SAINT CASSIAN PARISH

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Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 2, 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
Maria Llanes, St. Cassian School Principal
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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:

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: +Donald Richter
+Marilyn Lauber Reilly

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF BAMBI L. HARPER

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 2nd

Sunday, August 2nd Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	+Mark Brenneis & +Lindsay Trembulak -Special Intention & +Floyd and +Betty Schneider +Gerald Blasi & People of the Parish +Anne Wascoe & +Kathleen Sullivan
Tuesday–Saturday morning Masses are celebrated at 8:15 AM; Monday morning Mass is private		
Monday, August 3rd Ordinary Time Weekday	Private Mass 7:00PM	+Joseph Tauro & +Kathleen Szalkiewicz -God's Blessings on Baby Annie Acee
Tuesday, August 4th St. John Vianney, Priest		+Mary Motlenski & +Richard Givin
Wednesday, August 5th Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome		+Edward F. Gaffney
Thursday, August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord		+William and +Catherine Walsh & +Ronald Rosania, Jr.
Friday, August 7th St. Cajetan, Priest St. Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr & his Companions, Martyrs		+Ben Ronalder & +Gerald Blasi
Saturday, August 8th St. Dominic, Priest		+Victoria Sayegh & +Taylor Bruillard
Sunday, August 9th Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30PM 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	+Jack Hogan & +John Marrin People of the Parish & -Special Intention +Sylwester Silski (8A) +Kayleigh Ellison & +Jordan Whitney Hatch

Mass Intentions Key:
+Deceased Intention, -Living Intention
(A)Anniversary of Death, (WA)Wedding Anniversary, (B)Birthday

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!

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.**

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.

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

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
December 2026	Baptism	December 6
	Class	December 1

THE MERCY HOUSE

Mid– Year Update:

Your generosity exceeds no bounds . We had a great six month collection. In some cases the totals will be by bags and not individual counts because of volume. Here are some of the highlights: 150 bags of sheets, diapers, towels, socks, and blankets; 19 strollers; 4 high chairs; 21 walking toys; 2 tricycles; 2 exersaucers; 3 boxes of diapers; 1 scooter; 9 boxes of toys; 2 bassinets; 2 bikes. Thank you very much! God bless you!

Please Help However You Can!

We will be collecting peanut butter & jelly and any of the usual items that we collect the weekend of **August 8 and August 9th**.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please Join Us: Picnic to Close Out Our St. Cassian's 130th Anniversary Year!

On Sunday, September 13, 2026, St. Cassian Church will host a Parish Picnic to close out parish's 130th Anniversary. The event will be held onsite in the church parking lot and surrounding property from 2 pm – 6pm. Attendees will enjoy a barbecue, ice cream, and other sweet treats. Entertainment will include a DJ, magician, bounce house and slide, dunk tank, face-painting, balloon animals and more!

Tickets are $25 per adult & $15 for children under 15. Purchase your ticket(s) by completing the form below and submitting it to a ticket sale volunteer after weekend Mass or to the Parish Office Monday-Friday.

Name: _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____

For planning purposes, please indicate: # of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Email: _____

Phone # (optional): _____

Form of Payment: Cash ☐ Check ☐ Check #: _____ Venmo ☐

Amount of Payment: _____ Received by: _____ Date: _____

Please become a sponsor to help underwrite this year's event.

Event sponsors will be acknowledged with signage and public acknowledgment at the parish picnic as well as recognition in the weekly bulletin and on the parish website.

Please check the sponsorship level that you are interested in and return to St. Cassian along with payment in the form of a check.

_____	ANGEL	$100	_____	SILVER	$500
_____	BRONZE	$250	_____	GOLD	$1,000

If you prefer to sponsor scheduled entertainment, please check the activity and return to St. Cassian along with payment in the form of a check.

_____ Ice Cream Truck $1,200 _____ Dunk Tank $1,000

_____ Inflatables $750 _____ Magic Show $400

_____ Tent $750 _____ Folding Tables $200

_____ Folding Chairs $400

Name of Sponsor: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ Town/Zip Code: _____

St. Cassian Parish Picnic

9/13/26

2 pm – 6 pm

Sign Up Here:

Smiles & Laughter

$$$$$

50—50 RAFFLE

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

FUN

GREAT FOOD!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS... VISIT WITH ALL

Ice Cream

Saint Cassian Church

@StCassianRCChurch

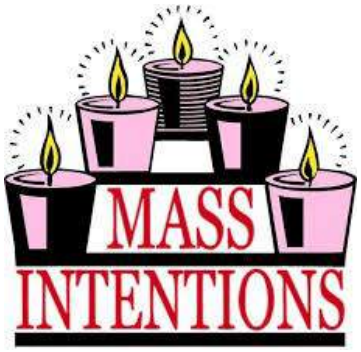
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign Up Here or call the Parish Office – Volunteers receive a FREE t-shirt!

venmo

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.



