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#### **PASTOR**

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 Intentions for the Week*



- Saturday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus**  
4:00 p.m. Liegl Family for †DIANE SCAIFE
- Sunday, September 29 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Family for †VICTOR CORTES (Anniv.)  
10:00 a.m. Dvoroznak Family for †TONY AVSEC
- Monday, September 30 St. Jerome**  
8:00 a.m. Catherine Kleinweber for †HENRY FRISTIK
- Tuesday, October 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**  
8:00 a.m. Helen Kascak for †HELEN POLIAK
- Wednesday, October 2 Holy Guardian Angels**  
8:00 a.m. Wife, Joan for †JOHN GREGA
- Thursday, October 3**  
8:00 a.m. No Morning Mass
- Friday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi/ First Friday**  
8:00 a.m. Family for †ANTON WASSERBAUER
- Saturday, October 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**  
4:00 p.m. Wife, June for †JOHN SCANLON
- Sunday, October 6 27th Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Ann Costo for †MIKE & †ANNA PALISIN & †MIKE & †MARY COSTO  
10:00 a.m. Mary Shema for †LUCY ROSSI

**Sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of Sept. 29th:** 1 candle for Guardian Angels . . . “Angel of God” Prayer for the Intercession of Your Guardian Angel, Echoes God’s Abiding Love from Patricia H.; 1 candle in Memory of John and Anna Sataneck from John and Theresa Sataneck; and 1 candle for Health and God’s Blessings on Rufina Scott from Joe and Fran Beno. Thank you.

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

**Scripture Readings for the Week:**

- Mon., Sept. 30th: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tues., Oct. 1st: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wed., Oct. 2nd: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Thurs., Oct. 3rd: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Fri., Oct. 4th: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

**Collection** for last weekend was \$3,787. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

**Special Collection:** Our second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the U.S. and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, go to [usccb.org/cc](http://usccb.org/cc). Please use the envelope in your packet. The basket will be passed twice.

**Spare Change Collection** will be taken next weekend, Oct. 5th/6th, for a start-up fund for the 10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle to be held on Sun., Oct. 27th. By throwing in your spare change, you can help defray the cost of expenses related to this year’s event. Any contribution is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!



The Christian community welcomes with great joy Roslyn Suzanne, daughter of Scott and Myra Malik—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.

**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.

**Readers**

- Saturday, October 5**  
4:00 p.m. Ed Nolan
- Sunday, October 6**  
8:00 a.m. Laure Wasserbauer  
10:00 a.m. Bill Andrews

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- Saturday, October 5**  
4:00 p.m. Joyce Klotzbach, Anne Nolan & M. Zahuranec
- Sunday, October 6**  
8:00 a.m. Andrea Chevalier, Ralph Miller & Anne Nanni  
10:00 a.m. Bill Andrews

**Altar Servers**

- Saturday, October 5**  
4:00 p.m. Pat Liegl
- Sunday, October 6**  
8:00 a.m. Sharon Stahl  
10:00 a.m.

**Fr. Ted's Corner . . .** We had our first organizational meeting in preparation for our 10th annual *Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle*—coming up (quickly!) on October 27th this year. There is information in this bulletin this week—and there will be more information in the weeks to come. Your involvement and participation in this very important annual event for the benefit of our parish community is both needed and very much appreciated. Thank you!

A few words again this week from Pope Francis as he continues and concludes his reflection on the Beatitudes as our call to holiness . . .

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

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*** Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for, as Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel, *whoever would save his life will lose it.*

In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that *a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production, and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people.* In such a society, politics, mass communications, and economic, cultural, and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel's sake, it speaks precisely of persecution.

Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity, and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favor with all the people—even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them.

Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle

means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when *people utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

I am away this weekend—joining some of my classmates from high-school seminary as we gather in Cincinnati for a little “reunion.” It's not a “special occasion”—next year will be the 50th anniversary of our graduation. This weekend is just a gathering, as we do fairly regularly, to renew the friendships we have had over many years. I will return late Monday. Many thanks to Father Lajack, Father Wessel, Father Wiest, and Father Kraig who will be celebrating the weekend and weekday Masses while I am away. As always, you will be in my prayers—for a weekend and a week filled with blessings of peace and everything good!

