Direct Average</i>	\$6,765
<i>Weekly Total</i>	\$11,434

### Mental Health Ministry - St. Cassian Church

The mission of the newly forming Mental Health Ministry is to raise mental health awareness and support within our faith community. The ministry will provide theologically sound and evidence-based resources, social supports, outreach, education and training in order to promote mental well-being within our parish. If you have any questions for yourself or a loved one, or interest in mental health topics in general please contact us at [mhministry@stcassianchurch.org](mailto:mhministry@stcassianchurch.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](mailto:kmisurell@Stcassianchurch.org)



**Haiti Update: Week of 3/27/2024**

Dear Lamp Supporters,

This is the third in a series of updates from Lamp for Haiti.

The situation remains tense in Port-au-Prince. A partner in a major hospital in the capital wrote yesterday that each week is worse than the last. Schools and most institutions, including many banks, are closed. Everyone, including our staff, is hunkered down and hoping for relief. Lamp manager Benoit Florestal went to the office last week but said he was very nervous on the drive. Streets are empty, there are very few private vehicles on the roads, so that he felt exposed and vulnerable. Work must therefore continue from home for the time being, even though many areas have no electricity; phone and internet are very unreliable. The theme of our upcoming Spring Appeal is, however, **Don't Give Up on Haiti!** The country is in crisis but Lamp is poised to respond in a big way. We plan to open both of our service sites, for the first time ever, later this year. The severity of the health crisis demands our response. Predicting the exact events that could lead to this outcome is not currently possible. But Lamp has, by now, a lot of experience in responding to uncertain environments. We continue to prepare ourselves. A lot of people—our brothers and sisters— are pinning their hopes on us and we remain committed!

All the best,

*Jim, Henry, and Kelli*



May 17 - July 16, 2024

**Our National  
EMMAUS Moment**



Throughout the National Eucharistic revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal. In keeping with this vision, The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way.

There are 4 routes spanning the entire country: north, south, east and west. We are the eastern route ( St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ) .

On May 22-26, the eastern route of the pilgrimage ( St. Elizabeth Seton ) will be moving through the Archdiocese of New York at St. Patrick Cathedral , 5th Ave, NYC,NY. On May 27 & May 28 , the pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Explore the interactive map for the eastern route at [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org) - Route - Seton Route (East). If you know which event (s) you would like to sign up for, click the "Register" button. More details to follow. Mark your calendar.



**Visiting Nurse Association Health Group is inviting members of the community to join our team of hospice volunteers.**

The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with Barnabas Health Hospice/VNA Health Group.

Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Essex or Hudson Counties, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our West Orange office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A Specialized 15-hour Training provided by members of the Barnabas Health Hospice Team/VNAHG Hospice Team, on 3 consecutive Mondays:

May 6th, 13th,20th 2024 from 10am– 3pm 80 Main Street, West Orange, N.J. 07052.

**Advanced registration is required. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.**

For more information, please contact: Ruth Sorbanelli, MPH, CHES®, Manager, Volunteer Services at 201-510-6426

## A Walk through the Mass; A Step-by-Step Explanation *The Introductory Rites*

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the center of our faith and the source of divine life. Hence, the Church teaches us to participate in the Holy Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation and also on weekdays, whenever possible. We Catholics know what is going to happen next. One of the basic, distinctive marks of our way of praying is ritual:

We do things over and over. When the priest says, "The Lord be with you", without any thought or hesitation the congregations responds, "And with your Spirit". The priest says, "Let us pray", and the congregation stands up. Our daily lives have their rituals also: There are set ways of greeting people, eating, responding to a text. And when we are accustomed to a certain way of doing things, we seldom ask why we do it that way. In the Eucharist, too, we have many ritual actions which we perform without asking why.

### **ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

The procession is accompanied by a hymn or chant which is meant to foster unity in the congregation and direct our attitudes and thoughts toward the prayerful celebration of that day's Eucharist. The entrance procession symbolizes the gathering of the Body of Christ, the Church, in the presence of our Triune God in prayer.

### **REVERENCING THE ALTAR**

On reaching the altar, the priest and ministers make the proper reverence, that is, a low bow or a genuflection, if there is a tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament. As a sign of veneration, the priest kisses the altar. He does so in order to honor the altar of sacrifice which represents Christ where the miracle of the Eucharist occurs and to reverence the relics of the saints and martyrs placed within the altar itself.