Support St. Cassian Church!

Any donation big or small helps the Parish continue to operate as well as share the love of Christ with all in our neighbor! Call the Parish Office to signup for ParishSOFT (our online giving platform) or donate using the QR Code. Thank you for your continued support of St. Cassian Church!

DONATE HERE

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.

Contribute to the Summer Food Drive

Collection Dates: August 1-17

Drop off: Larkin Hall Baskets

Recipients: Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair, Toni's Kitchen

Items needed: Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars), Rice, Tuna, Peanut Butter (no glass jars), Canned beans.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed" -Proverbs 19:17

2026: The Year of St. Francis—Part I

We know more of St. Francis than of any other medieval saint. Not only have we his own words, his Rule, Testament, letters, poems, and liturgical writings, but also the intimate accounts of several of his disciples, written down within twenty years after his death. These first biographies, by Brothers Thomas of Celano, Leo, Angelo, and Rufino, were soon revised and added to by other friars who wanted to call attention to one phase or another of Francis' work and teachings. From this great store of authentic material a clear picture of the man emerges. St. Francis is one saint whom both Catholics and non-Catholics have united in honoring. Certainly no other has so appealed to Protestants and even to non-Christians. And the appeal is timeless: Francis captured the imagination of his contemporaries as well as that of modern men by his unique simplicity and a pure grace of spirit. A classic collection of popular legends, the <Little Flowers of St. Francis>, first printed in 1476, contains charming and beautiful stories of Francis' love of the poor, of animals, of all nature. In action he was original, in speech picturesque and poetic, yet he was a man utterly inspired by faith in and devotion to the risen Christ.

Francis was born in the stony hill-town of Assisi in Umbria, in the year 1181 or 1182. His father, Peter Bernadone, was a wealthy merchant. His mother, Pica, by some accounts was gently born and of Provencal blood. Much of Bernadone's trade was with France, and his son was born while he was absent in that country. Perhaps for this reason the child was called Francesco, "the French man," though his baptismal name was John. As a youth he was ardent in his amusements and seemed carried away by the mere joy of living, taking no interest at all in his father's business or in formal learning. Bernadone, proud to have his son finely dressed and associating with young noblemen, gave him plenty of money, which Francis spent carelessly. Though Francis was high-spirited, he was too fastidious to lead a dissolute life. It was the age of chivalry, and he was thrilled by the songs of the troubadours and the deeds of knights. At the age of twenty or thereabouts, during a petty war between the towns of Assisi and Perugia, he was taken prisoner. During a year of captivity he remained cheerful and kept up the spirits of his companions. Soon after his release he suffered a long illness. This he bore with patience.

After his recovery Francis joined the troop of a knight of Assisi who was riding south to fight under Walter de Brienne for the Pope against the Germans. Having equipped himself with sumptuous apparel and fine armor, he fared forth. On the way he met a knight shabbily clad, and was so touched with compassion that he exchanged clothes with him. That night he dreamed he saw his father's house transformed into a castle, its walls hung with armor, all marked with the sign of the cross; and he heard a voice saying that the armor belonged to Francis and his soldiers. Confident now that he would win glory as a knight, he set out again, but on the first day fell ill. While lying helpless, a voice seemed to tell him to turn back, and "to serve the Master rather than the man." Francis obeyed. At home he began to take long rambles in the country and to spend many hours by himself; he felt contempt for a life wasted on trivial and transitory things. It was a time of spiritual crisis during which he was quietly searching for something worthy of his complete devotion. A deep compassion was growing within him. Riding one day in the plains below Assisi, he met a leper whose loathsome sores filled Francis with horror. Overcoming his revulsion, he leapt from his horse and pressed into the leper's hand all the money he had with him, then kissed the hand. This was a turning point in his life. He started visiting hospitals, especially the refuge for lepers, which most persons avoided. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he emptied his purse at St. Peter's tomb, then went out to the swarm of beggars at the door, gave his clothes to the one that looked poorest, dressed himself in the fellow's rags, and stood there all day with hand outstretched. The rich young man would experience for himself the bitterness and humiliation of poverty.

To be continued next Bulletin

THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE ANCIENT AND GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON MOUNT TABOR WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THURSDAY – AUGUST 6TH.

ACCORDING TO „OLD WORLD" TRADITION THE BLESSING OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TAKES PLACE ON THIS DAY TO HIGHLIGHT THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S CREATION AT THE PEAK OF THE GROWING SUMMER SEASON.

EVERYONE PLANNING TO ATTEND MASS ON THURSDAY – AUGUST 6TH AT 8:15AM, IS ENCOURAGED TO BRING A SMALL BASKET OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO CHURCH WITH THEM TO HAVE THEM PRAYED OVER AND BLESSED.

