Lord, it is good for us to be here.
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 (7:00PM) prior to the date of baptism (1:00PM). Dates for the Sacrament of Baptism and instruction classes are shown at the right for the year 2023-2024. Once registered, contact Nick Fallivene at the Parish Office, (973) 744-2850, to make arrangements for the date of baptism.

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

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.
Dear Followers of the Christ,

We all discover along our spiritual paths various moments that seem to reveal the meaning of our lives. We know that a newborn baby can make us see the world differently. We understand that getting our dream job shines a light on our future with extraordinary brightness. We feel the comfort of forgiveness in our bones or the miracle of healing in our souls. There are moments in our lives and relationships that offer us a glimpse of how life could be and perhaps should be for us all.

We listen to today’s gospel, Matthew 17:1-9, hearing this message of the Transfiguration of Jesus. He takes Peter, James and John up a mountain. Jesus becomes dazzling white, his face shining like the sun and his clothing whiter than any bleacher could get them. This transfiguration re-imagines Jesus in the minds of his disciples. The disciples even see their ancestors in faith, Moses and Elijah. They experience for themselves the presence of the Father telling them to listen to Jesus, his only Son.

In all of the excitement, the disciples begin to be afraid. Jesus tells them, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” These words are a sign of what happened on Easter when an angel told the disciples that Jesus was risen from the dead and to not be afraid.

The entire scene in this gospel leads us to Calvary and to Jesus’ Resurrection. We will see the central images in this text again on Easter. The bright light of Jesus’ transfiguration is nothing compared to the light of Jesus’ Resurrection. This is the light we share from our own baptism. It is also the light we bless during the Easter Vigil and carry into the church to illumine the darkness.

There are many things that we long to be transfigured within our own lives.... Here are some questions to ponder and pray about this week: How am I waiting to hear God’s voice of consolation and peace? What in my life is ready for transfiguration and new life? How can I learn to pray from this gospel passage? What do the words, “Rise, and do not be afraid” mean to me? How can I take these words from Jesus to heart?

Blessings, Fr. Ron

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### News around the Parish

**Blue Ribbon School Searching for Blue Ribbon Teacher**

St. Cassian School, our wonderful parish Blue Ribbon school, is looking to hire a teacher for one of the elementary grades. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic, who can provide engaging and creative lessons across the academic disciplines. Teacher certification or a certificate of eligibility is required.

To apply, please send a resume and a letter of interest to Mrs. María Llanes at mllanes@stcassianschool.org.

**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?

We invite you to journey with us beginning September 11th from 6:00PM - 7:30PM. Call the parish office for details.

**Calling All Women Bowlers!**

Would you like to start the week with some fun and comraderie? Come to Bowlero Lanes Monday mornings 9:15AM beginning September 11th 679 Washington Ave Belleville

Three women per team! You do not have to be an expert bowler.

Info: Jeanne Scott (973) 746-7895 jean746@aol.com

### Signs of Our Stewardship

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**PLEASE HELP HOWEVER YOU CAN! URGENT NEED!!!**

With people on vacation, donations are way down all over the Archdiocese. The people we help still have the same needs regardless of the time of year.

We will be collecting coffee, tea, hot chocolate and any of the usual items we collect on the weekends of August 12-13 and August 19-20.
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK...
John Anderson  Dr. David Pallotta  David Hogan
Alesia Maria András  Elizabeth Smith  Lindsay Trembulak
Dennis Gannon  Kathy Tortorello  Marcia Mann
Noel Jordan  John McCarthy  Martin Murphy
Patricia Melo  Steve Grube  JoAnne Callahan
Leigh Major  Dan Greiner  Scott Charney
Debbie Maragliano  Jaxson Rivera  Idoia Martinez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6th

Sunday August 6th  
Eightheenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30PM  Philip McGinn  People of the Parish
7:30AM  Gertrude Hickey  William and Catherine Walsh
9:30AM
11:30AM

Tuesday - Saturday morning masses are celebrated at 8:15AM; Monday morning mass is private

Monday August 7th  
St. Sixtus II  
Lucia L. Monti

Tuesday August 8th  
St. Dominic  
Victoria Sayegh

Wednesday August 9th  
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
Eon Gill

Thursday August 10th  
St. Lawrence  
John Aversa

Friday August 11th  
St. Clare  
Lourdes Miranda

Saturday August 12th  
St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
Mary Clare Mahoney

Sunday August 13th  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Annabel Davison  Art Tom
5:30PM  Karen and Michael Cantine  40th Wedding Anniversary
7:30AM
9:30AM
11:30AM

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...
Patricia Forbes

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK...

ROSARYIntentions...
Monday  For safety and freedom for the people of Ukraine
Tuesday  All military and protective services especially in areas of violence; protect them, grant peace to their loved ones
Wednesday  Respect for sanctity of life from conception to natural death
Thursday  Unity among churches and nations
Friday  Vocations to the priesthood and religious life; all parishioners living and deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON.  Nm 11:4b-15  Mt 14:13-21
Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
TUES.  Nm 12:1-13  Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
Mt 14:22-36
WED.  Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35  Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23
Mt 15:21-28
THUR.  2 Cor 9:6-10  Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Jn 12:24-26
FRI.  Dt 4:32-40  Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21
Mt 16:24-28
SAT.  Dt 6:4-13  Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51
Mt 17:14-20
SUN.  1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 13th

5:30PM
Altar Servers  Servers Needed
D. Pence  E. Kahng  O. Kahng
Lector  Jason Lynch  Agnes Dembia
Eucharistic Ministers  Carlos Espinoza  Marguerite Giustina  Tom Higgins
2 EMs Needed

7:30AM
5:30PM
9:30AM
11:30AM
1 EM Needed
Looking at Jesus

In today’s Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won’t see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.

took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly His became dazzling white, like the sun, and began to speak with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside Him. They were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build three tents for You, for Moses and for Elijah?" Then a cloud came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then only Peter was there with them. Coming down the mountain, He told them not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Use the pictures to help read the story from today’s Gospel reading!

St. Claire of Assisi - August 11

Clare was the daughter of a wealthy count in Italy in the 1200’s. She was devoted to God and wasn’t interested in worldly things.

One night she went to St. Francis who cut her hair and gave her a rough tunic.

Did Father let you come?!

This was the beginning of the Poor Clare Sisters. They lived in total poverty.

Her father tried to force her to come back, but soon her sister joined her!

We will not own even our home.

When attackers came, she held up a monstrance with the blessed sacrament in it and they ran away!

Clare was made the abbess of the sisters. She lived a hidden life but drew people to love poverty like Christ. Did she die in 1253.

It is so much easier to love God when one doesn’t have anything.
Why Choose a Catholic School Education at St. Cassian School?

Our students:

- Score in the top 15% nation-wide on standardized tests
- 100% are accepted to the most elite high schools
- 80% of graduates are placed in high school advanced placement or honors classes
- 50% receive scholarships based on academic merit
- Exemplify Christian leadership through service

The school:

- Provides faith formation and emphasizes moral development
- Prepares students to be productive citizens and future leaders
- Provides exposure to a STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Curriculum
- Implements a Gifted and Talented approach to instruction
- Offers a fun, competitive and motivating sports program, including basketball, track and field, cross country, volleyball, and more for students of all skills levels.
- Offers a motivating curriculum fostering in its students a trajectory of success from preschool through middle school and beyond.