SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026

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

Served by:

Rev. Fr. Steven D'Andrea, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Kulig, Assisting Priest
Rev. Dcn. Roberto Demetillo, Deacon
Rev. Dcn. Domenick DiBernardo, Deacon
Stephen Powers, Director of Music
Keri Misurell, Director of Faith Formation
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Nicholas Dudzic, Director of Liturgy & Altar Server Moderator

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00AM—3:30PM
Friday 9:00AM—12NOON (Summer Hours)

Sacraments:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:00PM throughout the year except during Lent. Baptisms on a Saturday can be arranged.

To baptize your child at St. Cassian, your family should be registered parishioners. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend a preparation class. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for the date that you would like for your baby's Baptism.

Scan to download Parish Registration form:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least one year before the desired date with the Parish Office. Please do not make firm plans for the reception prior to speaking with a priest.

Confessions are heard every Saturday between 4:15PM-5:00PM in church

For those who are ill:

John Acha
Victor Adragna
Maria Banzon
Shawn Barrett
Robert Blackburn
Anne Bordanaro
Leo Botwin
Judy Burke
Gustavo Caceres & Family
Dominek Capela
Violet Carbone
Cruz Contreras
Gladys D'Andrea
Gerard Dell'Orto
Maryellen DePalma
Al Del Vento
Francis Dooley
Helen Dooley
Letitia Elias
Maria Falcone
Diane Ferrick
Courtney Fingar
Margarita Franco
Kathleen Galante
Marie Garcia
Isabella Gaven
Carol Gesualdo
Carmen Gonzalez
Donna Hains
Michael David Higgins
Anne Hughes
Alcides Jimeno
Irena Kapitula
Peter Kueken
Jeannette Lauture
Elizabeth Leuven
Armando & Marta Lopez
Cassie Lopolus
Molly Mack
Leigh Major
Russell McDonnell
Leeanne McGrath
Wendy McNeil
Douglas Miller
Zoila Moncada
Sandra Nicastro
Ed Olsen
Alaria Orloff
Gabriel Poma
Edward Pasino
Mildred Pasino
Geraldine Pompei
David Quigley
Sharon Rappleyea
Nancy Repetto
Anne-Marie Richards
Gianna Rios
Arlene Schneider
Andrea Seminara
Stella Skinner
Gary Smith
Elizabeth Smith
Lynette Steiner
Doug Svozil
Lee Swearer
Mark Tietjen
Lindsay Trembulak
Cesar Varela
Cathy Walsh
Matthew White
Mieke Wiggin
Mary L. Wood
Fumiko Yozawa
Dr. Tatsuzo Yozawa
Amelia Zoino
Mario Zoino

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: +Susan Gniewek
+Andy Harcarik

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 5th

Sunday, July 5th Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	+Janina and Bronislaw Bladek -Special Intention & +Sophia McCoach People of the Parish +James D. Bence
Tuesday–Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15 AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
Monday, July 6th St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	+Vi Tauro	
Tuesday, July 7th Ordinary Time Weekday	+Dominic and +Margaret Testa	
Wednesday, July 8th Ordinary Time Weekday	+Deceased Members of the Cass and Higgins Families	
Thursday, July 9th St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	+Michael O'Donnell & +Frederick Conlon (70B)	
Friday, July 10th Ordinary Time Weekday	-Special Intentions of Gerry Mirocco	
Saturday, June 11th St. Benedict, Abbot	+Jim McHugh & -God's blessings on Dcn. Roberto on his 6th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate	
Sunday, July 12th Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	+Karen Black Burgin & +Janina and Bronislaw Bladek People of the Parish & -Special Intention +Anna DiGiampolo +Walter Oset

Mass Intentions Key:

+Deceased Intention, -Living Intention

(A)Anniversary of Death, (WA)Wedding Anniversary, (B)Birthday

We welcome the newly baptized to the Catholic Church and our Parish Community:

Dante Christopher Russomano

Charlie Joseph Marmorato

Callie Jean Falzon

Marlowe Brooke Emery

Finley Richard Stuart

Henry Ellis Lodge

Job Seekers

Job Seekers meets in the Assembly Hall of St Luke's Church, 73 South Fullerton Ave., Montclair. Park on the street or in the lot (on Union St). Walk through the parking lot and go through the brief tunnel on your right. Follow the walk, making two left turns. The entrance faces South Fullerton Ave. Please arrive by 7:15 PM as the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM sharp.

