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Holiday: 8:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:15 to 3:40 p.m.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In a spirit of oneness, we, the members of Transfiguration Parish, a Roman Catholic community, are called to serve God through his Son, Jesus Christ, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We dedicate ourselves to the transformation of our lives and society through worship, evangelization, love of neighbor, and ministry to those in need.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

#### **WEDDINGS**

Ordinarily, arrangements must be made six months in advance, according to diocesan policy. Consult clergy. Pre-marriage classes must be attended.

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#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please stop in the Parish Office during office hours to register. Non-registered Catholics cannot be given any certification for marriage or sponsorship for sacraments. Usually, regular use of contribution envelopes is required as evidence of church membership.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>August 24</b> Dvoroznak Family for †SR. MYRA AVSEC, S.N.D.	<b>St. Bartholomew</b>
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 25</b> Ann Costo for Health & God's Blessings on JOHN & ROSE COSTO, JR., & FAMILY (25th Wedd. Anniv.)	<b>21st Sun. in Ordinary Time</b>
10:00 a.m.	Agnes Pipa for †JOSEPH A. MISENCIK	
<b>Monday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 26</b> For †WILLIAM J. & †MARY J. BARRETT	
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 27</b> Sharon Orlinski-Gazdick for †ED & †MARGIE ORLINSKI	<b>St. Monica</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 28</b> Family & Friends for †OLGA KOZSEY (B-day)	<b>St. Augustine</b>
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 29</b> No Morning Mass	<b>Passion of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Friday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 30</b> For the Deceased Members of the SORS FAMILY	
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>August 31</b> Family for †JOHN & †MARY DVOROZNAK	
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Wasserbauer Family for Health & God's Blessings on MAKAYLA STAHL	<b>22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time</b>
10:00 a.m.	Robert & Nancy Behrens for †STEVE BIROS, JR.	

**Sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of Aug. 25th:** 1 candle for St. Monica and St. Augustine from Patricia H.; 1 candle for Health and God's Blessings on Theresa Satanek from Joe and Fran Beno; and 1 candle for Health and God's Blessings on Mina Needham from the Corridoni Family. Thank you.

**Scripture Readings for the Week:**

Mon., Aug. 26th:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tues., Aug. 27th:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/ Mt 23:23-26
Wed., Aug. 28th:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thurs., Aug. 29th:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Fri., Aug. 30th:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

**Collection** for last weekend was \$3,933. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

**32nd Annual Lakewood Community Festival** will be held on Sat., Sept. 7th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Madison Park at 13029 Madison Ave. This event will be held rain or shine. The festival celebrates community, cultural heritage, and families. It is a day of fun and activities for everyone. There will be entertainment, nationality foods, craft and game booths, bounce houses, children's games, and much more. Admission is **free**. Transfiguration Parish will participate by having a food booth at the festival. Volunteers will be needed for various duties. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 216-521-7288.

**16th Annual Adult Retreat** sponsored by the four parishes in our cluster will take place on **Wed., Sept. 25th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at St. Clement Church and Hall at 14401 Madison Ave. in Lakewood. Our speaker will be Fr. Stephen Hayes, O.P. The day will include the Liturgy of the Eucharist with a hot catered lunch following. The cost is \$12 per person. Registration forms are at all of the church entrances and at the Parish Office. Please return your registration form and \$12 fee to the Parish Office in an envelope marked "2019 Adult Retreat" no later than Fri., Sept. 20th. All adults are welcome! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 216-521-7288. Hope to see you there!

The Christian community welcomes with great joy Ava Catherine, daughter of Richard Argoso and Rochelle Popovich—baptized at Transfiguration Parish last weekend. Newborn children of God, shining with the light of Christ, may He keep them and their families always in His love.



**Readers**

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>August 31</b> Peg Liegl
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> John Kosko
10:00 a.m.	Bill Andrews

**Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>August 31</b> Tom McKenna, R. Welsh & M. Zahuranec
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Andrea Chevalier, A. Nanni & J. Wasserbauer
10:00 a.m.	Bill Andrews

**Altar Servers**

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>August 31</b> Ed Nolan
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Sharon Stahl
10:00 a.m.	

**Fr. Ted's Corner . . .** We hear again the exhortation of Pope Francis as he invites us to reflect upon the Beatitudes as the way of blessedness and holiness that shapes our lives.

From ***Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and Be Glad***  
*The Call to Holiness in Today's World* by Pope Francis

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*** Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises.

True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable. As the prophet Isaiah challenges us: *Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.*

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness.

***Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*** Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping, and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you. The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied *in every case—especially when we are confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult.*

Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, *Be perfect* (as we do in Matthew's Gospel), but rather, *Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.* Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: *The measure you give will be the measure you get back.* The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

Jesus does not say, *Blessed are those who plot revenge.* He calls "blessed" those who forgive and do so *seventy times seven.* We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: *Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?*

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness.

In the coming week—and every day—may we continue to grow in holiness and faith, strengthened with blessings of peace and everything good!

