

# SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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.



## Spotlight on Faith Formation

### God Bless Our Sacramental Candidates!



On April 24th, we were blessed to have Bishop Manuel Cruz preside over the Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Cruz shared an inspiring homily and created moments of connection throughout the Mass. It was especially moving to witness Bishop Cruz speak individually with each of the fifty-three candidates and their sponsors as they received their sacrament. The time and tenderness Bishop Cruz took helped to create a holy moment for everyone with whom he interacted. After the Mass, Bishop Cruz continued to generously share his time and attention by taking individual photographs with the candidates. We are very grateful to all of the parish and school staff and volunteers who supported the candidates as well.

On April 27th and 28th, St. Cassian hosted two Communion Masses. New this year, the children played individual and group roles during the Mass. They stated their gratitude to their parents, read the readings of the day, renewed their baptismal vows, recited the universal prayers, and shared a closing prayer. Children also brought up flowers to the Blessed Mother and a series of gifts to the altar. On the Friday prior to the Communion masses, the candidates rehearsed in church and Larkin Hall. They practiced their various roles, learned songs, and enjoyed food and playtime together. The children each planted marigold seeds in a small pot to take home, along with a homemade card to their parents, thanking them for their support and for helping their faith to grow. Our sacramental candidates also received a lot of love from the parish on their faith journey. Confirmation candidates worked with a local jeweler, Kumarie Persaud, to create their own personal rosary. In addition, the Communion candidates gifted the Confirmation candidates cards along with framed inspirational artwork and a keychain of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Communion candidates received a rosary, scapular, and prayer book. In addition, the Confirmation candidates gifted the Communion candidates homemade ornaments.

Please enjoy photo highlights of Confirmation and the 4/27 & 4/28 Communion Masses. May God continue to bless the children and families of St. Cassian parish!

Keri Misurell

Director of Faith Formation





## Spotlight on Faith Formation

### Children who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation



Olivia Elizabeth Adubato  
Ashley Cecilia Albers  
Alexander Sebastian Anwar  
Zoe Josephine Asuncion  
Enzo Giovanni Alicandri  
Gabriela Isabella Baer  
Halle Clare Barrett  
Olivia Cecilia Basile  
Zoe Catherine Bevilacqua  
Victoria Catherine Bojaca-Lavado  
Samantha Rose Brodock  
Sabrina Anne Clark  
Ryan Peter Cohen  
Declan Michael Collins  
Carter Christopher Convey  
Julia Catherine Decker  
Dominic Dominic de la Fuente  
Ottavio Luke Del Priore  
Chloé Elizabeth Deriphonse  
Aidan Angelo Fogliano  
Theodore Dominic Franchetti  
Matthew Matthew Fredericks  
Ryan Patrick Gambuzza  
Mario Mark Gimelli  
Riley Anthony Guarino  
Braylon Hodgson +  
Noah Michael Horvath  
Christopher Anthony Kirk

Karl Anthony Krajewski  
Brenna Veronica Laracy  
Cole Sebastian Larkin  
Lyla Christina Larkin  
Shannon Marie Liddy  
Cole John Paul Loporto  
Lucinda Jude LoVerdi  
Vivian Elizabeth McCormick  
Francis Sebastian McGrath  
Lillian Elizabeth Mingione  
James Patrick Murphy  
Kellan Margaret Oess  
Giuliana Rose Pisano  
Oliver Peter Portelli  
Sofia Francis Portelli  
Sophie Sophia Reda  
Lily Brigid Reilly  
Alyssa Catherine Rodriguez  
Olivia Maria Rodriguez  
Sophia Lucy Salcedo  
Emilia Edith Sanchez  
Bianca Valentina Scalzo  
Christian William Todd  
Julian Christopher Vasquez  
Elizabeth Margaret Wager  
Robert Paul Wittich





# Spotlight on Faith Formation

## God Bless Our First Holy Communion Candidates!



April 27th First Holy Communion Class



April 28th First Holy Communion Class





# Spotlight on Faith Formation



Communion Rehearsal Day



Gifts from Parish



First Holy Communion





### For those who are ill:

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
Douglas Dawnay	Ronald Rego
Tony De Vito	Dr. Lorraine Reyes
Tina Frascino	Jaxson Rivera
James Gannon	Rhonda Sen
Mae Garcia	Elizabeth Smith
Deirdre Egan Graham	Olaf Stechow
Dan Greiner	Lindsay Trembulak
Steve Grube	Francis Wyckoff
Jennifer Gullace	Amelia Zoino
Joyce Hakimian	

**For those who have died:** Eithne Tobin

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Matt Boyle

Please remember these names in your daily prayers.

