



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Parish of the **TRANSFIGURATION**

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH | ST. DOROTHY OF THE CAPPADOCIA CHURCH

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

RECEIVE



“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

MARK 9:37A

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WELCOME!

HOW TO REGISTER?

Please contact the Parish Office. We will be happy to answer questions or help you register. You can also register by going to our parish website.

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CATHOLIC APPEAL

We reached our Parish Goal Our assessment for 2021 is \$56,370 Amount pledged \$57,911 # of assessment 103% Thank you for your support

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Dorothy's Church

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Thomas Church

10:00 AM at St. Dorothy's Church

12 NOON at St. Thomas Church.

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mass and Wednesday Communions Service

9:00 am St. Dorothy Church

Beginning on Tuesday, September 14 we once again begin celebrating the 9am Mass. We will now have Mass at St. Dorothy Church on Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday there will be a communion prayer service at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join us. It is a wonderful way to begin your day. We thank all those in our various ministries who make this possible.

SACRAMENT OF THE RECONCILIATION

Saturday, before the 4pm Mass 3:15 to 3:45pm at St. Dorothy Church or by appointment

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We would like to remind families that our Faith Formation classes will be starting on Sunday October 3rd. Please contact the office at 978-658-6040 with any questions or if you have not registered your child. We are looking forward to the upcoming year.

About Our Parish

A NOTE FROM FR. COYNE

I preached last weekend about my own experience with the Bavis family from Roslindale. They lost a son and brother (Mark) who was aboard flight 175 from Logan Airport to Los Angeles. I mentioned what a privilege it is to mention his name and tell his story. It is one of the ways that we can continue to make him present and resurrect him.

The town of Wilmington should be very proud of the way we commemorated the tragic events of 9.11.01. The display of 2,977 American flags on the Town Common was breathtaking. It gave so many of our residents and travelers through the town the opportunity to remember and contemplate not only what happened and the lives lost, It challenges each of us to rethink three basic spiritual questions: Who am I? Why am I here? How shall I live?

Wilmington also hosted a Commemoration Service which began in the High School Auditorium and featured speakers from our faith community, elected officials and public servants. Those gathered then proceeded to monuments dedicated to the September 11 tragedy and honoring those who served and continue to serve our town and country— those willing to give their lives for those they know and those they will never know.

Being both Catholic and an American can be truly challenging in today's world. So you know, all Catholics do not believe in the same way and all Americans do not look at life the same way. I think of my father who served in the army during World War II in the South Pacific. He earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was fortunate to return home to his family. I remember our times sitting before the television with him and listening to the president at the time. I was aware that my father did not agree with some of the policies that were in the president's speech. I began to realize that being critical of the direction of our country regarding certain issues did not make my father less patriotic. In fact it was a sign to me that he loved his country enough to challenge it to be all he believed it could be at that time. I believe the same thing can be said about being Catholic. We do not have to agree with every statement made by our church leaders. There are so many controversial issues because our world is changing so fast and we are faced with questions that we never imagined. So as a well informed and spiritually invested Catholic I may find myself at times being critical of some statements by church leaders. I don't believe that makes me any less of a faith filled Catholic. I want the Church to be all it is meant to be in 2021.

I believe our individual families play the major role in our lives and contribute primarily to determining who we are. Beyond my family, it was always the country and the Church that were the supporting actors in my decision making.

So we continue to thank God for unconditional love and unlimited potential; and as we continue to thank America for the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, let us never forget the generations before us who made it all possible.

Enjoy life!