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION TAKES PLACE 40 DAYS BEFORE THE GREAT SEPTEMBER FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.

The Feast of St. Cassian is Celebrated on August 13th! Please join us for Mass on Thursday, August 13th at 7pm. Mass will conclude with veneration of St. Cassian Relics. Everyone is invited to Hospitality downstairs in Larkin Hall following Mass.

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.

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.

- 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.

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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A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL
ACCREDITED BY THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIALTION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

ST. CASSIAN SCHOOL

MAXIMIZING LEARNING

- **60% of our graduates receive academic scholarships to attend prestigious high schools**
- **85% of our graduates enroll in honors programs in high school**

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FROM PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVANTAGE

The Catholic school advantage is reflected in the philosophy that permeates the total education program at our school and the lives of the faculty and students. This philosophy challenges students to improve the world by sharing Gospel values and living Christ's message of salvation. Our students grow to understand the roots of their faith and their responsibilities as Christians.

- Students explore their faith through classes and activities that include learning Scripture, experiencing the Sacraments, and by attending Mass.
- The school stresses the value of self-discipline and commitment.
- Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents, and their time.
- While not all students who come to our Catholic School are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.
- Our school encourages each student to accept the challenges of being a Christian in tomorrow's world.

Values which promote understanding and service to the elderly and the handicapped, the poor and the ill are an important part of the Catholic School experience. As a faith community, we emphasize those values which encourage students to accept others rather than exclude them, to understand the difference between right and wrong, and to commit themselves to serve God by serving others.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A St. Cassian education is a challenging education. High standards, strong motivation, effective discipline and an atmosphere of caring combine to foster excellence, and, a high quality of student performance is supported by the evidence.

- Our students score significantly above the national averages on standardized testing.

SMART INVESTMENT

A St. Cassian Catholic education is worth the cost. It's money wisely spent. Your child's tuition is an investment which pays a lifelong dividend.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

St. Cassian School is committed to the development of the whole student. Extra-curricular activities are regarded as an important part of the total learning experience. A variety of choices are offered to reflect the uniqueness of each student, to generate a healthy sense of competition, to create a spirit of cooperation, and to foster both leadership and creativity.

- Drama, dance, robotics, forensics, STEM related activities and community service programs are integral parts of the educational process.
- Athletics include track and field, cross-country, basketball, and volleyball.

FR. STEVEN D'ANDREA, PASTOR

MRS. MARIA LLANES, PRINCIPAL

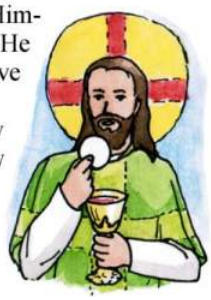
Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

with five loaves and two fish

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



Answer to the Transfiguration puzzle:
Top: 6, 1. Middle: 2, 4. Bottom 3, 5.

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Saint Cajetan

August 7

SAINT CAEJTAN KNEW THAT PEOPLE WERE GOING TO HELL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT GOD, SO HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SAVING SOULS. DO YOU EVER PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM GOD AND THE FAITH? CAN YOU SAY A HAIL MARY FOR THEM TODAY?

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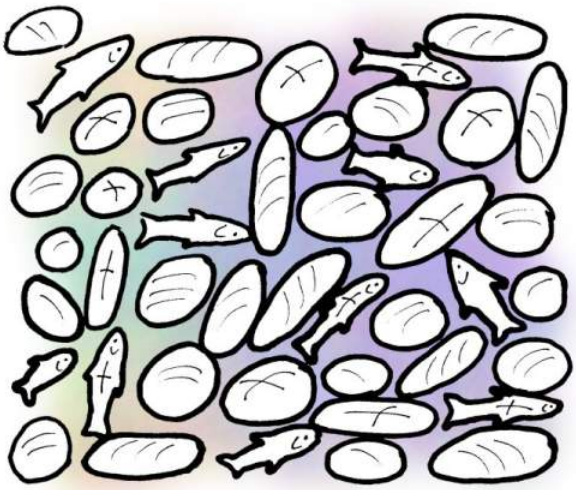
The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

The Transfiguration

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them.
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Fr. Marek is a married Byzantine Catholic priest, serving as the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Passaic, NJ. With his wife Miriam they raise three children, Caroline, Elias, and Marco. For 25 years he has been teaching iconography classes in the USA and Europe. He has painted over 800 icons which are venerated in churches and private homes around the world.

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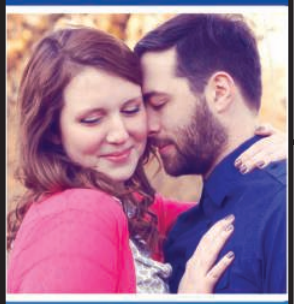

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