

SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:30PM

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

Weekdays: Tuesday through Saturday: 8:15AM

Holydays: 8:15AM and as announced

Office Information:

Served by:

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

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



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

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

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



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 |
| Brian Baird | 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 |
| Tina Frascino | Dr. Lorraine Reyes |
| James Gannon | Jaxson Rivera |
| Mae Garcia | Rhonda Sen |
| Deirdre Egan Graham | Elizabeth Smith |
| Dan Greiner | Olaf Stechow |
| Steve Grube | Lindsay Trembulak |
| Jennifer Gullace | Amelia Zoino |
| Joyce Hakimian | |

For those who have died: Michelina MacGregor, Helen Wyckoff, Lillian Restivo, Peter Acker and Donald Rasmusson

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 21

Sunday Apr 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	Brian O'Neill People of the Parish Carol Canavan Paul Pasino
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
Monday April 22nd Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter		Rosaria Mannino-Apap
Tuesday April 23rd St. George		Joseph Bianchi, Sr.
Wednesday April 24th St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen		Louis Castellino
Thursday April 25th St. Mark, the Evangelist		William Ford
Friday April 26th Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter		Adoracion Aquino
Saturday April 27th Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter		Ben Ronalder
Sunday April 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	Stella Salek People of the Parish Paul W. McGillicuddy Patricia Cordovano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
MON.	Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
TUES.	Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
WED.	Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
THUR.	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
FRI.	Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
SAT.	Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
SUN.	Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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



American Eucharistic Witnesses—Flannery O'Connor

To help pave the way to the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-23, 2024, the eucharisticrevival.org web site is presenting the **American Eucharistic Witnesses**. These are holy men and women who lived, loved, and served on the very soil upon which we now stand. They all testify—in unique and powerful ways—to what it means to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and to mission with Him for the life of the world. Old and young, men and women, representing different cultural families and vocations, these men and women show us what holiness looks like.

There is a famous story about Flannery O'Connor defending the Eucharist that every Catholic should know, and many already do. As Flannery tells it, as a young writer she was taken by some friends to a dinner party in the home of some famous New York intellectuals. For most of the evening, O'Connor sat in silence. She explains, "Having me there was like having a dog present who had been trained to say a few words but overcome with inadequacy had forgotten them". Late in the evening, the conversation turned to the Eucharist, and the host of the dinner party informed the others that she thought of the Eucharist as a symbol," and implied that it was a pretty good one". At that, O'Connor said in a shaky voice, "Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it".

Usually the story ends there. It's a powerful line by America's greatest Catholic fiction writer, and it's a good reminder to all of us that the Eucharist is no mere symbol; it is the real Presence of Jesus Christ—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. But that's not the end of O'Connor's description of the event. In fact, her reflection that follows deserves our attention: "That was all the defense I was capable of but I realize now that this is all I will ever be able to say about it, outside of a story, except that it is the true center of existence for me: all the rest of life is expendable." You can read more at www.eucharisticrevival.org/american-witnesses-flannery-oconnor-and-the-center-of-her-existence. Author: Fr. Damian Ference

The American Masters series on PBS premiered a documentary entitled "Flannery" on 3/23/21. "Explored the life of Flannery O'Connor whose provocative fiction was unlike anything published before. Featuring never-before-seen archival footage, newly discovered journals and interviews with Mary Karr, Tommy Lee Jones, Hilton Als and more." Check it out.

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. **CORRECTION ****Not coming to Archdiocese of Newark**

Updated Exhibition 2024 Dates:

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

The original article was republished from the Trenton Monitor. These are just excerpts. Read the full article at JerseyCatholic.org
The news site of the Archdiocese of Newark

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.



Safe Environment Corner

Training Adults

Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. In the Archdiocese of Newark, over 100,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report child sexual abuse and exploitation since 2003, in our multi-class in-person and online curriculum. Call Ralph Lilore, the Coordinator of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, for more information on this training. He can be reached at 973 497 4578.


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 ARCHDIOCESE 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.



PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

We will be collecting pasta, pasta sauces and rice plus **any of the usual items we collect on the weekend of Apr 27/28.**



SIGNS OF STEWARDSHIP	Gift of Treasure 3/23-3/24
<i>Minimum weekly needed</i>	\$16,250
<i>Regular Weekly Collection</i>	\$5,152
<i>Faith Direct Average</i>	\$6,765
<i>Weekly Total</i>	\$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.

