

# SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:30PM

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

**Weekdays:** Tuesday through Saturday: 8:15AM

**Holydays:** 8:15AM and as announced

### Office Information:

#### Served by:

Rev. Steven D'Andrea, Parish Administrator  
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Kulig, Weekend Assistant  
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Maria Llanes, St. Cassian School Principal

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

**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.

# Spotlight on Faith Formation



## God Bless Our First Holy Communion Candidates!



Father Steve introduced a beautiful vision of hosting intimate Communion Masses in which the children are actively involved. In support of this vision, St. Cassian is holding six Communion Masses this Spring, on April 20th and 21st, April 27th and 28th, and May 4th and 5th.

Children, families, teachers and staff worked together throughout the year to prepare for the Sacrament. All children successfully completed a series of faith formation classes. They received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in January 2024. Along with their families, the children created a Communion banner for display in Larkin Hall. New this year, the children were asked to play individual and group roles in the Communion Mass. This required them to learn a statement of gratitude to their parents, the readings of the day, a renewal of their baptismal vows, the universal prayers, and a closing prayer. Children also brought up flowers to the Blessed Mother and a series of gifts to the altar, including a Bible, bread and grapes, chalice, and the wine and host.

On the Friday prior to their Communion Masses, the candidates attend a full-day rehearsal in the church and Larkin Hall. The rehearsal includes practicing their various roles and learning their songs with cantor Chris Janish. In addition, the children enjoy snacks and lunch together, along with a few games and activities. The children each planted marigold seeds in a small pot to take home, along with a note to their parents, thanking them for their support and helping their faith to grow.

Communion candidates also received a lot of love from the parish on their faith journey. Gifts of a rosary, scapular, and prayer book were blessed at the 9:30 AM Mass on April 14th and given to each child prior to their Sacrament. In addition, the Communion and Confirmation candidates partnered with one another on their spiritual journey. The 8th graders prayed for and made each 2nd grader an ornament with the child's name on it.

Please enjoy the photos of the candidates who rehearsed on 4/19 and received their Sacrament on 4/20 & 4/21. We appreciate your continued prayers for these candidates as well as for the candidates who will soon receive their Sacrament.

It is such a gift to support the young people of the parish as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

May God continue to bless the children and families of St. Cassian parish!

Keri Misurell  
Director of Faith Formation





# Spotlight on Faith Formation

## God Bless Our First Holy Communion Candidates! (cont'd)

April 19th and April 20th



## The Eucharistic Prayer

We have reached the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Consecration which is the most important moment of the Mass. Kneeling is the humblest way of worshipping God during Mass. When we kneel, we completely submit and surrender ourselves to our Heavenly Father. **That is why, during this part of the Mass, no one should stand-up nor walk as this is the most solemn moment that we show reverence to Jesus who is physically present at the altar.**

### THE INSTITUTION NARRATIVE

During the Institution Narrative, the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and calls upon the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist.

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, says the words of the institution of the Eucharist: *“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU”. “TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”*

These words have the power to transform reality. The offerings of bread and wine cease to be such and are truly converted into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is the very moment when Christ becomes physically present at the altar and in our midst.

### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

An altar server often rings a small bell or bells during the Consecration to draw attention to the precise moment when transubstantiation– the conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ—takes place.

The first ringing may take place prior to the Consecration, as a sign that this important moment in the Mass is about to take place. Typically, this pre-consecratory bell is rung when the Holy Spirit is called upon to sanctify the bread and wine just before the celebrant begins the institution narrative, in which Jesus’ words at the Last Supper are recounted.

The bell is rung again during this most climactic point of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to draw the faithful’s attention to the elevations of the Consecrated Host and Precious Blood, and thus look upon and adore their Eucharistic Lord.

### ACCLAMATION

At this point, the priest invites us to make an acclamation, a response to the Mystery of Faith now present in the Body and Blood of Christ. We speak directly to the Lord himself now present at the altar in His Real Body and Blood.

The rest of the Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer for unity and intercessions.

### THE DOXOLOGY

A “doxology” is a short Trinitarian hymn of praise to God.

We respond with the great “AMEN”. This makes the Eucharistic Prayer our own and complete the great Trinitarian Doxology by all of us saying “Amen”. This ends our Eucharistic Prayer.



We would like to invite you to become a part of the LIVING ROSARY. What is necessary is a commitment to say one decade of the Rosary each day. You then become a member of a team who together says the entire rosary each day. The decade can be prayed any time. If you are interested in becoming a member contact the parish office, or email us at [stcassianrosary@gmail.com](mailto:stcassianrosary@gmail.com).

