

SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 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

Parish Phone Numbers

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Fax..... (973) 744-6187
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Website.....www.stcassianschool.org

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



For those who are ill:

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| John Anderson | David Hogan |
| Alesia Maria Andras | Noel Jordan |
| Michael Andrews | Elizabeth Leuven |
| Ray Aumack | Cassie Lopolus |
| Mary Blatz | Charles W. Mahal |
| Josephine Bonomo | Marcia Mann |
| Leo Botwin | Leigh Major |
| Frank Briamont | Sr. Idoia Martinez |
| Gustavo Caceres & Family | John McCarthy |
| JoAnne Callahan | Patricia Melo |
| Dominek Capela | Mary McGuire |
| Frank Caprio | Frank Mongioi |
| Marilyn Castellano | Maria Mongioi |
| Rose Ciafullo | Thomas Nelson |
| Joe Cultrara | Dr. David Pallotta |
| Agnes D'Aria | Mildred Pasino |
| Tony De Vito | Rosemary Raleigh |
| Tina Frascino | 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 |

For those who have died: Peter Acker

Please remember these names in your daily prayers.

Join us as we pray the rosary after the 8:15 daily Mass

ROSARY INTENTIONS...

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| <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 |

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 14

Sunday Apr 14th Third Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	Eileen Gelston People of the Parish Emanuel Nwangwu Floyd & Betty Schneider
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
Monday April 15th Monday of the Third Week of Easter	Rosaria Mannino-Apap	
Tuesday April 16th Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter	Thomas J. Higgins	
Wednesday April 17th Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter	Melody McHugh	
Thursday April 18th Thursday of the Third Week of Easter	Rebecca Ziegler	
Friday April 19th Friday of the Third Week of Easter	John & Monica Feiler	
Saturday April 20th Saturday of the Third Week of Easter	David Weidlich	
Sunday April 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	Brian O'Neill People of the Parish Carol Canavan Paul Pasino

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON.	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
TUES.	Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
WED.	Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
THUR.	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
FRI.	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
SAT.	Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69
SUN.	Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

Baptism Schedule

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

April is the Month of the Blessed Sacrament



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic website designer best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions. He catalogued them on a website he created before his death from leukemia.

He was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020, two days before the 14th anniversary of his death.

People around him considered him a "computer geek" on account of his passion and skill with computers and the internet. He was skilled in using Dreamweaver, Java, C++, and Ubuntu. He often helped others with technical issues. When he was 14, his parish priest asked him to create a webpage for his parish, Santa Maria Segreta in Milan. After this, a priest at his high school asked him to create a website to promote volunteering. For this work, he won a national competition called "Sarai volontario" (You will be a volunteer).

Keen to transmit the faith to a younger generation, Acutis applied himself to creating a website dedicated to cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world, and a list of the approved Marian apparitions of the Catholic Church. He appreciated Blessed Giacomo Alberione's initiatives to use the media to evangelize and proclaim the Gospel and aimed to do likewise with his own website. Acutis launched the website in 2004 and worked on it for two and a half years, involving his entire family in the project. It was unveiled on October 4, 2006, the Feast of St. Francis, only days before his death. Acutis was not able to attend the debut of his exhibition at Rome's Church of San Carlo Borromeo as he was hospitalized. It was also presented at his high school, the Leo XIII Institute.

In memory of Acutis, bishops Raffaello Martinelli and Angelo Comastri have helped to organize a traveling photo exhibition of all the Eucharistic miracle sites. It has since traveled to dozens of different countries across five continents.



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

A powerful witness of Christ's Real Presence, the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit based on the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis has circulated through 24 parishes of the Trenton Diocese since September 2022, and reservations for its display have already filled the next 12 months of the calendar.

Attesting to its popularity, and in concert with the National Eucharistic Revival, the exhibit's travel in two-week intervals will now include parishes in the Camden and Metuchen Dioceses, and even the Archdioceses of Newark and Philadelphia.