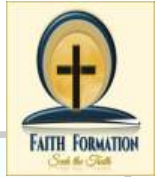
Home Visits

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



Parish May Crowning—SAVE THE DATE— May 19th



May is the month of Mary, our Queen and Intercessor. On Sunday, May 19th, we will honor her with a May crowning ceremony immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass. Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year are especially encouraged to attend and wear their Communion dress/suit or Sunday best. All are encouraged to join us and to participate in this act of devotion which includes presenting Mary with flowers and singing songs in her honor.



Paulist priest makes documentary of famed Hollywood Priest— Fr. Bud Kieser



Paulist Father Tom Gibbons, vice president of Paulist Productions in Los Angeles, is co-producing an hourlong documentary about Paulist Father Ellwood “Bud” Kieser. Entitled: “Hollywood Priest: The Story of Fr. Bud Kieser”. It will begin airing on PBS on May 1. Check your local listings. Father “Bud” made a name in Hollywood in the 1960s and the 1970s. He produced the long-running TV show *Insight*, a religiously-themed weekly anthology series that attracted prominent writers, directors and actors. “Hollywood Priest” features interviews with stars who knew Father Kieser, such as Amos and actor Martin Sheen. They both appeared on *Insight*, which presented 30-minute dramas that highlighted the search for meaning, freedom, and love from 1960-1983. Father Gibbons was raised in St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish in Chester, NJ.

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Strengthening the Church at Home

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Today nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs.

More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions



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.

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the major part of the mass after the Liturgy of the Word. The priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did at the Last Supper and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist consists of three sections : the Preparatory Rite, the Eucharistic prayer, and Communion Rite.

THE PREPARATORY RITE

The Preparatory Rite marks the beginning of the second major part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During the Preparatory Rite, many things occur simultaneously: the collection, the offertory song, the preparation of the altar and the presentation of the gifts.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION

A customary collection is made where the faithful are asked to present a monetary donation for the support of the church, both local and universal. This is also an ancient custom that took the form of people giving 10% of their harvest. The money that people take from their pockets and purses can be seen as a symbol of themselves.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The gifts of bread and wine are brought from the far end of the church through the assembly to indicate these are gifts from the people. Most importantly, this indicates that people are making a gift of themselves to be transformed with the bread and wine just as Christ gifted himself to the Father. The altar is also prepared. Sacred Vessels that are placed at the Altar are:



THE CHALICE

The chalice is a consecrated vessel that is used to hold the wine mixed with water. The chalice owes its importance mainly to what it will contain, that is, the wine turning into blood. But it also carries its own intrinsic symbolic value, since it recalls the cup Jesus used during the Last Supper.



THE PATEN

The paten is a saucer-like dish of the same material as the chalice. It must be large enough to cover the chalice. On it rests the bread to be consecrated, and later on the Sacred Host.

THE CIBORIUM

The Ciborium is a vessel that is used to hold the small hosts.



THE PURIFICATOR

It is a small piece of white linen folded in three layers and used by the priest to wipe away the excess Blood of Christ from the chalice and to purify the priest's fingers and the chalice and the paten after Holy Communion.



THE CORPORAL

It is a large square linen that is placed on the altar and upon which the sacred vessels are placed. It is used to catch all particles of Jesus Christ's body that may fall.



THE ROMAN MISSAL

It is the book containing the prescribed prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. It is placed on a missal stand.



THE RECEPTION OF THE GIFTS

After receiving the bread and wine and the offering from the people, the priest places the bread and wine on the altar. The presider presents the bread and the wine to the Father by elevating them a little above the altar with prayers to accompany these gestures. Both prayers begin, "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation", a brief prayer of praise taken from the Jewish tradition. Both the prayer for the bread and the wine look forward to the transformation of these gifts into the body and blood of Christ.

PREPARATION OF THE CHALICE

During the preparation of the Chalice, a little water is added to the wine. The wine and the water represent two realities in the Eucharist. The water represents Jesus' humanity and the wine His divinity. Therefore, when water is mixed with the wine in the chalice, the whole of humanity, that means all of us, the people are made one with Christ, the Divine. The priest says quietly: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbles himself to share in our humanity." When the gifts have been prepared, the priest says quietly: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, Oh Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God".

RITE OF WASHING OF HANDS

The Rite of Hand Washing is a symbolic gesture of purification. The priest says: "Wash me, Oh Lord, from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin". It is an important moment because it manifests that when the priest celebrates the Mass, he is praying, not just repeating mechanical gestures, but rather he is speaking with God.

The preparation of the offering concludes with two prayers. First, after the Washing of the Hands, the priest invites everyone participating in the liturgy to join their voices to the prayer he has just said in silence—that the offering may be acceptable to God. The priest says: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father". The phrase "and Yours" refers to our personal sacrifices and intentions that we unite with the one sacrifice of Christ.