Looking to contribute to Altar Breads or the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of a loved one? Please call the Parish Office to see which weeks are available for contribution.

Baptism Schedule

July 2026	Baptism	July 19
	Class	July 14
August 2026	Baptism	August 23
	Class	August 18
September 2026	Baptism	September 20
	Class	September 15
October 2026	Baptism	October 18
	Class	October 13
November 2026	Baptism	November 15
	Class	November 10

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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 or email Dcn. Roberto deacon@stcassianchurch.org. The next class will begin on **September 24th, 2026.**

Please Help However You Can!

We will be collecting tea, coffee, cocoa and any of the usual items that we collect the weekend of **July 11th and July 12th**.

Please bring all items to the **food table** below the steps going to Larkin Hall.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

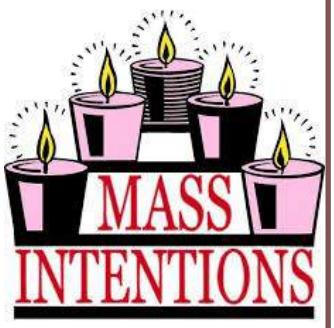
Spouses Celebrating **Milestone Wedding Anniversaries:** (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th +) Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a renewal of vows and a special blessing at a Sunday Mass nearest to your Wedding Anniversary!

Offering Masses/ Mass Cards:

Offering a Mass for both living and deceased intentions is the best way to ask the Lord to intercede for our needs and loved ones. The Eucharist allows the Parish Community to join in prayer for your intention as well as allows the Priest to offer the Eucharist in your intention. Masses & Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office. Please visit the Parish Office to offer a Mass!

The 2027 Mass Book is Open!

Stop by the Parish Office to offer a Mass for a Loved One either Living or Deceased. The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3:30PM. You may also call the Parish Office at 973-744-2850.



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.

ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal continues! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/ sharing OR scanning the QR code.

Mission Appeal — Daughters of Mary-Tabora, Tanzania

I am Sr. Magdalena Chubwa, I was born and raised in the Kigoma region in western Tanzania. At 14 years, I was accepted into the religious community of the Daughters of Mary located in Tabora – Tanzania, of which I am a member today. My Congregation sent me for higher education in the U.S. in 2008. I studied Biology for my undergraduate and then Health Care Management and Administration for my master's degree, both from Saint Elizabeth University in NJ. I was awarded my PhD studies in Health Sciences at Seton Hall University in NJ in 2024. In 2025, I joined Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth NJ for my internship to gain my experience in healthcare leadership and where I am still currently working.

As a Catholic nun, I wish to see my Community grow, advance, and achieve its goals within the two pillars of Love and Service. Through my religious life, I envision to strive to serve the Lord and the Church by providing to the poor and the needy, a quality healthcare, Catholic education, social-related works, and children and women development. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you about the Daughters of Mary and our needs in Tanzania. For more information about the Daughters of Mary, please go to www.cdmttz.org

Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora (CDMT)

Founded in 1933 in the Archdiocese of Tabora, the Daughters of Mary serve communities through healthcare, pastoral ministry, social services, education, and women and youth development. Their work focuses especially on rural areas, supporting nomadic families, orphans, and children who are deaf.

Elderly sisters helping the community by praying and the simple task of shelling peanuts.

Solar Power System Needed

We are seeking support to install a sustainable solar energy system at our Motherhouse in Tabora, Tanzania. Frequent power outages damage essential equipment and make it difficult to meet the needs of our community, especially our elderly and infirm sisters.

To begin this project, we must raise $60,000, the estimated cost for the solar panel system required.

Without reliable electricity, caring for our sisters and supporting our ministries—particularly in rural outposts—becomes extremely challenging. Also, proper sustainable solar power is needed for us to care for our elderly and infirm sisters, who need beds and lifts that run on electricity in their new home. Your generosity directly strengthens our ability to continue this mission of love and service to our sisters in need and to those to whom we minister.

A Call to Partnership

As St. John Paul II reminds us, "Some become missionaries by going to the missions; others go by giving to the missions; without both, there are no missions." We invite you to partner with the Daughters of Mary in caring for the elderly sisters who have spent their lives serving the suffering poor of Tanzania. Thank you for your prayers and support. For more information regarding the Daughters of Mary, please visit our website www.cdmttz.org

Celebrating America's 250th Birthday!

