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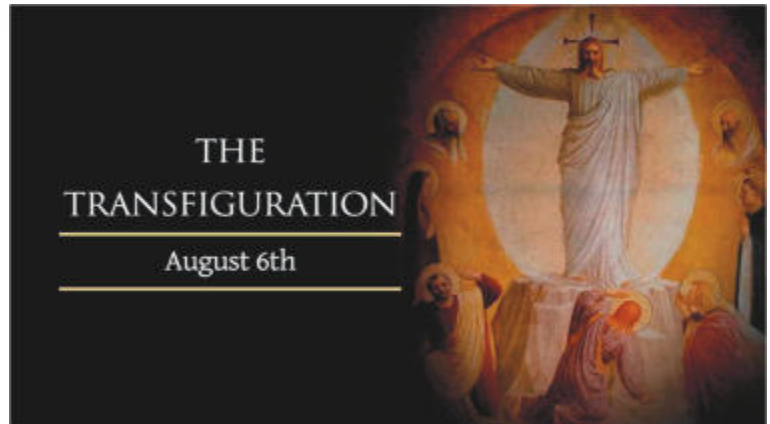
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THE
TRANSFIGURATION
August 6th

August 1, 2021 Vol. 36

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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713-4914

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Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM FOOD PANTRY FARMER'S MARKET FOR HS

11:00 AM CHASE GONEDES BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Have a Blessed and Safe Trip Father Chester!

May the Lord keep you safe as you travel...

We will miss you!



Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/ Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Observances for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (c)LPI



Stress In Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage?
 Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?
 Have you thought about separation or divorce?
 Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages and is sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 13-15, 2021**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at 3 PM and ending with Benediction at 7 PM. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, August 6th.**

St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus coordinate a sign-up sheet to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration. All are welcome at any time, however, if you wish to sign up go to www.scoschurch.org, and click on the link for Monthly Adoration Sign-up.

**Diocesan Worship Series:
Renewed & Restored**

August 13, 2021 at Immaculate Conception
Annandale, NJ

The Diocese of Metuchen Office of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization invites you to a night of worship with an opportunity to be renewed and restored in Christ's transformational love.

The night includes outdoor Eucharistic adoration, live praise, and worship music from the ICC Young Adult worship team, a gospel reading, reflection, confession, and fellowship, and a bonfire following the Holy Hour. We welcome Fr. PT, CFR, who will lead us in prayer and praise throughout the course of the evening. **All are welcome**--young adults, families, high schoolers, middle schoolers, and people of all ages.

Our personal renewal and restoration in the love of Christ paves the way for our families, our church, and our world to be renewed and restored. However, it starts with our own hearts. This night is not about catechism or teaching--it's about **slowing down our busy lives enough to encounter Jesus** and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to a deeper relationship with the Lord.



Megan Vantslot
 Director of Youth and Young Adult
 Evangelization
 (732) 243-4576

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.



National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week

NFP Awareness Week this year is the week of July 25th-31st. Resources for parish promotion may be found at: National NFP Awareness Week | USCCB. For information on methods and course offerings within our Diocese, please visit our website: <https://www.diometuchen.org/natural-family-planning>



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Nine (9) Consecutive First Fridays

To pray this devotion go to:

<https://www.thecatholiccrusade.com/first-friday-devotion.html>

COME ONE – COME ALL

To the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Picnic and Game Carnival

**Sunday, September 26th 2021 (Save the Date!)
Rain or Shine 12 – 5 PM**

Our picnic date is fast approaching and we need many more volunteers to sign-up on the boards downstairs in the kitchen area. There will be plenty of guidance for all the areas listed so please volunteer as soon as possible.

Please consider signing-up for:

Saturday, September 25th at 9 AM, for setup of pop-up tents, grill area, tables, games, and decorating.

Sunday, September 26th at 8 AM to set up foods, drinks, game prize tables, and remaining games.

Anyone volunteering is encouraged to attend the **next picnic meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 6:30 PM** in kitchen area.

There will be a SHOW from 2-3 PM featuring John Pizzi, a ventriloquist/puppeteer/comedian. Popcorn will be handed out for the show!!

After the show, there will be a kids' game carnival from 3:15-5 PM with lots of games and prizes such as:

“Spin to Win” Wheel, Bowling “Alley”, Golf Putting Green, Bean Bag Toss Basket Tower, Nerf Ball Target Shooting, Ring Toss, Coin Toss, Bullseye Bean Bag Toss, “Plinko”, face painting, tattoos and a kiddie pool with toys.

For our teens, there will be badminton, croquet, corn hole, a ball rail toss game, and a splash tower.

Tickets will be sold at all Masses beginning on Saturday, August 7th through September 25th.

Religious education students, this is a great way to earn service hours!

Please call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 with any questions.

Let's work together to make this a huge success!!
Thank you.



The Daily Mass Record
2022

The Mass Book for 2022 is now open.

Please no emails or phone calls to reserve Masses

Mass Intentions

Saturday: July 31, 2021

4:30 PM Roberto Guerrero
r/o Mike & Maggie Marion

Sunday: August 1, 2021

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Protection of babies in the womb and their families

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: August 2, 2021

8:00 AM Shelia Gillespie
r/o The Innocenti Family

Tuesday: August 3, 2021

8:00 AM Kay Lydon
r/o Anthony & Barbra Del Piano

Wednesday: August 4, 2021

7:00 PM Donna Fantini
r/o The Fantini Family

Thursday: August 5, 2021

8:00 AM Florence DeLuca
r/o Barbra Passerello & Family

Friday: August 6, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Beth Neylon
r/o Ed & Karen Trzepla

Saturday: August 7, 2021

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: August 8, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Schofield
r/o Bob & Dori Schofield

9:30 AM Allen & Tatiana Piotrowski
r/o The Piotrowski Family

11:00 AM Anna Porvaznik
r/o The Family

From the Pastor's Desk
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6th

This Friday, August 6th, we celebrate the feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord. All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it, is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experiences, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity that was strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected — a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Fr. Chester



Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Israel



The collection for July 25th was \$3,973.00 (101 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for July 25th was \$3,227.00 (103 donors).

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