### ROSARY INTENTIONS...

<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 May 5

<b>Sunday May 5th</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	People of the Parish Bernadette Petit Dr. I.C. Tracy Carol Ann Maffuci
Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
<b>Monday May 6th</b>	Deceased members of the Cass and Higgins Families	
<b>Tuesday May 7th</b>	Edward F. Gaffney	
<b>Wednesday May 8th</b>	Eileen Gelston	
<b>Thursday May 9th</b>	Dominic and Margaret Testa	
<b>Friday May 10th</b>	Stella Barwacz	
<b>Saturday May 11th</b>	Philomena Cordasco	
<b>Sunday May 12th</b> Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	Bernadette Petit People of the Parish Irma Lopez Patricia Forbes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON.</b>	Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
<b>TUES.</b>	Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
<b>WED.</b>	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15
<b>THUR.</b>	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20
<b>FRI.</b>	Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23
<b>SAT.</b>	Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28
<b>SUN.</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19

### 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>

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

The priest-presider invites the community to join in the Lord's Prayer.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Before the Our Father is recited at Mass, the priest says that we "dare to" call God Our Father? Why is praying the Our Father something daring? We often think about God as transcendent and beyond us, and rightfully so. We know that we are finite and He is infinite. There is an infinite gap between God and man, between creature and creator. By our own power alone, we would not dare to call God "Our Father".

However, Jesus invites us to share with Him in this inner life of God. By our Baptism, we became adopted Children of God and thereby we dare to Call God "Our Father". Jesus first introduced us to Call God Our Father when He taught his apostles this prayer.

**THE EMBOLISM**

The Embolism, meaning "expansion" occurs when the priest continues the prayer alone. He is praying for our protection from all that is evil and sinful. He is praying for the joyful second coming of Christ. This prayer is not found in the Gospels but found in the Didache (pronounced did' a kay), known as the "Teaching of the 12 Apostles", a document used when they were spreading the word about Jesus after the Resurrection.

**THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The priest now invites us to exchange a sign of peace. It is easy for us to lose sight of the meaning of this exchange and to allow it to devolve into a mere greeting and casual conversation. The true meaning lies in the words of the priest prior to the exchange in which he speaks the words of Our Lord, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you". We are acknowledging Christ's presence in each other and sharing the peace that we have received from Christ with each other. It is a deep spiritual reality that is outwardly expressed in our exchange of peace. The Sign of Peace is meant to point towards the disposition of heart required for receiving the Holy Eucharist.

**THE FRACTION RITE**

The priest breaks the bread into two parts. This is called the Fraction Rite or the Breaking of the Bread. This calls to mind the great account of the Road to Emmaus in which the disciples recognized our Lord "in the breaking of the bread". This account is clearly a Eucharistic reference as the priest performs the same actions of the Risen Christ, who "took the bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them".

**THE CO-MINGLING**

After breaking the host, comes the Co-mingling. The priest takes a small piece of the Body of Christ and puts it into the chalice containing the Blood of Christ. As he does this, he prays, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." The co-mingling also signifies that at the moment of our Lord's Resurrection, His Blood was reunited to His Body, by flowing again in His veins as before. This action symbolically reunites the Body and Blood of Jesus.

**PRIEST GENUFLECTS**

The priest then genuflects to reverence the Body and Blood as he silently prays. As the priest performs the Fraction Rite and the Co-mingling, the choir immediately intones the threefold Agnus Dei, "Lamb of God". The first connection of our Lord to the Lamb is on the Passover in the Old Testament in which the blood of the Lamb saved the firstborn of the Israelites. In the New Testament, the Blood of Jesus saved us all from eternal damnation.

The second connection is to the Book of Revelation—a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem—which declares, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain". The angels praise the Lamb of God in the unceasing heavenly liturgy. Every time we celebrate Mass, we join in this heavenly liturgy and therefore join with the angels in heaven in this praise.

We also plead with the Lamb of God that He may show us mercy as we prepare to receive Him in Communion.



**THE ELEVATION**

The priest then elevates the Body and Blood of Christ, proclaiming to all the faithful words drawn from the Book of Revelation. "Behold the Lamb of God" that truly this is the Body and Blood of Christ. How blessed are we truly to be invited to this foretaste of heaven. ( Revelation 19:1-9)

The congregation responds; *"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"*. Why roof? We have a reference to our own bodies being temples of the Holy Spirit—we are not worthy that Our Lord should enter under the roof of our own souls, the temple of the Holy Spirit. But with one word, He pours out His mercy upon us and draws us close to himself that we may be made worthy in his sight.

**PRIEST COMMUNICATES**

As the priest consumes the Body and Blood of Christ, he prays: *"May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life. May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life."*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

In Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Christ in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus speaks of the importance of Holy Communion when he states, "unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life in you". Because Holy Communion unites us to Jesus, it also strengthens us against sin, helps us to live a Christian life and prepares us for the heavenly banquet.