Updated Exhibition 2024 Dates:

Apr 12 – Apr 26, 2024 Mother of Mercy Parish, Asbury Park, NJ

May 1 – May 14, 2024 St John the Baptist, Fairview, NJ (Archdiocese of Newark)

May 15 – May 29, 2024 St. Veronica Church, Howell, NJ

Jun 1 – Jun 15, 2024 St. Mary's Church – Wharton, Dover NJ

Jun 24 – Jul 8, 2024 St Catherine's Church, NJ

Jul 14 – Jul 28, 2024 Parish of Saint Thomas More Manalapan, NJ

Sept 7 – Sept 21, 2024 St. James (The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley), Pennington, NJ

Sept 22 – Oct 05, 2024 Sacred Heart Parish, Trenton, NJ

Oct 06 – Oct 19, 2024 St. Michael's Church, Long Branch, NJ

Oct 19 – Nov 02, 2024 St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church, Wynnewood, PA

Nov 03 – Nov 16, 2024 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Morrisville, PA

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The news site of the Archdiocese of Newark

Holy Thursday Mass



Holy Thursday was a beautiful celebration. Father Steve wore resplendent vestments. He is wearing a cope in the picture. The cope (known in Latin as pluviale 'rain coat' or cappa 'cape') is a liturgical vestment, more precisely a long mantle or cloak, open in front and fastened at the breast with a band or clasp. Deacon Roberto and Msgr. Doran concelebrated the Mass. The parishioners who were to have their feet washed wore white albs.



Individually they came up to the altar where Father Steve washed their feet. After the Mass, parishioners processed down to Larkin Hall where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. Larkin Hall was transformed into a magnificent setting befitting Our Lord. It was a spectacular site. Kudos to Father Steve and his workers for a magnificent setting for adoration.



Newly Baptized, First Communion and Confirmed OCIA Candidates at the Easter Vigil

Dee Dee was baptized and received her first Holy Communion. Peyton, Dee Dee and Anthony were confirmed. 1st row l to r Dee Dee McCoy, Peyton Kinney, Anthony Paradiso, Deacon Roberto Demetillo, 2nd row sponsors Agnes Dembia, Antoinette Paradiso, Meghan DiGiaino. **WELCOME!**



NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY @ Six Flags SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Open to all youth in grades 6-12

**JOIN ST. THOMAS YOUTH MINISTRY FOR A DAY
AT SIX FLAGS NJ YOUTH RALLY!**

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Event Ticket

Admission to Six Flags Great Adventure

Opening Ceremony (9:15-10:00 AM) & Sunday Liturgy (6:00 PM)

FREE Parking for your group

Mega Meal Deal Ticket (1 drink, 1 snack, and 1 meal)

Total Cost - \$50 per person

Original Price - \$75 per person (the church is supplementing \$25 per child)
(Season Pass Holders do NOT need to buy this ticket)

NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 AM Gates open for Opening Ceremony

9:45 AM Opening Ceremony in Showcase Arena

**hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark

10:30-6:00 PM Rides open to enjoy

5:15 PM Doors open at Batman Stunt Arena for Liturgy

8:00 PM Park Closes

TO SIGN UP

Call or text **Tracey Hann** at (973) 632-8830 with your child's name, your phone number, and the number of tickets needed.

Kindly RSVP by April 15th so we can reserve a bus!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This will count for all the Confirmation students who need to attend mass on Pentecost

St. Thomas will provide bus and chaperones

Leaving from St. Thomas parking lot at 8:00 AM SHARP

Return to St. Thomas approximately 9:00 PM

What is the Correct Response for an Easter Acclamation?

- ◆
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- ◆ When one person says "Christ is risen!"
- ◆ Others answer "He is truly risen".
- ◆
- ◆ You may think it's just a polite response from one Christ-follower to another but it's more than that. The tradition of saying "He is risen," goes back to the Bible! Some say the phrase originates from Mary Magdalene when she supposedly addressed Emperor Tiberius with the words, "Christ is risen".
- ◆ Others say it is based on Luke and the road to Emmaus story. "They rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
- ◆ Both the Old and New Testament speak of the truth of Jesus being raised from the dead. The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian faith. When Jesus rose from the grave, it was a victory for all of us. That is why we say, "Christ is risen. He is truly risen."

