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Rev. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m.

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.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Distributions are held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month from January to October and on the third Wednesday of the month in November and December. The Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Rectory.

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.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office if you or anyone you know would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or Communion.

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.

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Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the parish hall in the school building. Required for all children in Grades 1-8 attending public school. Call the Parish Office with any questions or for more information.

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

- Saturday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
4:00 p.m. Family for †STEVE & †BETTY ZAHURANEC
- Sunday, September 15 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Daughter-in-Law, Josephine Kukla for †WALTER & †MARY KUKLA
10:00 a.m. Mary Shema for †MIKE SHEMA
- Monday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**
8:00 a.m. Paul & Phyllis Majcher for †SYLVIA NAMITKA (Anniv.)
- Tuesday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine**
8:00 a.m. Family for †METHODIUS LIKAVEC
- Wednesday, September 18**
8:00 a.m. Parishioners for †APOLONIA MARCEL
- Thursday, September 19 St. Januarius**
8:00 a.m. No Morning Mass
- Friday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn & Paul Chõng Ha-sang & Companions**
8:00 a.m. Gluvna Family for †NICK & †BLANCHE DARUS
4:00 p.m. Wedding: PHILIP BEITEL & BRITTANY BAESLACK
- Saturday, September 21 St. Matthew**
4:00 p.m. Joyce Klotzbach for †BUSTER HUDEC
- Sunday, September 22 25th Sun. in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Bob Moskowitz for Uncle, †WILLIAM PUZAK
10:00 a.m. Brother and Sisters for †LEONARD HUDAK

Sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of Sept. 15th: 1 candle for Health and Blessings on the Dvoroznak Family from John and Theresa Sataneck; 1 candle for †Walter and †Apolonia Marcel from Family; and 1 candle for Health and God's Blessings on Wilfreda Maciejewski from the Corridoni and Jambrozy Families. Thank you.

Scripture Readings for the Week:


- Mon., Sept. 16th: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
 Tues., Sept. 17th: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
 Wed., Sept. 18th: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
 Thurs., Sept. 19th: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
 Fri., Sept. 20th: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Collection for last weekend was \$4,122. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Donut Sunday is canceled this Sunday. The next Donut Sunday will be held after the 8 a.m. Mass on October 20th. Please mark your calendars.

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!

10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle will be held on Sun., Oct. 27th, in the parish hall. Dinner will be served from **12:00-3:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars. Much help will be needed. The first planning meeting for this parish fundraiser will be held on **Tues., Sept. 24th, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** Please come and get involved!

Wedding  Banns

III Philip Beitel & Brittany Baeslack

Thank You: The family of Helen Poliak donated \$200 in her memory to Transfiguration Parish. Thank you very much for your donation.

Readers

- Saturday, September 21**
4:00 p.m. Sr. Cheryl Keehner
- Sunday, September 22**
8:00 a.m. Art Thomas
10:00 a.m. Jenniver Sparano

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 21**
4:00 p.m. Joyce Klotzbach, Anne Nolan & R. Welsh
- Sunday, September 22**
8:00 a.m. Anne & Larry Davalla & John Maline
10:00 a.m. Pat Cudnik

Altar Servers

- Saturday, September 21**
4:00 p.m. Ed Nolan
- Sunday, September 22**
8:00 a.m. Carl Orban
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 the pure in heart, for they will see God. This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure, and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken, or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. *Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.* God wants to speak to our hearts; there he desires to write his law. In a word, he wants to give us a new heart.

In the Book of Proverbs we find: *Guard your heart with all vigilance.* Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. God *flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts.* The Father, *who sees in secret,* recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who *knows what is in man.*

Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For, as Saint Paul reminds us, *if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing.* In Matthew's Gospel, too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person, for *from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds.* From the heart's intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions.

A heart that loves God and neighbor, genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that *now we see in a mirror, dimly,* but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to *see face to face.* Jesus promises that those who are pure in heart *will see God.*

Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. This Beatitude makes us think of the many endless situations of war in our world. Yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it . . . And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace; in no way are they "blessed."

Peacemakers truly "make" peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: *They will be called children of God.* He

told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: *Peace to this house!* The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, *along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart, for the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.* And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, *let us pursue what makes for peace,* for unity is preferable to conflict.