Because Holy Communion is one of the most precious things that Jesus has given to us, it is important to prepare ourselves properly and carefully before receiving. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily, individuals with serious sins first need to receive forgiveness and absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One must fast one hour before receiving.

When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The Consecrated Host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant.

The priest will raise the Consecrated Host in front of the communicant. and say " The Body of Christ". To which the communicant responds "AMEN", professing what we receive is Jesus himself.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The single purpose of the Prayer after Communion is to recapitulate in prayer every word, action, and belief that has led us to and will soon send us from the Eucharist fashioned by profound sacred words and actions and received by those gathered. Although not words of our choosing, but rather those supplied by the Church, it attempts to verbally express what we have experienced and believe.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Rites of Conclusion of the Holy Mass take place once the prayer is ended after Communion. The Concluding Rites consist of announcements, the priest's greeting and blessing, the dismissal of the people by the deacon or the priest,. The deacon or the priest himself says: " Go forth the Mass is ended. " The Rites end with the kissing of the altar and with a profound bow before, as at the beginning of the Mass.

This concludes the series "Understanding the Mass". If there is another topic you wish us to explore, please contact the parish office and let us know.



## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

### Hospitality

Only 2 more Hospitality sessions before we break for the summer! If you'd like to serve after Mass, the time of your choice, please email [mary@stcassianchurch.org](mailto:mary@stcassianchurch.org) to sign up. If you're considering joining, but are not sure—why not volunteer on May 19 or June 2 to see what it is all about?



### Have you lost something?

We have found items left in the church. Examples are gloves, hats, umbrellas, scarves, sunglasses, etc. Check out the basket at the reception desk in Larkin Hall.



### PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN!

We will be collecting tea, coffee and hot chocolate plus **any of the usual items we collect on the weekend of May 11/12**. Thank you for your continued generosity.



### ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!**

**WE HAVE \$74,561 ALREADY PLEDGED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 90% 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](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
Minimum weekly needed	\$16,250
Regular Weekly Collection	\$4,709
Faith Direct Average	\$6,765
Weekly Total	\$11,474



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.

### 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.

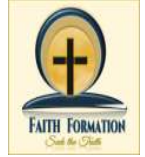
### Part-Time Parish Job Opportunity

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)



## Did You Know?

### Jersey Girl on the Road to Sainthood



#### **Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich - May 9**

Miriam was an American Ruthenian Greek Catholic Sister of Charity who was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2014. She was born **Teresa Demjanovich** in Bayonne, New Jersey, on March 26, 1901, the youngest of the seven children. She completed her grammar school education by the age of eleven, and received her high school diploma in January 1917, from Bayonne High School (at that time located in the present-day Robinson School). She graduated in June 1923 from the

College of St. Elizabeth at Convent Station, NJ.

Despite her desire to become a Carmelite sister and pursue a contemplative religious life, the Carmelites could not accept her due to her poor eyesight. The embroidery of vestments was a crucial aspect of the Carmelite sisters' duties, and it required good vision. Ironically, the miracle attached to her is the recovery of a young boy's eyesight after praying for her intervention.

Meanwhile, she accepted a teaching position at the Academy of Saint Aloysius in Jersey City. Demjanovich was admitted to the novitiate of the religious congregation of the Sisters of Charity and received the religious habit on 17 May 1925.

Sister Miriam had some profound religious experiences upon entering the convent. First, she was asked by her spiritual mentor to compose talks on spiritual growth, which were shared with other new members. These talks were subsequently published under the title "Greater Perfection."

Additionally, the Blessed Mother appeared to her when she was a college student, and the "Little Flower" appeared to walk with her when she was a novice, Miriam told her advisors.

She was operated on for appendicitis on 6 May and died on 8 May 1927. The Sisters of Charity petitioned Rome for permission to open a cause for her beatification because of Demjanovich's saintly life, her striving for perfection in her religious life, spiritual writings, and the favors received by others after her death through her intercession with God in 1945.

In 1963, after prayers to Sister Miriam Teresa by the family, faculty, and students of Saint Anastasia School in Teaneck, N.J. a nine year old boy was instantly cured of bilateral macular degeneration. This is a disease of the eyes that was declared medically incurable. St. Anastasia's Church has a plaque commemorating this miracle. Check it out.

In order to be recognized as a saint, a miracle must be attributed to prayers for the intercession of the holy person. This miracle should be spontaneous, irreversible, and occur without medical treatment following prayer for the designated individual's intercession.