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Hospitality

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



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 pasta, pasta sauces and rice plus any of the usual items we collect on the weekends of **Apr 20/21 and Apr 27/28.**



Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS

THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

WE HAVE \$64,646 ALREADY PLEDGED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 78% 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 3/23-3/24
Minimum weekly needed	\$16,250
Regular Weekly Collection	\$5,152
Faith Direct Average	\$6,765
Weekly Total	\$11,917

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.

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

Easter 2024 Flower Donations



In Memory Of:

Nancy Walsh Bird
Frederick C. Schult
Deceased members of the Cacciopoli Family
Deceased members of the Harris Family
Deceased members of the Holt Family
Deceased members of the Pai Family
Tony/Lee Ballato
Deceased members of the Flood Family
Deceased members of the Lacki Family
Baby Nicholas Fasanella
Gerald A. Fasanella
Steven Fasanella
Shirlee and John Grady
Loretta Papera
Kate and Bud VanWagonen
C. William Epting
Mary Kay Crowther Epting
Malik Findly
Johnny Dwyer
Peter and Ann Bonavita
Tom and Doreen Nilan and Family
Deacon Tom Nilan
John O'Connell
Deceased members of the Muscarelle Family
Deceased members of the Maso Family
Deceased members of the Llanes and
Ocejo Families
Thaddeus Stankiewicz
The Kelly Family
The Ward Family
The Commerford Family
Constantino and Antonia Chiusano
Deceased members of the Lee
and Chiusano Families
James A. Aguiar
June M. Moretti
George Moretti
Salvatore Fazio
Mattia Family
Salvatoriello Family
John DePol
Collucci Family
Evelyn and James Sherretz and the
Deceased members of the Biondi
and Sherretz Families
Deceased members of the Hix Family

Mary and Alfred H. Piché, Sr and
the Deceased members of the
Hasslinger and Piché Families
Deceased members of the Lovejoy Family
Deceased members of the Connolly
and Verbout Families
Deceased members of the McCormack Family
Deceased members of the Lodato Family
Deceased members of the Carluccio Family
Charles N. Collucci, Jr.
Marie and Michael Juliano
Drako Family
LaQuaglia Family
Lorayne Swolensky

In Memory Of:

Barbara and Howard Gould
Rebecca E. Ziegler
Richard A. Ziegler
Rev. Msgr. John Judge
Deceased members of
the Mattner/McCaffrey Families
Deceased members of
the Seel/Ziegler Families
Al and Terry Mattner
Marge and Rich Ziegler
Rev Robert Brennan
Tom Mattner
Richard Phalon
Catherine, William and Elaine Dobbins
Mary Conheeney
The Geraghty-Kennedy Family
Deceased members of the Wentz Family
John and Eleanor Horey
Edwin and Janet Olsen
Charles and Eleanor Quolke
Charles Quolke III
Jack and Mary Vogel
Paula Chadwick
Deceased members of the Bis Family
Wass and Albanese Families
Mr & Mrs Anthony Tantillo
Madeleine C. Tantillo
Caso, Pesce Families
Deceased members of the Hitti Family
Encie McCoy
Dorothy Elijah
Zeke Cousins
Glenda Dickerson
Victoria and Peter Sayegh

Easter 2024 Flower Donations

Ed and Dick Frizzi
George Evans
Deceased members of the Slowinski Family
Daniel F. Sullivan and
The Deceased members of the Sullivan
and Kenny Families
Deceased members of the Iacobuzio Family
Frank Traina and Paredes and Emmolo Parents
Mary Greer
Antonia Rosa dos santos
Nancy Smith
Pelicot and Santiago Families
Dembia and Zloty Families
Greg Poage
Deceased members of the Fischer and
Cavagnaro Families
Daniel Pino
Walter Collins
Deceased members of the Schmidt, Weiss,
Rappaport and DiCocco Families
Sylvia and Dicky Weisel
Mary and Wayne Wanzor
James and Anna McCall
James A. Cavanagh
Kathleen F. McCall
John Masny
Michael Gergats, Sr.
Pearl Gergats
George and Lois Clarkson
Edward Pasino, Sr.
Reverend William A. Holt O.P.
Muriel and Ed O'Mara
Laval Family
O'Mara Family
John Crowe

