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PASTOR

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

First Saturday of the Month: 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

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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.

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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.

Mass Intentions 

- Saturday, August 7**
4:00 p.m. †Diane Smith
- Sunday, August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Peg Goda
- Saturday, August 14**
4:00 p.m. †Annette Chevalier
- Sunday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 a.m. †Mark Hayes



Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of August 8th: Patricia H.: 1 candle for a Special Intention; 1 candle for Health and Blessings for Anne-Marie E., Hayd'n-Lee P., and Patricia E.; and 1 candle for Health and Blessings for Cookson Children and Families.

Candles: The large red and blue globe candle inserts are \$4 each. The small votive candles are 25 cents each.

Collection for last weekend was \$3,038. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection: This weekend a special collection will be taken for the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary.

50/50: Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected 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:** At this time, the Community Food Pantry is fully stocked, and we are not in need of any food items. Cash donations are always accepted and can be dropped in the collection basket. The Community Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Rectory. The next distribution will be held on Wed., Aug. 25th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Donna Gluvna and Pat Liegl.



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”—Jn 6:48-50

GOSPEL MEDITATION
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God’s generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God’s story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God’s love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God’s primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

Fr. Ted's Corner . . . The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Happy Feast Day!

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God our Father,
in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son,
you strengthen our faith
by confirming the witness of your prophets,
and show us the splendor of
your beloved sons and daughters.

As we listen to the voice of your beloved Son,
help us to become heirs to eternal life with him
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Ite ad Joseph - Go to Joseph . . . As I mentioned in this space a couple of weeks ago, last December, on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation designating Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis designated this year as *The Year of Saint Joseph*. In the remaining months of this year, I hope to share some excerpts from that letter of Pope Francis - *With a Father's Heart*. The aim of this Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis says, is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

With a father's heart: *that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph." Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.*

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses,

*storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone . . . How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents, and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead, and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices, and interceding for the good of all." Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet, and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble. **Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.***

Have a happy and blessed feast day! Be assured of my daily prayers for blessings of peace and everything good.

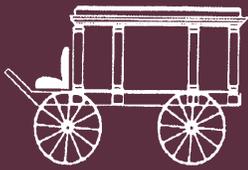


Big News: The FEST 2021 will be held this Sun., Aug. 8th, from noon to 8 p.m. followed by Mass with Bishop Malesic at Brookside Reservation at 3900 John Nagy Blvd. in Cleveland. The Catholic Order of Foresters (COF) Ct. 1630 of Transfiguration Parish will be at The FEST. Go to **thefest.us** for tickets. Please stop by the COF booth so that our members can be reimbursed for their attendance tickets. No ticket is needed for the Mass. Hope to see you there!



Save the Date: The Knights of Columbus, Lakewood Council 2643, will hold an Open House on Thurs., Aug. 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke Parish in McBride Hall. The featured speaker will be Fr. Kevin Elbert, Pastor of St. Luke Parish. Since 1982 membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Everyone is welcome to attend this family-friendly gathering.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: The Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group invites you to a Life in the Spirit Seminar to be held on eight consecutive Tuesday evenings, Sept. 14th through Nov. 2nd, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Primary School Bldg. (behind Linus Hall) at Our Lady of Angels Parish at 3644 Rocky River Dr. in Cleveland (signs will be up!). Our lives are filled with many choices to make every day - difficult choices. Come and see how God's Spirit guides us. We tap into the power and freedom that is offered to us. There is so much more for your life! There is no charge for this seminar. Please call Verna at 216-251-3560 or Tom at 216-252-5724 for more information and to make a reservation.



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