Another miracle is needed through the intercession of Blessed Miriam for canonization. Readers who know of such an occurrence are asked to notify The Blessed Miriam Teresa League of Prayer at P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, N.J. 07961 or 973-290-5315. In December 2013 Pope Francis accepted the results of this long study and miracle and on Oct. 4, 2014 Blessed Miriam Teresa was declared Blessed at a glorious ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, N.J. This was the first time a beatification ceremony was held in the United States. It was a joyful occasion for both the Roman Catholics and the Byzantine Catholic Churches. In 2017, Stanley Rother and Solanus Casey would become the second and third Americans to be beatified in the United States.

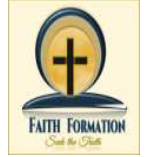
There is a shrine for Blessed Miriam Teresa in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station. Visitors are welcome by appointment. To find out more and to download a prayer card visit [www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa](http://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa).

**There will be a celebration of the Feast Day of Blessed Miriam at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station; 11 AM May 8th.**

On January 1, 2016, the Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish in Bayonne, New Jersey was established after the merger of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Andrew the Apostle churches.



## Did You Know?



### St. John of Avila—May 10

John was the Apostle of Andalusia and the spiritual advisor of St. Teresa, St. Francis Borgia, St. John of the Cross, St. Peter of Alcantara, and others. He was born on January 6, 1499, at Almodovar del Campo, Spain. After studying law at the University of Salamanca, he left the university to be a hermit. He then went to Alcala, where he was ordained. John drew great crowds with his fiery denunciations of evil and his many sermons. A brief imprisonment by the Inquisition in Seville made him even more popular. His missionary efforts were centered on Andalusia, and his letters and other writings have become Spanish classics. John was canonized in 1970.



### St. Damien of Molokai— May 10

St. Damien of Molokai (born January 3, 1840, Tremelo, Belgium—died April 15, 1889, Molokai, Hawaii [U.S.]; canonized October 11, 2009; feast day May 10) was a Belgian priest who devoted his life to missionary work among the Hawaiian lepers and became a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph de Veuster was born in rural Belgium, the youngest of seven children. In 1858 he joined the Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Picpus Fathers) at Leuven, Belgium. In place of his brother, Father Pamphile, who had been stricken by illness, he went as a missionary to the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands in 1863.

He reached Honolulu in 1864 and was ordained a priest the same year. Moved by the miserable condition of those suffering from leprosy, whom the Hawaiian government had deported to Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, he volunteered to take charge of the settlement.

Damien, known for his compassion, provided spiritual, physical, and emotional comfort to those suffering from the debilitating incurable disease. He served as both pastor and physician to the colony and undertook many projects to better the conditions there. He improved water and food supplies and housing and founded two orphanages, receiving help from other priests for only 6 of his 16 years on Molokai. In 1884 he contracted leprosy and refused to leave for treatment. He succumbed to the painful, deforming disease five years later. He was originally buried at the colony, as he requested, but his remains were transferred to Leuven in 1936. His right hand was returned to his original grave in 1995. We have a picture of St. Damien in our church's stained glass windows. Can you find it?



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.

**What is a Pilgrimage?** “A Pilgrimage is not the same as a Vacation... Making a Pilgrimage to shrines is one of the most eloquent expressions of the faith of God’s people... It would be a mistake to think that those who go on a pilgrimage live a spirituality that is not personal but rather of the masses. The reality is that the pilgrim carries within him his own history and faith and the lights and shadows of his own life. Each person carries within his or her heart a special wish and a particular prayer. Those who enter the shrine immediately feel they are at home, welcomed, understood, and supported.” **Pope Francis 2016**



# Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?

1. What can you do to show you love your parents?

2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?

3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?

4. How do you show your friends you love them?

5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!

Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another! Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5th, 2024



1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14

What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?  
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

## Love One Another Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

No one has greater love than this:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for one's friends.

GCTSLAVESOL  
IOANOTCLGAY  
VMNDNOHIRFM  
EMOWGNOFERA  
FATHERSEAUS  
KNHOREENTIT  
NDECOMPLETE  
OMRENAMERSR  
WELFRIENDSI  
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## Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine May 8







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We thank Bishop Manuel Cruz for being the presider of the Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Cassian Church on Wednesday April 24th. Bishop Cruz truly made the celebration special through a homily filled with profound meaning. He also took the time to talk with and congratulate each candidate and his/her sponsor. We are also grateful for the dedicated leadership and guidance provided by Fr. Steve, our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Llanes, our School Principal, and Mrs. Misurell, the Director of Faith Formation for their special role in guiding our students in achieving this milestone in their faith journey. We also thank the dedicated teachers and staff that helped to prepare the students for the sacrament: Judy Nash (Parish Faith Formation Coordinator), Amanda Bordogna (School Faith Formation Coordinator), and the eighth grade teachers, including Frank Garland, Marigene Rafferty, Doreen Rearden, Hector Zayas and Anna Zayas.

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