Bernie and Christin Vierheilig
Frank and Stella Salek
Sister M. Thaddeus



In Memory Of:
Motyka and Derengowski Families
Marilyn F. Johnson
William J. Johnson
Stacey Johnson
Jewell and Bill Fretwell
Eula and O'Grady Family
Brian Fiore
Susan and Anna Cacciopoli
Falco and LoFrano Families
Patrick Hannan
Paul Nelson Gilbert
James and June Hughes
Sylvia Baumgarten
Ann and Joseph Conroy
JoAnn McClear
Deceased members of the Conroy
and Gunn Families
Chuakay-Go Family
Virtucio-Celis Family
Gene Colgan
Margaret Rowe
The Deceased of St Cassian Parish

In Honor Of:
Fr Steven D. D'Andrea
Msgr Anthony Kulig
Msgr John Doran
Deacon Roberto Demetillo



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



MOUNT SAINT MARY
House of Prayer
An Oasis of Peace, Contemplation & Hospitality

The Spirituality and Neuroscience of Self-Compassion April 20th at 9:00AM- \$50-\$60 (hybrid)

Our retreat will draw upon recent findings in neuroscience and psychology, illuminating self-care and spiritual practices that nurture gentleness, kindness, and patience toward ourselves and others. Far from being self-centered or selfish, when we generate deeper care for ourselves, we enhance our ability to care for others. Lunch is included.

For more information, 908 755-2091 US Highway 22 Watchung, NJ 07069

A Walk through the Mass; A Step-by-Step Explanation *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Liturgy of the Word is what adequately prepares our hearts, minds and souls to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist.

There are three Liturgical Years in the church, Year A,B, and C. The Gospel readings of Ordinary Time are taken from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark or Luke. One for each Liturgical Year. The Gospel of John is featured mainly in the Easter season.

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading has been picked in coordination with the Gospel so that there will be a theme. This reading is linked to the Gospel and highlights the Gospel in one of many ways:

- To show how a prophecy in the Old Testament is fulfilled through Jesus Christ in the Gospel.
- To make a contrast between events and personalities in the Old Testament and the Gospel.
- To make the meaning of the Gospel clearer through giving “the rest of the story”.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Responsorial Psalm has great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God. It is called “responsorial” because it is a response to the first reading in some way, often echoing its message or complementing it. It provides us a way to reply to the Word we have heard. Each Psalm is a prayer which reflect the wide range of human needs and emotions.

THE SECOND READING

The Second Reading during Sundays comes from the New Testament books but not from the Four Gospels. The Second Reading does not always tie in with the First Reading or the Gospel.

While the Second Reading can be understood independently of the other two readings, it often enriches the lessons to be found in them. On weekdays there is no second reading. The first reading can be from either the Old or the New Testament epistles or letters of the apostles.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Gospel Acclamation is a verse that immediately proceeds the Gospel. Outside Lent, it is sung with the “Alleluia”. An acclamation of this kind constitutes a rite or act in itself, by which the gathering of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel.

Standing for the Gospel: Because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel, it has long been the custom to stand in attentive reverence to hear these words.

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is the most sublime moment of the Liturgy of the Word. The Gospel which means “good news” is only read by the priest or by the deacon when one is present. It is important to remember that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is no longer the priest or the deacon speaking, but Christ himself because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, miracles, parables, sayings, compassion, mercy and preaching of Christ. We believe that Christ “is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the church:(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #7).”

As the priest introduces the Gospel, we trace the sign of the cross with our thumb on our forehead, lips and heart. In doing so, we ask God to be in our mind, on our lips and in our heart as we listen to the Gospel and then strive to live it in our daily lives.

REVERENCING THE GOSPEL

The priest or deacon kisses the book of the Gospels after its recitation. Jesus is present in His word, since it is he Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the church. This is meant to remind us of the particular power of God’s Word.

THE HOMILY

In the homily, the priest follows the example of Christ on the road to Emmaus, explaining and interpreting the Scriptures. The homily helps the faithful understand the readings and makes the Word of God relevant for today. Sometimes this interpretation is biblical, sometimes theological, sometimes moral, pastoral or catechetical.