Growing up I loved reading stories about George Washington and the founding fathers. I loved the first buildings that were built here in America in the colonial style. I loved looking at picture books of the White House. When we moved to Nutley my dad took me around town to see some of the houses that were built in the 1700's. When it came time to pick a name for confirmation, I sat at our kitchen table, and I told my parents I picked the name George. After George Washington, the father of our country. My parents just looked at me and said: Your name will be Giuseppe. Giuseppe's your name. Apparently, freedom had not reached our house!

The founding fathers were tough people. They led armies into battle, they were brilliant military men, scientists and inventors and they studied religion. They did these things to create and build the foundation of a new country. America is the country where you can come here penniless and become a millionaire. Despite what we hear each day on TV and the news, we still live in the greatest country in the world. People give up everything to leave their countries and come here to America. It is interesting that people will get in a boat and leave Haiti. They will sail right past Cuba and risk their lives for another 90 miles to get to the shores of the United States. People come not because it is the land of the guarantee, but because it is the land of opportunity. People are still willing to work hard to live the American dream and make better lives for themselves and their families. They come here because they value their lives and freedom.

We have all been born – our parents gave us an opportunity to have life. Even if we were not born here in America, we are here now and we enjoy the gift of life and the freedom that this great country offers us. Consider what America has produced ahead of other nations: steam engines, railroads, the oil rig, cars, the light bulb, the telephone, the motion picture, the airplane, FM radio, television, the atom bomb, the transistor, the personal computer, the Internet, a host of modern medicines, medical devices, organ transplants and imaging machines, the credit card, the cell phone…..and that list barely scratches the surface. Why has this nation seen such creativity? There are two basic reasons: the people and the place. People lived in a country that offered them freedom and became the land of opportunity. It is ironic that many immigrants who become citizens can sometimes be the most patriotic. This is because they have often lived in countries with little or no freedom and much oppression. Two Hundred & Fifty years ago, 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. It was a promissory note for future men and women. They didn't just sign a piece of paper and walk away. They pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to create this country. They were not perfect, but no one is. Those 56 men and many others gave far more than many will ever know.

It would be interesting to know what these men were reading when they were growing up. Who influenced these men and inspired them. We do know many read the Bible and were very religious men who understood and believed in God.

It's very sad that in some parts of the country people say that they are ashamed to fly their flag. We should never be ashamed to show our patriotism and our love for our country. And if we don't teach patriotism to our children, how will they learn it, and then if they don't, who will want to defend us. Fortunately, every generation has produced young men and women who are willing to join our military and be ready to defend us.

Above all other nations of the world, America has been especially blessed and should give special thanks. We have bountiful harvests, abundant freedoms, and a strong, compassionate people. Many of us believe that this anointed land was set apart in an uncommon way, that a divine plan placed this great continent here between the oceans to be found by people from every corner of the Earth who had a special love of faith and freedom. People of all nationalities have contributed to building this country and making it what it is today. But we could not have done it without our freedom.

My father's parents were immigrants from Italy who came to live the American dream. One of the things that they were most proud of is that all 4 of their sons served in the military. 3 sons in World War II and my dad in Korea. Long after they were all home from the service and married with children, their pictures still remained in their dining room of each one of their boys in their uniforms. They had a great sense of pride that they could give something back to the country that had been so good to them. They were very lucky their boys all came home safe. But many were not. I still remember and you may too, if you saw a Gold Star in the window, it meant that the family had lost a son in the war. Some houses were frozen in time after they lost their son.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY" should be a reminder for us of the values that this country was founded upon. Our founding fathers were not afraid of religion. They fought for freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. George Washington and Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson all believed that they were creating a nation that would be under the watchful eye and protection of God himself. They believed that our liberty came from our Creator, and that our rights were given to us by God. They believed that they were working with God to create this nation.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY" should be a time that we ask God to continue to bless us and protect our country, so that we may continue to live in true freedom. Above all other nations of the world, America has been especially blessed and should give special thanks. God blessed this country and put blessing under our feet. We have oil, natural gas, coal, diamonds, silver and gold mines. Clean water and fertile soil. Natural God given riches. And we have used our resources to help others. We are the most compassionate country in the world. We have bountiful harvests, abundant freedoms, and strong, compassionate people. We have shared and fed the world. We should be grateful not only for our blessings, but for the strength of our ancestors.