This very short invitation and response from the people has a very profound meaning and speaks volumes of what is being celebrated, the Mass.

The Mass is a sacrificial offering of the one-time sacrifice that Christ offered to the Father on the Cross for us. The Mass makes present again Christ's perfect self-sacrifice on the Cross. Bread and wine are sacrificed at Jesus' instruction since He said that these elements would become His Body and Blood sacrifice on Good Friday.

The Mass is the sacrifice of the priest since through his ordination he acts in the person of Christ, Head of the Church. The power given to him at his ordination makes the celebration of the Mass possible. Through this power, Christ's sacrifice is made present and the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood of Christ.

Jesus in the person of the priest then presents our sacrifices and intentions to God the Father, who looks on us with Favor because we have united ourselves to His Son.

THE PREFACE

Now, the great event of the Mass is about to take place: the miracle of the transubstantiation. The Eucharistic prayer begins with a preface. In the preface, we give thanks to God, we recognize His acts of love and we praise Him. The liturgy guides us to elevate our heart to be ready for the most important moment: when Christ makes Himself present with His Body and Blood. The preface is introduced by the Great Dialogue between the priest and the people. The celebrant invites us to Lift up our hearts. When he speaks it is really the Lord Jesus who speaks to us.

THE SANCTUS

The Preface ends with this song of praise to God: The Sanctus. The first part is the song that the angels continuously sing in heaven without ceasing beside the throne of God as the prophet Isaiah heard it. The second part is the acclamation of the crowd on Palm Sunday: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest".

We have reached the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Consecration which is the most important moment of the Mass.

LAMP for HAITI

SHINING A LIGHT ON HEALTH. PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Haiti Update: Week of 4/11/2024

This is the fifth in a series of updates from Lamp for Haiti on the current crisis in Haiti and how it is affecting Lamp and the people we serve.

Here's hoping that the crisis will be over soon, but the pace of change is not fast. We will update you every two weeks, going forward!

I had a lengthy conversation with Lamp manager Benoit Florestal yesterday on the situation in Port-au-Prince and prospects for the future. The following update reflects his opinion on these things:

Benoit had just arrived at the Lamp office/dept. He reported that roads seemed safer; the increased number of vehicles showing that gang activity has lessened.

Most businesses, however, remain closed. Banks have greatly reduced the number of days that they are open each week. There is a \$200 limit on withdrawal of US dollars. Schools have not, in fact, opened, despite the fact that the Ministry of Education issued a schedule of final exams last week. (Schools are open in most of the country outside of Port-au-Prince). Benoit tells me, though, that some schools have opened but have told their students to dress in casual clothes since their uniforms might attract too much attention(!) The airports (local and international), the ports, and the land border with the Dominican Republic remain closed, and this has led to shortages of every type, including fuel. Many businesses simply do not have any products to sell. Electricity is available for an hour or so per day. People that previously invested in solar power systems, such as Benoit (and Lamp), are in a much better place than their fellow citizens.

On the political side there is predictable in-fighting as all political actors in the country struggle to have their representatives included in the transitional government. Meanwhile, various gangs have formed a coalition call Viv Ansanm (Live Together) and are threatening a coup, under recently returned leader Guy Philippe.

For the Lamp, concern centers around activities related to the international airport, since our depot and both service sites are close to the airport. Police—acting as a virtually independent agency—are making a concerted effort to increase security around the airport. Part of that effort, unfortunately, includes the destruction of makeshift homes all around the airport perimeter. Nevertheless, for Lamp, the importance of the airport means that our sites are in an area in which order will be imposed as a priority. Benoit suggests that the airport may be reopened soon and this would greatly assist in the normalization of activity in this part of the city.

Lamp has a large quantity of medical supplies, purchased before the recent crisis, and can resume full services at any point.

I know that not everyone is interested in the details of the situation in Haiti. Our next update will be focused more on the Lamp itself. One thing is certain, however: Lamp is accumulating unmatched local knowledge which has allowed us, and will allow us , to provide critically needed services with effectiveness and discernment in this challenging environment.

Take care everyone.

Keep Haiti in mind!

Blessing of the Parish Gifts for the First Holy Communion Candidates



At the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 4/14, communion candidates brought up the parish gifts. Deacon Roberto then blessed the gifts, which will be given to the sacramental candidates when they receive their First Holy Communion.