Fr. Coyne

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18

4:00pm	Edward F., Catherine J. & Anthony M. Guest Edward Silva Jr. Joanne Harding
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Sunday, September 19

8:00 am	Joao Liberato Joseph Sousa Joseph Callahan
10:00 am	Samia & George Betros John & Barbara Paone Giuseppe E. & Rosaria Bellino
Noon	John J. Foresteire Luis Manuel DeJesus Bernard Wagstaff

Monday, September 20

9:00 am	Judith LaBossiere
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Tuesday, September 21

9:00 am	Special Intentions
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Thursday, September 23

9:00 am	Barbara Maggio
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Friday, September 24

9:00 am	People of the Parish
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Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm	Robert Doyle Marion & Harold O'Connell Joseph Costello Sr.
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Sunday, September 26

8:00 am	Kevin Rogers Louisa Pimentel
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10:00 am	Robert J. Bovio Carol Marino Steven McKenna
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Noon	Tok Han Rom Casey USMCR James E. Tamagini Sr. Cecilia Bolanos
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LITURGY AS SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Parish of The Transfiguration strives to offer parishioners the very best from our liturgical celebrations. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, Celebrants and Deacons are of one mind – to offer the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass with grace, dignity and beauty. The Mass remains the single most important work of the parish each day and in particular on weekends – **what we do as we leave church** to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ is our response to the prayers, to the Word and Sacrament, the homily, the music, etc. Mass truly begins as we go into the world to serve God and others in the name of Christ.

All our liturgical ministers have been trained and formed, practically and spiritually, to help them proclaim the Word and distribute the Sacrament to our parishioners. Altar Servers are trained because of the important role they play assisting with the celebration of Word and Sacrament each weekend. Music Ministers, too, tirelessly work to prepare choirs and cantors for our weekend Masses offering spiritually uplifting music engaging parishioners throughout Mass. Our celebrants and deacons, too, prepare for their roles as we witness their dedication to their ministry of service in our liturgical celebrations. We give thanks, too, to the dedicated cleaning personnel who keep our two churches clean daily after Masses, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, and other Sacramental celebrations throughout the year – **it takes a village!**

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to prepare for and celebrate these Sacred Mysteries. You, too, have an important role to play at Mass which begins with the decision to attend Mass. Once you arrive, there is an expectation to arrive at a clean church, to be welcomed by friendly greeters and staff members, to find a place to sit and pray and prepare for Mass, and to enter into the liturgy as it begins. So many moving parts to our liturgies and **we all have a role to play.**

An aspect of liturgy we'd like to enhance when the new liturgical season of Advent arrives at the end of November is the missal that we're currently using at both churches. We have heard your opinions about the book – such as the difficulty finding the Sunday readings, music that is unfamiliar to many, and some other issues. At the time we introduced the St. Augustine Hymnal they were donated to us thus avoiding a sizeable yearly bill for church missals. We're hopeful you'll consider **a one-time pledge** which will enhance our music programs at both churches thus avoiding adding to current financial struggles – much like we did with our two beautiful Paschal Candles raising enough money to cover costs. The more familiar hymnal, **Breaking Bread**, is a more popular missal used widely by parishes throughout the Catholic world. The yearly book includes all of the Readings for weekends, all of the Mass Parts & Common Prayers – now on a separate card in the pews – and a full array of music already known to many of us.

We fully acknowledge that the parish cannot simply buy this new hymnal because of budget issues. A harsh reminder from the COVID-19 virus, for all types of businesses, is that revenue has been lost. Small and medium sized businesses have closed. Some churches have lost significant income, including our parish, that force us to examine each day how your money and generosity is being spent. We have cut corners in a variety of ways, but the liturgical celebrations must continue to be of the highest quality requiring us to examine how best to use our resources going forward.

The suggestion was made recently, when talking about the possibility of enhancing our music for weekend liturgies, to reach out to the parish to seek the necessary funds to purchase the **Breaking Bread** missals for the next year. Whenever the parish has had a financial need of any kind, parishioners have always stepped forward to assist us with our overall mission – **to bring Word and Sacrament to the people of God with style and grace.**

We are proposing a few different levels of a **one-time giving** in the hope to collect enough funds to purchase ***Breaking Bread*** for the start of Advent – Sunday, November 28, 2021. The new missal will be good for one full year – until Advent 2022. Below are the suggested levels of giving for your consideration. Please consider a one-time gift of any amount to help us further enhance our liturgical celebrations each weekend with this new missal. You can drop off your donation to the Parish Office or place the donation in a separate envelope clearly marked “**new missal donation**.” We will NOT make this purchase until all necessary funds are collected – we will not add to the current parish financial struggle.