Our family members had the courage to leave their homelands and come to America to give their children a better life than they had. If it wasn't for my grandparents, I might be back in Sicily picking olives. There would be no independence or freedom to celebrate if it was not for our veterans. Continue to pray for God's protection over our country and our military. Remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

As we say Happy Birthday to America, let us give thanks for the opportunity to worship God in true freedom. We have been a parish for 131 years. An amazing accomplishment for any church. But only possible because of our freedom. May God bless all of you, our beautiful parish. God has blessed America. May He continue to watch over us and may Mary intercede for us.

Fr Steve

GOD BLESS AMERICA

NEW!

NEIGHBORHOOD HELPERS

St. Cassian Teen & Young Adult Job Board in Larkin Hall

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

Hard work is not only a means to achieve success but also a way to honor God and fulfill our responsibilities.
Embracing a strong work ethic contributes to fruitful rewards and a fulfilling life.

Parish Middle and High School Youth and Young Adults – Are you interested in sharing your gifts of time and talent while earning money or service hours helping fellow parishioners? Summer is a great time to hone your skills, get to know fellow St. Cassian members, and work towards your financial or service goals. Perhaps you're saving for a trip or activity, creating a fund to buy holiday or birthday gifts for family and friends, looking to purchase a new game, sports gear, book series, piece of technology, or article of clothing or sneakers/shoes OR looking to get a jumpstart on your Confirmation Hours or school-based service requirements – achieve your goals and gain confidence and a sense of accomplishment this summer while doing good for others.

Parishioners – Are you interested in hiring a parish teen or young adult looking to earn money or volunteer service hours and gain valuable experience while helping fellow parishioners in need? There is great value in getting to know our parish youth better and engaging them in a way that builds confidence, increases their level of responsibility, and helps them achieve their financial and/or service goals.

Interested Teens and Young Adults:
Please fill out a **"READY TO HELP"** posting for display on the Board in Larkin Hall &/or to check the **"NEED HELP"** postings by parishioners.

Let's work together to help our parish community!

Parishioners:
Please fill out a **"NEED HELP"** posting for display on the Board in Larkin Hall &/or check the **"READY TO HELP"** postings by parish teens and young adults.

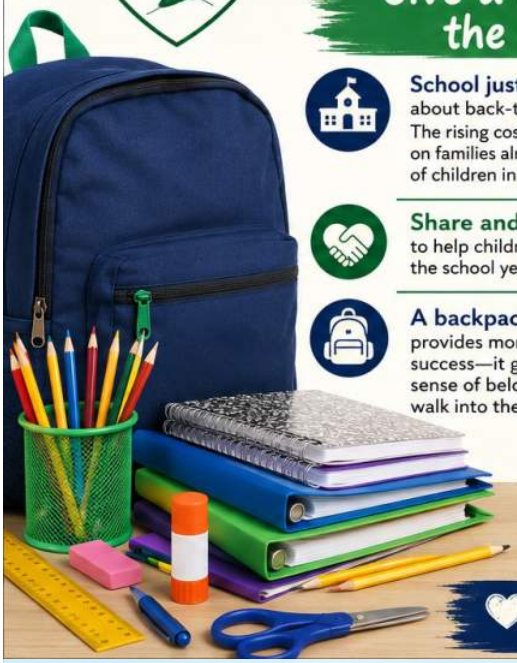
EXAMPLES OF SERVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Mother's Helper
- Tutoring or Other Skill Building (crafts, sports, etc.)
- Pet Sitting
- Babysitting
- Help with home organizing
- Washing cars
- Mow Lawn/ Gardening Help
- Help with light chores/tasks
- Help While Parishioners are on Vacation – Taking in mail, taking out garbage/recycling, watering plants
- Running local errands

Note: The parish serves only as an information exchange and does not screen, employ, supervise, or endorse participants. Parishioners are responsible for determining suitability and for making their own arrangements.

St. Cassian's
Share and Care Ministry
BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE:

Give a Child the Tools to Learn, the Confidence to Succeed



School just ended... and yes, we're already talking about back-to-school supplies!
The rising cost of back-to-school supplies places a significant burden on families already struggling to afford basic necessities, and hundreds of children in our local communities start school without them.

Share and Care is partnering with Catholic Charities to help children throughout the Newark Archdiocese start the school year prepared, confident, and excited to learn.

A backpack filled with essential supplies provides more than the tools needed for academic success—it gives a child the confidence, dignity, and sense of belonging that every child deserves as they walk into the classroom on the first day of school.