# April is the Month of the Blessed Sacrament



## American Eucharistic Witnesses: The Venerable Fulton Sheen and the Most Holy Eucharist

Fulton J. Sheen was born on May 8, 1895 in El Paso, Illinois. His family moved to Peoria when he was young. They were parishioners at the Cathedral of St. Mary where Fulton was an altar server and student in the cathedral school.

Fulton received his First Holy Communion at the age of twelve. When he was old enough, he went to seminary to study to become a priest. He was ordained in 1919. On the day of his ordination, Fulton made the commitment to pray a Holy Hour of Adoration every day before the Blessed Sacrament. He kept that promise for his whole life!

Fulton's time with Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist helped him to love God and love all people. He offered Mass, received Jesus in Holy Communion and adored Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus was the source of Fulton Sheen's holiness.

Fulton began writing articles and books about our Catholic Faith. He was invited to speak on the radio and host his own television show. Using both wisdom and humor, Fulton Sheen helped thousands of people learn about Jesus. In 1951 he was consecrated a Bishop.

You can read more at [www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/american-eucharistic-witnesses-the-venerable-fulton-sheen-and-the-most-holy-eucharist](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/american-eucharistic-witnesses-the-venerable-fulton-sheen-and-the-most-holy-eucharist) Author Msgr. Philip D. Halfacre .

An argument can be made that the most well-known and recognized Catholic priest in the United States in the middle of the last century was the Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. For 20 years as "Father Sheen", later Monsignor, he hosted the night-time radio program *The Catholic Hour* on NBC (1930–1950) before he moved to television and presented *Life Is Worth Living* (1952–1957). Sheen's final presenting role was on the syndicated *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968) with a format that was very similar to that of the earlier *Life Is Worth Living* show. For that work, Sheen twice won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, and was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine. Starting in 2009, his shows were being re-broadcast on the EWTN and the Trinity Broadcasting Network's Church Channel cable networks. His contribution to televised preaching resulted in Sheen often being called one of the first televangelists.

His television series, *Life is Worth Living*, reached an estimated viewing audience of 30 million people each week. (For those old enough to remember, the show was opposite Milton Berle's show *Uncle Miltie*. As a Catholic grade student, we were told to tune into the Bishop Sheen show and not the *Uncle Miltie* show).

Fulton met Pope Saint John Paul II when he came to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The Pope said to Fulton, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!" Fulton Sheen died two months later on December 9, 1979. He was declared Venerable in 2012. We have a picture of Bishop Fulton Sheen in our stained glass windows. Can you find it?

Relevantradio.com and EWTN have repeats of the television series, *Life is Worth Living*. Relevant Radio's schedule is every Sunday at 9:00 AM EST (audio only) . Check EWTN's web site for their daily schedules. <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/life-is-worth-living>.



We invite you to stay up to date on local Catholic News by regularly checking out the articles featuring our own **Archdiocese.**

[JerseyCatholic.org](http://JerseyCatholic.org) is the news website of the Archdiocese of Newark that delivers engaging and timely news stories each day from around the Archdiocese and throughout the Catholic Church worldwide. Check it out!



**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        |
| Douglas Booth            | Sr. Idoia Martinez |
| Leo Botwin               | John McCarthy      |
| Frank Briamont           | Russell McDonnell  |
| 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         | Francis Wyckoff    |
| Joyce Hakimian           | Amelia Zoino       |

**For those who have died: June Emrich**

THE ALTAR BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE ARENA

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE ARENA

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 28**

<b>Sunday Apr 28th</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	Stella Salek People of the Parish Paul W. McGillicuddy Patricia Cordovano
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
<b>Monday April 29th</b> St. Catherine of Siena	Patricia McEntee McFadden	
<b>Tuesday April 30th</b> St. Pius V, Pope	Christine Arena	
<b>Wednesday May 1st</b> St. Joseph the Worker	Ronald Pelakan	
<b>Thursday May 2nd</b> St. Athanasius	Edward Zieleniewski	
<b>Friday May 3rd</b> Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	Sean Hurley	
<b>Saturday May 4th</b> Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter	Cecilia Gregory	
<b>Sunday May 5th</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	People of the Parish Bernadette Petit Dr. I.C. Tracy Carol Ann Maffucci

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON.</b>	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
<b>TUES.</b>	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
<b>WED.</b>	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
<b>THUR.</b>	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
<b>FRI</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
<b>SAT.</b>	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
<b>SUN.</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

**Baptism Schedule**

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

## Hospitality

Volunteers are still needed  
 No need to commit to every Sunday.  
 Contact Mary Cavagnaro at (973) 744-2850 or [mary@stcassianchurch.org](mailto: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 tea, coffee and hot chocolate plus **any of the usual items we collect on the weekends of May 4/5 and May 11/12.**

Thank you for your continued generosity.



### ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!**

**WE HAVE \$72,436 ALREADY PLEDGED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 88% 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 4/13-4/14
<i>Minimum weekly needed</i>	\$16,250
<i>Regular Weekly Collection</i>	\$4,709
<i>Faith Direct Average</i>	\$6,765
<i>Weekly Total</i>	\$11,474

### 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).

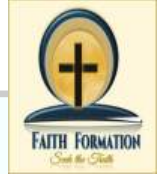
### Home Visits

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. 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)

## 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.



### Activity around the "Patio" and the Stations of the Cross

Mrs. Caroline Buza has helped keep the gardens looking lovely by planting pansies in the patio area. Her son, Robert, built the Stations of the Cross as an Eagle Scout project. She has been faithfully supplying pansies since the installation. Thank you Caroline.

During Lent, the CCD students learned about the Stations of the Cross "up close and personal" by visiting and praying at our patio area.



## Strengthening the Church at Home

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](http://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](mailto:christopherbaker747@gmail.com) with your name, mailing address and telephone number.



# 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](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



**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](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org).



## 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.

## Archdiocese of Newark Office of Family Life Ministry

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

June 2, 2024      12:00 PM      50 years (All counties)

May 5, 2024      12:00 PM      5 years & 25 years (All counties)

If you are still playing "catch-up" with your celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join us as well. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021 (or even if they missed 2022 or 2023), the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

If you would like to attend one of these masses, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office or in the collection basket. We will send it to the Family Life Office for you and they will acknowledge receipt of your registration and send you any additional information, directions, etc.

### 2024 Anniversary Liturgies Registration Form

Couple's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Couple's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting Parish: St. Cassian Parish City: Upper Montclair

Celebrating Our: \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Anniversary All Counties June 2nd– 12:00 PM (due May 24th)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All Counties May 5th - 12:00 PM (due April 29th)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Anniversary All Counties May 5th - 12:00 PM (due April 29th)



## St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church—April 29

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa known as Catherine of Siena was an Italian mystic and pious laywoman who engaged in Papal and Italian politics through extensive letter-writing and advocacy. Canonized in 1461, she is revered as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church due to her extensive theological authorship. She is also considered to have influenced Italian literature. Catherine was allegedly the 24th of 25 children of a wealthy Siense dyer, and decided not to marry, vowing chastity after having a vision of Christ when she was only seven. She became a Dominican tertiary at around 20. After experiencing a mystic marriage with Christ she received the stigmata, and began to preach repentance. Preaching proved to be her forte. Her influence with Pope Gregory XI played a role in his 1376 decision to leave Avignon for Rome. The Pope then sent Catherine to negotiate peace with the Florentine Republic. After Gregory XI's death (March 1378) and the conclusion of peace (July 1378), she returned to Siena. The Great Schism of the West led Catherine of Siena to go to Rome with the pope. She sent numerous letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI and to defend what she calls the "Vessel of the Church". She died on 29 April 1380, exhausted by her rigorous fasting. Catherine was declared the first female Doctor of the Church in 1970.



## St. Pius V— April 30

Pope Pius V, OP was born Antonio Ghislieri in 1504 and was called Michele Ghislieri. He was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States from 7 January 1566 to his death, in May 1572. He is venerated as a saint of the Catholic Church. He is chiefly notable for his role in the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation, and the standardization of the Roman Rite within the Latin Church, known as Tridentine Mass. Pius V declared Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church. By means of the papal bull of 1570, *Regnans in Excelsis*, Pius V excommunicated Elizabeth I of England for heresy and persecution of English Catholics during her reign. He also arranged the formation of the Holy League, an alliance of Catholic states to combat the advancement of the Ottoman Empire in Eastern Europe. Although outnumbered, the Holy League famously defeated the Ottomans at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Biographers report that as the Battle of Lepanto ended, Pius rose and went over to a window, where he stood gazing toward the East. "...looking at the sky, he cried out, 'A truce to business; our great task at present is to thank God for the victory which He has just given the Christian army'."

## St. Joseph -the Worker -May 1

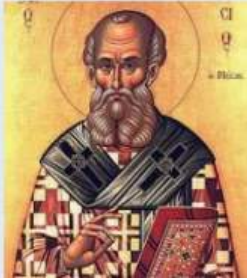


St. Joseph's main feast day is March 19. This second feast was introduced by Pope Pius XII in 1955. It was allocated to May 1, widely celebrated as Labor Day or May Day, in direct response to the challenge of atheistic Communism.

"Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God," Pope John Paul II had once said.

Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

We have a picture of St. Joseph the Worker in our stained glass windows. Can you find it?



### St. Athanasius—May 2

Saint Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria, was a great Father of the Church and a pillar of Orthodoxy. He was born around the year 297 in the city of Alexandria into a family of pious Christians. He received a fine secular education, but he acquired more knowledge by diligent study of the Holy Scripture. It was as a deacon that Saint Athanasius accompanied Patriarch Alexander to the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 325. At the Council, Saint Athanasius refuted the heresy of Arius, proposed the structure for the currently canonized books of the Bible, and wrote the Nicene Creed.

After the death of holy Patriarch Alexander, Saint Athanasius was unanimously chosen as his successor in the See of Alexandria. There was a time when he remained as the only Orthodox bishop in the area, a moment when all the other bishops had fallen into heresy. He wrote countless letters and tracts against the Arian heresy. Numerous works of Saint Athanasius have been preserved.



### St. Philip and St. James—May 3

Philip and James were both apostles, and both served Christ faithfully during the very early days of the Church.

Philip seems to have been an enthusiastic person. He was the one who brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus, insisting to Nathanael that he had found the person about whom Moses had written. Some years later it was Philip who made arrangements, with the help of Andrew, to have a group of Greek Gentiles brought to Jesus. Philip the apostle is not to be confused with the deacon Philip of Acts 8, who preached in Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian, although some writers say that they are the same person. Philip also had a practical, down-to-earth mind. He was the apostle who commented that it would take a considerable amount of money to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 hungry men,

women, and children. It was Philip who asked to see the Father when Jesus spoke about him at the Last Supper.

James was the son of Alphaeus and seems to have been born in Caesarea. He is mentioned less frequently in the New Testament than Philip is. Sometimes James is called the Less, which might be a hint that he was a short person or else that he was younger than the other apostle named James.

After Jesus' death James continued to preach the Gospel and is believed to have become the first bishop of Jerusalem. Assuming that James and the first bishop of Jerusalem are one and the same person, then he met his death as a martyr in that city about the year a.d. 62. Tradition identifies James as the author of the epistle associated with his name.



If you cannot attend the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis, think about joining the Eucharistic Pilgrimage when it comes through our area.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city May 17 until July 16, ultimately reaching its destination in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Revival July 17-23, 2024. We are on the eastern route of the pilgrimage ( St. Elizabeth Seton) route. It will be moving through the Archdiocese of New York from May 22 thru May 26. The details for the Archdiocese of New York are now posted on the website. The other location close to us is the Diocese of Metuchen. Their dates there are May 27 & May 28.

Check out the web site for the details. If you interested in attending the events of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP), register on the web site. <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

A decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis indicates that the plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024.



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# Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.



Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



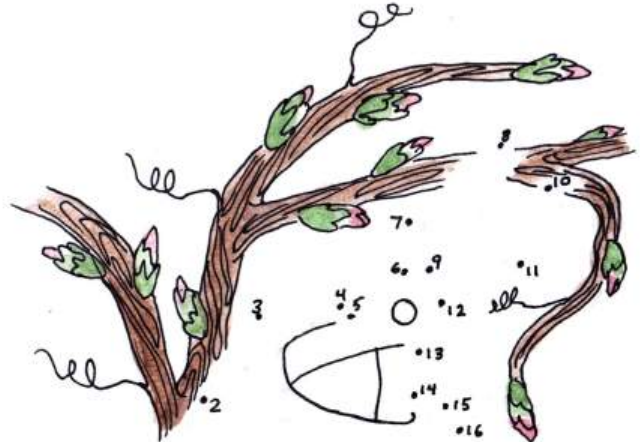
Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



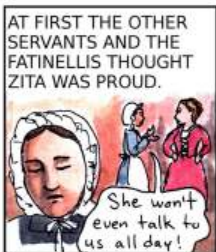
Answers to True or False: 1. true 2. true 3. true 4. true 5. false 6. true 7. false

## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

## Saint Zita April 30



### SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!





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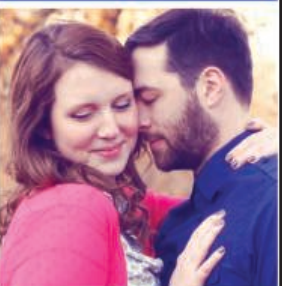
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