**The altar symbolizes the heart of the church.** It is the Lord's table and the center of the Eucharistic action. It has always been considered a symbol of Christ. Now, by this kiss, the priest also signifies the union of the Spouse (Christ) with His Bride (the Church).

### **Relics of saints inside the altar**

During the first centuries, the altar-table was often a stone slab placed over the tomb of a martyr. Nowadays the Church sees it fitting to maintain this practice. Relics of saints are placed beneath the altar. We have 3 relics: St. Padre Pio, St. Cassian and St. Don Bosco. Ask Fr. Steve to show them to you.

### **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

The Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross and will also end in the same way. It reminds us that we belong to Christ. We have been born through baptism to the life of grace under the sign of the cross and in the name of the Three Divine Persons.

### **GREETINGS**

**The Lord be with you.** By greeting the people with the words "The Lord be with you", the priest reminds us that we are in the presence of God.

**And with your spirit.** The expression "et cum spiritu tuo" is only addressed to an ordained minister. "Spiritu" refers to the gift of the spirit he received at ordination. In their response, the people assure the priest of the same divine assistance of God's spirit and, more specifically, help for the priest to see the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and so doing to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church.

### **PENITENTIAL ACT**

The Church, which is holy and at the same time a community of sinners, is conscious that her members need a continuous conversation to ask God's forgiveness and to worthily participate in the sacred mysteries so that the sacrifice may be pleasing to God.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer is the moment in which the priest invites the community to pray. It is called the "COLLECT" in Liturgical terms because the priest "collects" all the prayers of those present. This is when you silently share with God your intention for the Mass. *This part concludes the Introductory Rite.*



Image: The Annunciation | Leonardo da Vinci

## Annunciation of the Lord—April 8

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing

death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



## LUMEN CENTER SPRING SCHEDULE



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. The schedule includes day/evening programs, days of retreat, scripture study and dialogue about our responsibility in using the Earth’s resources.

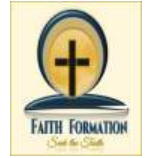
Upcoming events and schedules can be found at [www.caldwellop.org](http://www.caldwellop.org) . Here are a few examples:

- Why the Hype about Mindfulness? Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (In Person Only) 1:30pm – 3:30 pm  
What makes mindfulness a spiritual practice, and how does it change us? We know that life brings challenges. How does a practice of mindfulness help us get through our crises with more patience, more hope, and more generosity? The presentation will include a sample mindfulness meditation.
- In the Secret of My Heart, Teach Me Wisdom Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (In Person Only) 5pm– 8pm  
Lessons from silver-haired saints— art and stories of saints and prophets from across the ages—help us appreciate and celebrate the second half of life. Even as our physical selves may become more challenged, our spiritual and emotional selves continue to take on new and life-giving shape. From Jesus' grandparents to Pope Francis and Dorothy Day, we will explore the wonders of the wisdom years.





# Did You Know?



## St. Stanislaus April 11

Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government.

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both

clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands.

Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

Image: Gothic stained glass window from Dominican Monastery in Kraków | photo by Ludwig Schneider. Source: franciscanmedia.org

## St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr April 13



When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice, emperors had officially favored this position: Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith, and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy—which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor—Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response,

Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with Calliopas, the exarch of Constantinople, and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures, and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the imposed torture already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Martin died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

Image: Statua di S. Martino Papa nel tempio di Santa Maria della Consolazione, Roma | photo by Daniel Aldrighetti Source: franciscanmedia.org



Rutgers University—Newark will be running its 21st annual Summer Basketball program for children ages 6-17. The program is July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26, and July 29-Aug.2, 2024 from 8:30-4 pm. We offer early drop off and late pick up Free of Charge. The cost for one week is only \$185. Discount rates if you attend more than one week. For more information/brochure please call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483 or email at Loughran@rutgers.edu.



### Academy of the Holy Angels—Register Today

Girls who are looking for the right high school are invited to take the path to empowerment at the Academy of the Holy Angels. Visit our website [www.holyangels.org](http://www.holyangels.org) today to register for our April 30 Spring Open House. Hours are 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Take a personalized tour with a current Angel and find out more about AHA's award-winning STREAM curriculum, exclusive opportunities at the United Nations and Oxford University, artistic and athletic options, scholarships, Bis Sister/Little Sister program, and much more.