Donations must be received by JULY 26

and may be dropped off in Larkin Hall.

PLEASE DONATE:

- Backpacks (new or gently used)
- 1–2 inch binders
- 2-pocket folders
- College-ruled spiral notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- College-ruled loose-leaf paper
- Black and blue pens
- #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Mechanical pencils with refill lead
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils, crayons, and washable markers
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Child safety scissors
- Pencil cases
- Rulers

Please note: All items except backpacks must be **NEW.**

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
— 1 John 3:18

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Camp Mary Help

Looking for a faith-filled summer experience for your children or grandchildren? Camp Mary Help, operated by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, offers an enriching program for boys and girls ages 4–13.

Campers enjoy daily faith activities, arts and crafts, sports, swimming, STEM activities, games, and opportunities to grow as **"good Christians and honest citizens."**

CAMP DATES:
June 29 – July 31, 2026

MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

COST:
Registration fee $90 per child
- 1 child – $280/week
- 2 siblings – $540/week
- 3 siblings – $795/week

"Let the children come to me..." (Mt 19:14)

HELP SEND A CHILD TO CAMP!

Parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child so that more young people may experience a joyful, faith-filled summer. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.

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Contributions may be made through Venmo, or by placing cash or checks (payable to the parish) in the collection box located in the church vestibule.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE ON VENMO!

For camp information or registration, visit **www.maryhelp.org/camp** | or call **(973) 790-6200** ext. 9.

Faith Formation Registration

OPEN

Calling All Children in Grades 1 through 8: Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation program year is **open**! Classes begin on **September 20th** and meet **Sunday mornings** (NEW TIME based on our return to 9 am Mass – **10:15–11:15**), **Monday afternoons (4:00-5:00)**, or **Tuesday evenings (5:30–6:30)**. Families who participated in the 2025 – 2026 program year will automatically receive a registration email from Parish Giving – please check your inbox or spam folder. Families enrolling a child for the first time OR returning after a gap can visit stcassianchurch.org and click the Faith Formation tab to register.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Early Registration Discount of 10% if you register BEFORE July 12th.
- There is an expectation that children will continue from year to year – we strongly discourage families from withdrawing after their Sacrament of Communion and look forward to continuing to support your child's Faith Formation in grades 3-8.

Forming Young Disciples

Are you the parent of a child between the ages of Birth to Three? St. Cassian Parish is exploring parishioner and volunteer interest in a more robust baptismal program that welcomes parents seeking to have their infant baptized and helps parishes create an atmosphere of community-building that not only draws young families in but gives them a reason to keep coming back. If you are interested in learning more, please email our Director of Faith Formation, Keri Misurell, at kmisurell@stcassianchurch.org. Keri will reach out to you this Summer.

Are you interested in an alternate model of Faith Formation for your child in Grades 3 - 5? For those children and families for whom the traditional classroom model and weekly schedule of faith formation is not ideal, St. Cassian is exploring a flexible pilot for grades 3-5 to nurture children's faith, help parents to grow in their own faith, and build community. This model would include a monthly parish-based group meeting with grade-specific instruction by trained catechists and at-home sessions guided by parents. If you are interested in learning more, please email our Director of Faith Formation, Keri Misurell, at kmisurell@stcassianchurch.org. Keri will reach out to you this Summer.

Join the Altar Server Team!

Calling All Young People from 4th Grade through Young Adulthood: If you are interested in joining the great team of Altar Servers at St. Cassian Church please contact Nicholas Dudzic at (973)-744-2850 or by email at ndudzic@stcassianchurch.org. Serving at the Lords Table is a great way to be connected with God and His Church as well as work as a team and build life lasting friendships!

We are looking for Servers who can assist at the Saturday **5:30pm** & Sunday **11:30am** Masses on a regular basis. Please contact Nicholas Dudzic to be trained if you attend these masses. We ask for all existing servers who attend these masses to please server if in attendance.

St. Cassian Youth Updates

Summer Youth Service Opportunities: Summer is a great opportunity to get a jump start on 2027 Confirmation Service Hours and/or to earn service hours for the 2026-2027 school or scouting year. Customized youth service opportunities are also available upon request – please call Keri Misurell at (973) 744-2850.

Young people of the parish in Grades 6 – college are encouraged to volunteer to support hospitality after Sunday 7:30 am and 9:30 am Mass.