SOPRANO LEVEL: \$1,000.00

TENOR LEVEL: \$250.00

ALTO LEVEL: \$500.00

BASS LEVEL: \$100.00

It's always difficult to ask for money – especially during these challenging times post-COVID when many face health and job insecurity. Declining church attendance will level off at some point as people will become more comfortable returning to Mass. We hope our fiscal woes will make a recovery in the coming weeks and months. With your active participation we know we'll turn that corner soon!

For all your **time, talent and treasure** you already offer to your parish, we are forever grateful for your generosity each week and when we call upon you during challenging times. We invite you to pray about this enhancement to our liturgical celebrations and then decide if you'd like to contribute an amount. Again, **we will not go forward with such a purchase unless the necessary funds are realized.**

MANY BLESSINGS!

Tom Griffin



Congratulations on the birth of your child! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. The instruction for families is offered in St. Thomas Church the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Baptisms are held in St. Thomas Church the first Sunday at 1:30 PM and at St. Dorothy Church on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.



Eucharistic Adoration
2pm to 5pm
St. Dorothy Church
First Friday of the Month



If you love to knit or crochet and would like to join our ministry please call Sharon Keefe @ 978.697.1909



We will be having our annual **Blessing of the Pets on Sunday October 3rd**. The Blessing will take place at **1pm on the grounds** in front of the Blessed Mother, on the grassy side of **St. Thomas Church**. Please bring your pets to receive their special Blessing. We look forward to seeing everyone!.



The Ladies Sodality will be holding a **Penny Sale on Friday, October 8** in the **lower level of St. Dorothy's church**. Doors open at **6:30pm**. Donations gratefully accepted must be new. Please bring on Thursday, October 7, after the 9:00am Mass downstairs in the lower church. Someone will be there until 11:00am.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS A CORI FORM must be completed every year by all parish volunteers. The new year began July 1, 2021 and will continue through June 30, 2022. The new (FY) 22 CORI Forms are available in the sacristy of both churches and at the Parish Office. A New Code of Conduct will be given to you when the Cori is returned to be verified.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care
of him. (Wis 2:20)

PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

SECOND READING:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

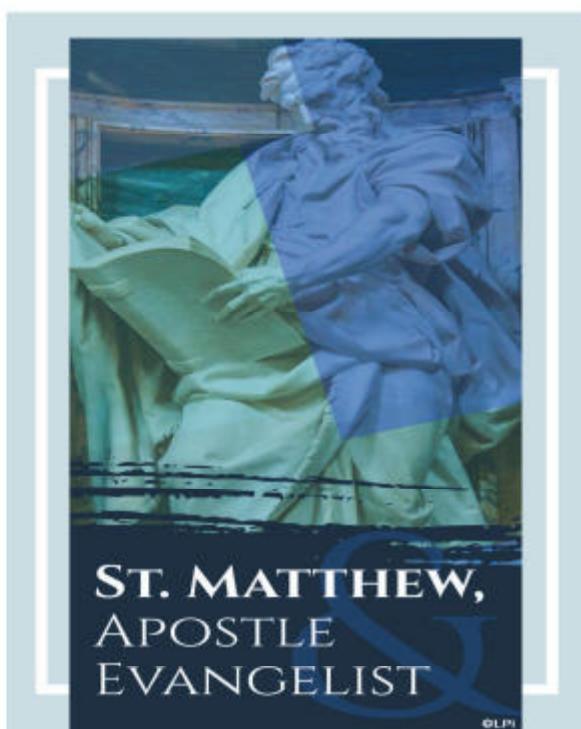
GOSPEL:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."
(Mk 9:31)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

SECOND READING

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?



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