St. George - April 23

Countless stories are told about St. George, including the famous episode of the dragon and the girl saved by the saint. According to the standard version of the legend, we hear that in the city of Selem in Libya, there was a large pond where a terrible dragon lived. To appease it, the inhabitants offered him two sheep a day and later a sheep and a child drawn by lot. One day the king's daughter was chosen, and while she was heading toward the pond, George passed by and pierced the dragon with his spear; a gesture that became a symbol of faith triumphing over evil.

George, whose name in Greek means "farmer," was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around the year 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in

303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded.

Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today.

St. George is considered the patron of knights, soldiers, scouts, fencers and archers, among others; he is also invoked against the plague and leprosy, and against venomous snakes. As in the case of other saints wrapped in legend, the story of St. George serves to remind the world of a fundamental idea, that good ultimately triumphs over evil.



St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen—April 24

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people.

Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order.

Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed. Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.



St. Mark, the Apostle and Evangelist—April 25

Mark was born in Jerusalem, and was raised by his mother, Mary, in a house where (according to Acts 12:12) the first Apostles would meet. He is often identified as the young man who briefly accompanied Christ after His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, narrowly escaping arrest himself by slipping out of his clothes and running for safety (Mark 14:51). He is sometimes referred to as John Mark. After their visit to Jerusalem, he traveled with Paul and

Barnabas (who was Mark's cousin) back to Antioch; Barnabas and Mark then both accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey, although Mark accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey, although Mark decided to return to Jerusalem when they reached Perga (Pamphylia) in Anatolia. This caused something of a rift with the senior Apostle, although Barnabas and Mark later went on to evangelize Cyprus under Paul's guidance.

At a later date, Mark appears to be in Rome with both Paul and Peter. It is with Peter that Mark became most closely associated, seemingly acting as his secretary and as an "interpreter" of Peter's ideas. This experience primed Mark well for his most important achievement—the compilation of the second Gospel.

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
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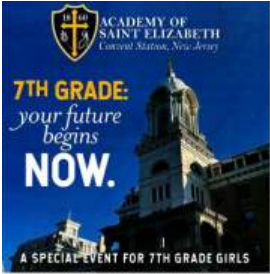
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For more information, contact admissions@aose.info



Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30 PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact the admissions office at admissions@bergencatholic.org.



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New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6465.



Our Good Shepherd

4th Sunday of Easter
 Good Shepherd Sunday
 April 21st, 2024



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen April 24

MARK REY WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1577. HE STUDIED AND BECAME A TUTOR TO SOME YOUNG NOBLEMEN WHO WERE TRAVELLING EUROPE.

Today we will study the French government.

THEN HE BECAME A LAWYER. HE WAS ALWAYS VERY JUST, EVEN TO HIS OPPONENTS.

I understand that your business was struggling, but you still cheated my client.

HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND OFTEN FOUGHT FOR THEM.

I'll give you 40 if you have the guy arrested...

Yes, I can defend you... But right now you need shoes and a coat!

HE WAS ORDAINED AND TOOK THE NAME FIDELIS, WHICH MEANS FAITHFUL.

God did not make us bad! We have made ourselves bad from sin!

Kill him!

HE PREACHED AND WROTE TO DEFEND THE FAITH. FINALLY ONCE WHILE HE WAS PREACHING THE HERETICS TOOK HIM OUT OF THE CHURCH AND KILLED HIM.

Renounce your beliefs and we will spare you!



Help the sheep
 find the Good Shepherd
 and stay away from the hungry wolf!

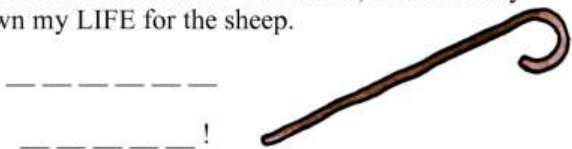
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Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



St. Cassian 5K and Fun Run 2024



What a beautiful experience to come together as a parish community to benefit the wonderful educational programs at our National Blue Ribbon St. Cassian School!

We are grateful to all those who participated, made a donation and/or volunteered to make the event a great success.

Special thanks to the Home and School Association (HSA) Leadership Team for heading this fun community event.



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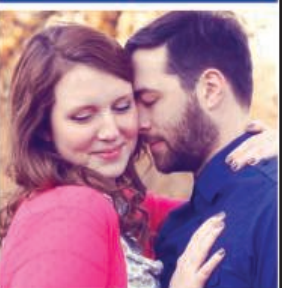
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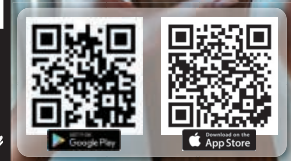
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