Young people of the parish in Grades 6 – college are encouraged to volunteer to support Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

St. Cassian Faith Formation

Catechist Role Description

Catechists are called as disciples to facilitate an Encounter with Christ—they help people grow in relationship with Christ and His Church and experience a deepening of their own faith as part of the journey.

Qualities

- A desire to grow in and share the Catholic faith
- An awareness of God's grace and the desire to respond to that grace
- A commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life and moral teachings
- A strength of character built on patience, responsibility, confidence, and creativity
- A generosity of spirit, respect for diversity, and a habit of hospitality and inclusion

Knowledge and Skills

- Basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Catholic Tradition
- Honest and caring relationships with the age group being served
- Effective group facilitation techniques and strategies—prior teaching experience helpful but not required

Requirements

- Complete initial application (form, interview, background check)
- Complete Virtus training and any supplemental training as requested
- Maintain safety and privacy of students
- Communicate with caregivers of students

Time Commitment

- Complete several catechist training modules online prior to the launch of the program year
- Attend an in-person orientation/kickoff meeting in September
- Facilitate 30 one-hour sessions from late September to early May (holidays excluded).
- Attend 2 – 3 catechist meetings per year (phone/video/in person, tailored to catechists' schedules).
- Approximately 1 hour weekly at-home preparation/follow-up
- Email session summaries to families of students on a regular basis to facilitate at-home faith formation
- Commit to ongoing personal faith formation

Expectations

- Attend Mass regularly
- Foster an environment of prayer in the classroom
- Prepare lessons in advance
- Work as a team with co-catechists, substitutes, staff, and other volunteers
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early to set up the classroom
- Incorporate a variety of techniques (visual, verbal, musical, physical) to accommodate diverse learning styles
- Restore classroom at the end of each class

Supported by Faith Formation Staff

- Weekly e-newsletter
- Hands-on classroom resources, including materials, calendars and more
- 1:1 mentoring and support from Faith Formation staff and other catechists
- Textbooks well supported with video, art and online resources

For more information, please contact: Keri Misurell, Director of Faith Formation
(973) 744-2850 | kmisurell@stcassianchurch.org

We're Looking for Catechists and High School & Parent Aides for the 2026-2027 Program Year!

SESSIONS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND RUN THROUGH MID MAY

Volunteering starts with a very simple act of faith. It starts when we say "I believe" with a humble heart that says "yes" to living as a disciple of Jesus.

As we prepare for the launch of the new Faith Formation year in September, we invite you to discern whether you are called to be a catechist.

What's Involved in Being a Catechist?

As described by Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy in "Cultivating Your Catechists," to serve as a catechist is to hear and respond to the Good Shepherd in a unique way by formally transmitting the faith to others. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. It is the willingness to share God's love story for us, one that unfolds every moment of our lives, touches us deeply, and influences every aspect of our lives. This simple, joyful vocation is what we call you and others to follow.

How Can You Learn More?

We know you may have questions or concerns. Together, let's raise our collective awareness of the valuable gifts that the ministry of catechesis brings to the parish.

- Please review the Catechist Role Description on the adjoining page.
- Be inspired by current and former catechists. Stop by Hospitality after any mass in June to chat with current and former catechists who are eager to share their experience with you. Receive catechist testimonials at select masses throughout the summer. Learn how your fellow parishioners were called to be catechists. Learn how they've witnessed children and families growing in faith with their support. Learn how their lives have been changed by cultivating and sharing their gifts.
- Visit stcassianchurch.org to learn more and to complete an application.

- Contact Us!

Keri Misurell -- Director of Faith Formation

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We broke ground this past week on an exciting new playground, which will be ready in September for the start of the school year. We are thrilled to see this project underway, as it will provide our students with a wonderful space for recreation, play, and fun for years to come.

We are grateful to our School Advisory Board for their support in helping to bring this project to life. Special thanks to School Advisory Board Member and Parish Trustee Anne Russomano for managing the project, and to Eileen Fasanella, President of the School Advisory Board, for her leadership and assistance throughout the planning process.

We look forward to our students enjoying this exciting new addition to St. Cassian School.

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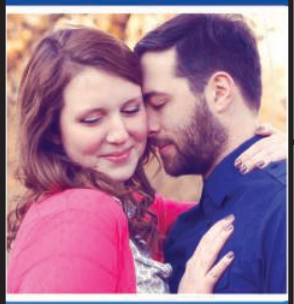

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