### Academy of Saint Elizabeth 7th Grade Panther for a Day

Friday, April 26, 2024 12:00—3:15 pm  
For more information, contact [admissions@aose.info](mailto:admissions@aose.info)



### Come to our Spring House, April 25th, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM .

Don Bosco is top-tier Catholic high school that offers a traditional college-preparatory liberal arts curriculum. We are a lifelong brotherhood led by Salesian values: a Home that welcomes; a School that prepares for life; a Parish where our values shape character; and a playground where lasting friendships are formed.

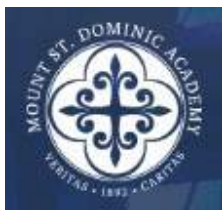
Our Excellence in the arts, athletics, business and engineering helped the class of 2023 receive over \$46.5 million in college scholarships. Visit [donboscoprep.org](http://donboscoprep.org) for more information.



### Mother Seton Regional High School

Please join us at our Spring Open House on Wednesday , April 24, for an evening of conversation and tours. Meet students and teachers to learn what a Catholic school education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. Sixth, seventh and eight grade girls are welcome! Register on line at [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org). Seventh and eight grade girls are invited to spend a day with us as a Students for a Day. Register online at [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org).

At Mother Seton, the future is hers. 1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066



**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](http://www.msdacademy.org) and experience how we inspire our students to "Find Their Fire!"



### Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 5 from 1:00– 3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6465.

# RESPECT LIFE

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is requesting parishioners to offer masses at their parish for the "Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families".



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Yes! The Masses below will be offered at my church for the "Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families"  
(We are hoping you can have one Mass offered per month. Sunday Mass would be best, but any Mass is fantastic!)

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## St. Cassian 5K Run & Kids Fun Run Saturday, April 13, 2024

Brookdale Park, Bloomfield NJ 07003

### START:

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:

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

### RACE DAY REGISTRATION:

8:00am – 9:00am – Brookdale Park

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

USATF Certified Course - 3 loops of the inner course at Brookdale Park

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5K Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, overall male and female finishers.  
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# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You  
the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your  
dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the  
whole world.*



Answers to Annunciation Puzzle:  
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel,  
not, God, Son of God

# Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th, 2024

"Put your finger here,  
and see my hands;  
and put out your hand,  
and place it in my side;  
do not be faithless,  
but believing."

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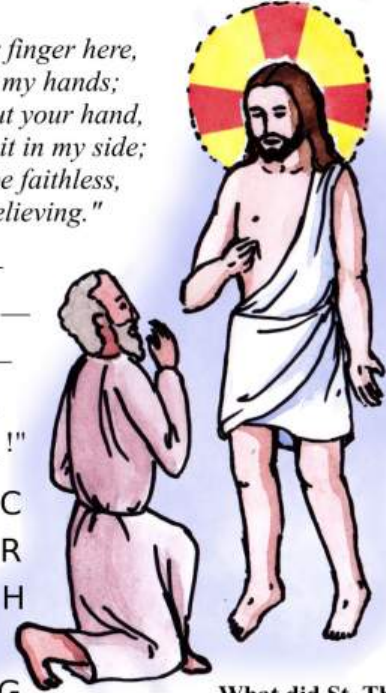
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What did St. Thomas  
reply to Jesus? Use every second  
letter to fill in the blanks!

## The Annunciation

This year we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday April 8th. The Annunciation is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary. Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God  \_\_\_\_\_ an angel to a virgin who  
was engaged to  \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Her  \_\_\_\_\_ was Mary.

He told her that the  \_\_\_\_\_ was with her.  
But Mary was  \_\_\_\_\_ about  
what the angel said.

So the  \_\_\_\_\_ said to her,  
"Do  \_\_\_\_\_ be afraid, Mary, for you  
have found favor with  \_\_\_\_\_"

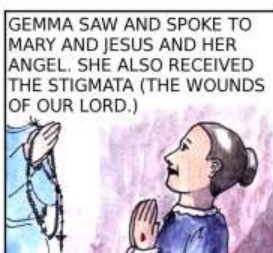
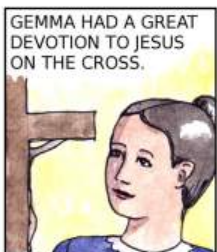
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Baby and that He would be the

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