**3rd Annual Lakewood Cluster Parish Picnic** will be held on Sun., Sept. 15th, from 1-5 p.m. on the grounds of our parish school, Lakewood Catholic Academy. Join us for food, games, raffles, and fun for all ages, while meeting parishioners from the Lakewood cluster parishes. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pretzels, chips, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Parishioners with last names beginning with the following letters are asked to bring the food item indicated:

A through I - Salad  
J through P - Side Dish  
Q through Z - Dessert

We will be outside, so please limit your selection to one that doesn't need to be heated or refrigerated. Tables and chairs will be available, but feel free to bring a blanket or your favorite lawn chair. **Save the date and plan to come!**

**Slovak Festival** sponsored by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will be held next Sun., Sept. 1st, from noon to 8 p.m. in the St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall at 6750 State Rd. in Parma. Enjoy Slovak food, beer (pivo), pastries, and dancing. Music will be provided by the Anthony Culkar Band, the Mike Wojtila Band, and Ralph Szubski. There will be a balloon twister and a magician and face painting, too. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call Karin Scally at 440-213-8552 for more information. Hope to see you there!

**Masses:** Please call the Parish Office at 216-521-7288 on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to schedule Masses for the birthday or anniversary of your living or deceased loved ones or for the intentions of the sick or special intentions. Mass stipends are \$10 each.



Wed., Aug. 28 **Community Food Pantry**, 10 a.m. to noon, Rectory (basement stairwell door)  
Sat., Aug. 31 **Confessions**, 3:15-3:40 p.m., church

## TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



**Scripture Verse:** “People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”—Lk 13:29-30

**Family Perspective:** “Those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Family life confirms the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel. Commitment, intimacy, loyalty, and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another. Pope Francis reminds us that “*no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed.*”—Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love* #325

**50/50:** Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected during the month of August through the 50/50 envelopes. There is a 50/50 envelope in your packet of envelopes each month, and there are extra envelopes by the church doors. Our parish benefits from the profits.



**Community Food Pantry:** We continue to collect the following non-perishable food items: canned goods, such as soups, broth, pasta sauce, vegetables, fruit, fish, and meats; boxed dry goods, such as cereal, pasta, beans, macaroni and cheese, and crackers; peanut butter (18-28 oz. size); and jelly or jam. **At this time, we are especially in need of canned vegetables and tuna or chicken.** Please check the expiration dates on the food items you donate, and please no glass items due to possible breakage. The designated container for your donations is located at the west entrance of the church. Cash donations are accepted, too, if you are unable to shop for needed items. Cash donations can be dropped in the collection basket. We do not accept clothing donations. The Community Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Rectory. The next distribution will be held on Wed., Aug. 28th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Joe Nanni and Bill Newkirk.

**Light for Love:** On the fourth Wednesday of the month (August 28th and September 25th) from 7-8 p.m., the doors of St. James Church at 17514 Detroit Ave. will be wide open. Parishioners, visitors, and passersby will be invited into the church to light a candle for someone they love and to set it before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come experience beauty, peace, and prayer in the midst of the radiant, candlelit church. Volunteers are needed as Inviters (on the street, inviting people in); Greeters (at the door, welcoming and answering questions); and Intercessors (praying in the church for the event and those invited in). Encounter God’s love firsthand and share it with others. To register to attend or to volunteer, go to [stjameslakewood.com](http://stjameslakewood.com). Contact Lina Simms at 216-650-8262 with any questions.

**Release of List of Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child:** Since April of 2002 the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has published on its website the names of those clerics who were removed from ministry from 2002 through the present as a result of the sexual abuse of a child. At Bishop Perez's direction, this information has now been compiled in a list format and updated to include the names of additional diocesan clerics who were removed from ministry as a result of sexual abuse of a child or who is already deceased or no longer in ministry for any reason and against whom have been made substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse.

The new names of diocesan clerics were added after the diocese concluded, based on the evidence available to it, that the allegations were more likely than not to be true. In compiling this updated information, the diocese reviewed all known allegations regardless of how long ago the alleged abuse occurred or whether the cleric was alive or deceased.

While the updating of this information is certainly an occasion of profound sadness, inasmuch as it reminds us of the great harm experienced as a result of sexual abuse, may it also be an occasion for healing and a step towards restoring trust in the Church.

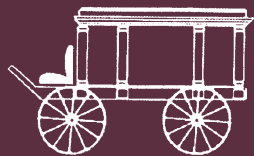
You can access the list at [dioceseofcleveland.org/healing](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/healing).

**Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale** will be held on Sat., Sept. 7th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sun., Sept. 8th, from noon to 4 p.m. at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters at 17876 St. Clair Ave. in Cleveland. Donations are needed for the sale. For more information about items accepted, go to [hospicewr.org/warehouse](http://hospicewr.org/warehouse). Call the Warehouse Sale Team at 216-255-9090 about donating items. All of the proceeds support patients and families of Hospice of the Western Reserve.

**50-Year Reunion:** The St. Augustine Academy Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50-year reunion the weekend of October 11th. There will be a meet and greet on Friday at Two Bucks in North Olmsted from 5-11 p.m. Saturday's festivities commence at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of the school (now Lakewood Catholic Academy) at 14808 Lake Ave. in Lakewood, Mass in the chapel, and dinner with plenty of time to catch up. The cost is \$50 per person. Contact Alice at [petrulis@ameritech.net](mailto:petrulis@ameritech.net) or Holly at [EEDN4972@aol.com](mailto:EEDN4972@aol.com) for reservations and more details.

**Candles:** The large red and blue globe candle inserts are \$4 each (available in the sacristy). The small votive candles are 25 cents each.

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