THE CREDO

The Credo, literally "I believe", is a summation of Catholic belief. When Catholics proclaim the Creed, we reaffirm all that we believe and recommit ourselves to it. Notably, in the middle of the Credo, at the words, "and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary", the congregation solemnly bows, acknowledging that the Incarnation of the Son of God is one of the greatest Mysteries of our Faith.

THE GENERAL INTERCESSION

In obedience to St. Paul's request in 1 Timothy 2:1-3, the Church offers "supplication, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving for everyone", beginning with petitions for the needs of the Church, then public authorities and those oppressed by any need, and finally the local community.




OCIA

Contact Deacon Demetillo
862 202 2251

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU CATHOLIC IN NEED OF COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?



The Montclair Knights of Columbus Council is offering its organization's Spiritual Planner, *Vivat Jesus*, free of charge to Parishioners. Vivat Jesus is a pocket-sized planner and prayer book that includes monthly calendars for 2024, space to write out your prayer plan each month, and suggested devotions and practices based on the liturgical calendar. To order please email your request to christopherbaker747@gmail.com with your name, mailing address and telephone number.



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host".

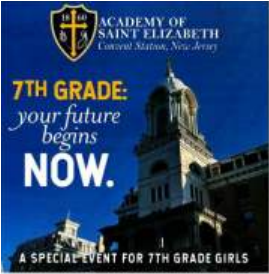
Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

High School Open Houses



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 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



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 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 eighth grade girls are welcome! Register on line at www.motherseton.org.

Seventh and eighth grade girls are invited to spend a day with us as a Students for a Day. Register online at 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.msdcademy.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.

Summer Activities



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMP

SUMMER SESSION : June 24
to July 26

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Mary Help of Christians Camp is operated by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco with the assistance of lay personnel. We believe in the inclusive education of young people as a means for developing their potential as “good Christians and honest citizens”. MHC provides meaningful leisure time activities on their 16 acre site as part of an enriching and enjoyable summer program for both boys and girls ages 4-13. Interested families should complete the registration form to reserve their spot for the upcoming season. AA regular camp day runs from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The drop off time for these days is 7:30 to 8:30 am; pick –up runs from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Scan the QR code at the right for more information and registration forms.



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.



Haiti Update: Week of 4/3/2024

Dear Reader!

Life in Port-au-Prince remains precarious. Gangs continue to control much of the city. But political activity (Caribbean Community) is a grouping of 20 Caribbean nations that have taken the lead in enabling a 9– member “transitional governing council” - composed of Haitian political leaders, as well as private sector, civil society and religious leaders. The council would have the task of selecting an interim president and prime minister, who would in turn lead the country to a general election. That group is not yet finalized but steps are being taken.

On April 2, the US installed a new ambassador to Haiti, Dennis Hankins. The post has been vacated since 2021. Remarks at his confirmation hearing centered on the need to fill the role in order to “help coordinate, once the Kenyan-led multinational, multilateral security support mission is in place”. The mandate of the military mission will be to protect the council and the transitional government, and facilitate the election process.

At Lamp, our staff remain safe and very eager to once again provide direct medical services. However, Ms.Mondesir, the Director of Haiti Communitere– where Lamp’s second site is located—feels that too much risk remains, and has asked us to be patient. Last week, there was an attempt by gangs to take over the local police station. The effort failed, but the area remains dangerous.

At our primary site in Cite Soleil, I am amazed to report, construction continued on flood control improvements and preparations to upgrade our solar energy system. Local labor is being used and Lamp Manager Benoit Florestal is monitoring the activity on a day-to-day basis.

Overall, gang conflicts are somewhat reduce and –although I fear this may not be a good idea– schools are set to resume next week. Note that Lamp’s school sponsorship program continues, despite the constant disruptions, and has been of tremendous assistance to the children, families and schools that are involved.

In hope,

Jim, Henry, and Kelli

Jesus' Body Came Back to Life!