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**77th Annual Dinner/Dance** sponsored by the American-Slovak Zemplin Social Club will be held on Sun., Oct. 13th, starting with Slovak/Old Slavonic Liturgy at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church at 5500 W. 54th St. in Parma. A home-made full-course dinner will be served at 2:15 p.m. Advance ticket sales only for the dinner/dance at \$20 per person. Call 440-885-5702 for tickets **no later than Tues., Oct. 8th.**

**Baby Shower Event:** Please join the Catholic Order of Foresters (COF) for a Baby Shower on Sun., Oct. 20th, at 1 p.m. in the parish hall at Transfiguration Parish as we respond to Matthew 25's call to service through Feeding God's Children! We will be packing baby bags for mothers in need at Birthright. Birthright works to provide a positive alternative to abortion to women facing untimely pregnancies. They provide free counseling to women throughout their pregnancy and also provide maternity clothes and baby clothing to those in need. At the shower, goodie bags will be assembled along with no-sew baby blankets and cards. The following items for the baby bags will be collected: diapers (larger sizes, including sizes 3, 4, and 5), baby wipes, infant toys, baby shampoo and lotion, and gently worn clothing (up to size 3T). There will be blue bins at the west entrance of the church the weekends of Oct. 5th/6th and Oct. 12th/13th for this collection. If you cannot attend the Baby Shower, please pray for the event's success or consider donating items for the baby bags. Everyone is invited to participate—children, adults, and COF members and non-members. Please call Randy Nix at 440-617-6056 for more information.



- Tues., Oct. 1 **Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle Meeting**, 7 p.m., hall
- Sat., Oct. 5 **Confessions**, 3:15-3:40 p.m., church

## TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



**Scripture Verse:** “Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”—Lk 16:25

**Family Perspective:** In today’s Gospel parable, the rich man wanted to warn his brothers so they could avoid his fate. Evidently, his whole family ignored the poor! If you were the rich man and could warn your family, what would you tell them? Better yet—invite them to practice the works of mercy to those in need.

**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 tuna and vegetables and boxed cereal.** 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., Oct. 23rd, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Donna Gluvna and Pat Liegl.

**Annual Walk to Remember:** During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, the Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a half-mile walking Rosary in honor of departed loved ones on Sun., Oct. 6th, at 1 p.m. The walk at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park starts at the St. Jude Mausoleum, and the walk at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon starts at the St. Joseph Mausoleum. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. This is a great communal prayer opportunity for families. Register online at <https://conta.cc/2XBXY8K> or with a registration flyer that can be found in each cemetery office. Call Rhonda Abrams at 216-930-4866 with any questions or for more information.

**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. Remember to invite your family and friends.

**Dinner Tickets:** Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5 to 12, and children 4 and under are free. Advance tickets recommended. Only a limited number of dinners will be available at the door. Any unclaimed reservations will not be held past 3:00 p.m. For tickets, please call Anne Davalla at 216-287-1127 or Pat Liegl at 216-269-9801. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses on the weekends, too. Remember to invite your family and friends. **The reservation deadline for dinner tickets is Sun., Oct. 20th.**

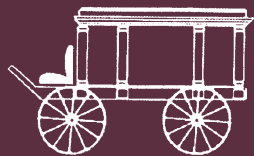
**Parishioner Envelopes:** The letters inviting your participation in and support of the dinner and raffle this year will be available for pickup after Masses the weekends of Oct. 5th/6th and Oct. 12th/13th at the west entrance of the church.

**Basket Raffle:** We are requesting donations from parish families for our Basket Raffle. Please consider assembling a basket with an approximate value of \$25. If \$25 is too much, think about purchasing a \$5 gift certificate to be used for a door prize. **Please note that no alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor) or lottery tickets are permitted as prizes in any of the baskets.** Any donation is appreciated. Baskets can be dropped off at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience but no later than Sun., Oct. 20th. Thank you.

**Patrons Needed:** Envelopes are available in the church pews if you would like to be a patron in the 10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle program booklet. Patron support levels of \$100 (Platinum), \$50 (Gold), \$25 (Silver), and \$5 (Bronze) are available. Please fill out the envelope, enclose the money (make checks payable to "Transfiguration Parish"), and return it to the collection basket or to the Parish Office no later than Sun., Oct. 20th.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **Tues., Oct. 1st, at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall to assemble the distribution of raffle tickets to parishioners. Please come and get involved!

**57th Annual Barbecue & Boutique:** The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to their 57th Annual Barbecue & Boutique to be held this 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](http://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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