It is not easy to "make" this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life, or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart, since it is not about creating *a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority,* or a project *by a few for the few.* Nor can it attempt to ignore or disregard conflict; instead, it *must face conflict head on, resolve it, and make it a link in the chain of a new process.* We need to be artisans of peace, for building peace is a craft that demands serenity, creativity, sensitivity, and skill.

Sowing peace all around us: that is holiness.

May we be blessed in the coming week—and every day—with blessings of peace and everything good!

3rd Annual Lakewood Cluster Parish Picnic will be held this 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. **Hope to see you there!**



- Sun., Sept. 15 **Donut Sunday Canceled**
- Sun., Sept. 15 **3rd Annual Lakewood Cluster Parish Picnic**, 1-5 p.m., Grounds of Lakewood Catholic Academy, 14808 Lake Ave.
- Sun., Sept. 15 **American-Slovak Zemplin Social Club Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., hall
- Sat., Sept. 21 **Confessions**, 3:15-3:40 p.m., church

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



Scripture Verse: “I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”—Lk 15:10

Family Perspective: The older brother in today’s Gospel parable resented the second chance his prodigal brother received from their father and missed out on the party. Is your heart held captive by resentment toward any family member and preventing you from receiving God’s blessings? If so, pray for the grace to forgive and become merciful like the Father.

Masses: Please call the Parish Office at 216-521-7288 on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 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.

50/50: Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected during the month of September 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.



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 pasta sauce, boxed cereal, and creamy peanut butter.** 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., Sept. 25th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Sharon Bukszar and Marilyn Rudnick.

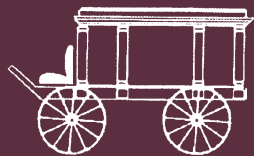
Light for Love: Hundreds of Catholics and non-Catholics alike have entered through the wide open doors of St. James on the fourth Wednesdays of the month this summer. Have you? The last Light for Love evening of Adoration + Invitation will be held on Wed., Sept. 25th, from 7-8 p.m. at St. James at 17514 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Experience beauty, peace, and silence as you light a candle for someone you love and sit with God. Please contact Lina Simms at 216-650-8262 with any questions. To see event pictures, go to stjameslakewood.com/lightforlove.

Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Grief Support Group: Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support group meetings are informal and do not build upon each other so you can drop in any month and fit right in. The next Support Group will meet this Sun., Sept. 15th, at 3 p.m. at the Holy Cross Cemetery Office in Brook Park and in the temporary trailer office at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon. The topic for September will be “Survivor’s Guilt and the What Ifs.” No registration is required. Just come and join us. Call Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more info.

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sat., Oct. 12th, at 10 a.m. with Bishop Nelson J. Perez presiding at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. (Please note this is a change from the usual summer date.) This Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland married 50 years (married in 1969). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries, 55 or over, or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend as well. We request each couple bring no more than four (4) family members to celebrate Mass with them to ensure that we have enough space for all of the couples. Our apologies for any inconveniences this may cause. There is no cost to couples. Registration must be completed by Mon., Sept. 16th, by the online process at <https://ccdacle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019>. Please call Jason Lewis at 216-334-2974 with any questions or concerns.

Catholic Family Day: Plan to join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game next Sun., Sept. 22nd, for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field. The pre-game Catholic Mass will be at 10:15 a.m. in the ballpark with Fr. Bob Stec as the presider. The Cleveland Indians will play the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:10 p.m. To order tickets starting at \$18 (upper reserved), go online to <https://www.mlb.com/indians/tickets/specials/catholic-family-day> and enter the password, “Catholic.” The deadline to purchase tickets is Thurs., Sept. 19th. Contact Jackie Plys, the Cleveland Indians representative, by phone at 216-420-4162 or by e-mail at jplys@indians.com with any questions.

57th Annual Barbecue & Boutique: The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to their 57th Annual Barbecue & Boutique to be held on Sun., Sept. 29th, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Gymnasium on the Notre Dame Education Center Campus at 13000 Auburn Rd., south of Mayfield Rd. (Rt. 322), in Chardon. This location is handicapped accessible. Enjoy barbecued chicken for \$13 or barbecued ribs for \$16 and coleslaw or applesauce, chips, roll and butter, apple pie, and beverage. Tickets are available at the door or order tickets online at sndchardon.org. Takeout dinners will be available, too. Shop for select Sisters’ handmade items in the boutique. Hope to see you there!



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