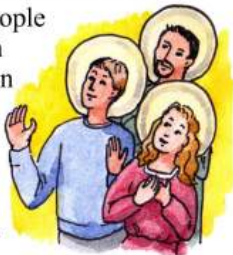
When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!



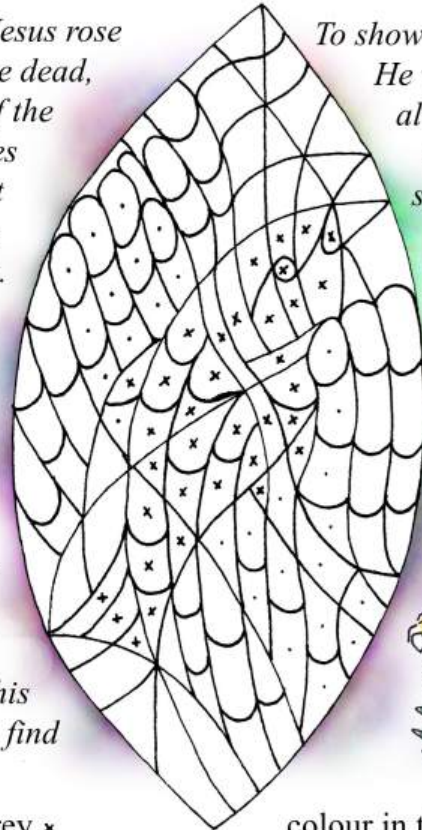
Alleluia!

Answers to Easter Word Puzzle: written, rise, third, sins, name, nations, Jerusalem, WITNESS.

Third Sunday of Easter April 14th, 2024

When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.

To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?



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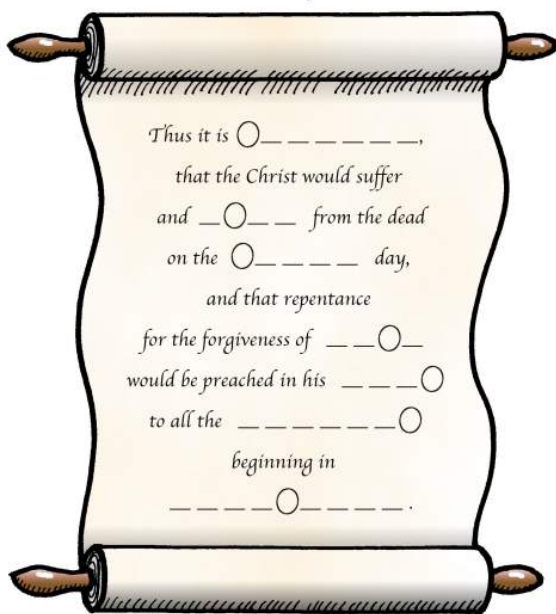
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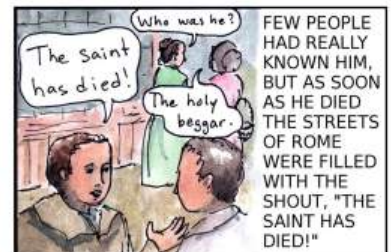
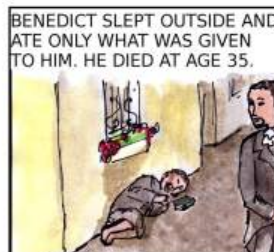
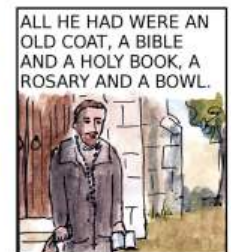
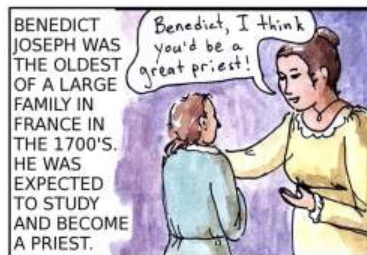
An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



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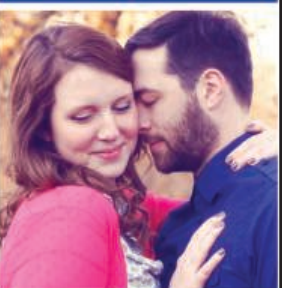
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