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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 14
4:00 p.m. †Annette Chevalier

Sunday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. †Mark Hayes

Saturday, August 21
4:00 p.m. †Sabina Krymowski

Sunday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. †Stanley Senkovis



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”—Lk 1:48b-49, 52



GOSPEL MEDITATION
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That’s what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God’s love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of August 15th: Patricia H.: 1 candle for Celebrating Anne-Marie E. and Stefan John; 1 candle for Celebrating Christa-Blaise V. and Patrick Earl; and 1 candle for Celebrating Rory-Madonna S. and Timothy Troy.

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 \$2,843. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection Next Weekend: Catholic schools make a profound impact on a child’s life. You can help provide more opportunities for students to obtain a Catholic education. Next weekend, a special parish appeal, the *Faith and Values Appeal for Education*, will be held across the diocese to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes. You can make a secure donation online at CatholicCommunity.org/education or call 216-696-6525, x1530.

 The Christian community welcomes with great joy Garrison Tyler and Griffin Thomas, sons of Gregory and Elizabeth (Maline) Breha - 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.

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.

Fr. Ted's Corner . . . In this column last week, I introduced the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis in which he set aside this year as the Year of Saint Joseph. The Apostolic Letter, entitled *With a Father's Heart*, reflects upon the importance of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis offers the fatherhood of Saint Joseph as a model for our own lives of faithfulness to the call of God: Joseph, a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, a father in the shadows.

A Beloved Father

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation."

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities, and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honor. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him, and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph," which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (Gen 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt.

As a descendant of David, from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan, and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

With the example of Saint Joseph to guide and inspire us and the prayers of Saint Joseph, the beloved father, to strengthen us, may we too, each day, continue to seek the will of God for our lives and put ourselves always at the service of God's plan.

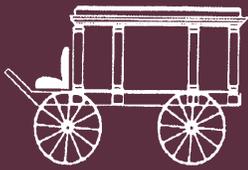
Blessings on the week ahead – blessings of peace and everything good.



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.

Adoration Chapel Reopens: St. Clement Parish's Adoration Chapel (attached to the Rectory) at 2022 Lincoln Ave. in Lakewood will be open every Wednesday and Thursday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Looking for a place to have a conversation with Jesus or a peaceful 15 minutes from your stressful life? Come spend some time with our Lord. Be respectful of any regular adorer and, if you have not been vaccinated, wear your mask since it is a small space. There are open spots for anyone interested in becoming a weekly adorer. Please call Mark or Jackie Ronan at 216-226-4062 for more details.

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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