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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.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

First Saturday of the Month: 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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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.

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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 28**
4:00 p.m. †Steve & †Helen Beno
- Sunday, August 29 22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Theresa Svajhart
- Monday, August 30**
8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Sors Family
- Wednesday, September 1**
8:30 a.m. †John Scanlon
- Friday, September 3 First Friday**
8:30 a.m. †Harry Cross
- Saturday, September 4**
4:00 p.m. †Peter Kascak
- Sunday, September 5 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Michael & †Mary Kuzila

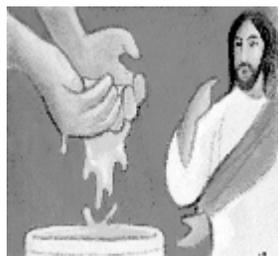


Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of August 29th: Donna Gluvna for Health and God’s Blessings on the Gluvna Family.

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 \$3,191. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection: Next weekend, September 4th/5th, a special collection will be taken on behalf of the people of Haiti which was devastated by an earthquake and by Tropical Storm Grace. More information is included in Fr. Ted’s bulletin article.



“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*”— Mk 7:5b-6

Community Food Pantry: At this time, the Community Food Pantry is in need of jelly or jam. Cash donations are always accepted, too, 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., Sept. 22nd, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Joe Nanni and Bill Newkirk.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules, and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demand creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well-respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy, and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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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 . . . Weekday Masses . . . will begin again this week. For the present, weekday morning Masses will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. (The church will be open at 8:00 a.m.) As I had mentioned in this column previously, when the pandemic began in March 2020 and no public Masses were permitted, it was also necessary to temporarily stop the fulfillment of assigned Mass intentions for both the weekend and weekday Masses. All of the Mass intentions which had been scheduled for weekday Masses in 2020 now need to be fulfilled. According to church law, those intentions must be fulfilled individually - according to the specific request and offering of the donor. Consequently, the weekday Mass intentions for 2020 - beginning from March 16th, 2020, and following chronologically - will now be fulfilled at our weekday Masses. As previously, the Mass intention for each weekday morning Mass will be noted in the bulletin. Those Mass intentions will be fulfilled by the end of 2021. (We are able to receive new requests for weekday Masses to be scheduled in 2022. Please contact the Parish Office regarding those requests.)

Special Collection for Haiti . . . The U.S. Bishops Conference has requested a voluntary special collection on behalf of the people of Haiti which was devastated by an earthquake and by Tropical Storm Grace. As a result of both disasters, many church properties, along with many homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. Consequently, in support of this major relief effort, a special collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 4th/5th, 2021. All checks should be made payable to **Transfiguration Parish** - with a memo: Haiti Relief. Donations for this purpose can also be sent to or dropped off at the Parish Office. Please be sure that these donations also are clearly marked for this purpose. As always, thank you for your consideration of this need and your generous response.

Go to Joseph . . . Once again this week, for our reflection in this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, an excerpt from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *With a Father's Heart* - calling us to contemplate the fatherhood of Saint Joseph as a model for our own lives of faithfulness to the call of God . . .

A Tender and Loving Father

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor." As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him.

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."

In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose "compassion is over all that he has made."

The history of salvation is worked out "in hope against hope," through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Thus Saint Paul could say: "To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to

keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'"

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy. The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. Paradoxically, the evil one can also speak the truth to us, yet he does so only to condemn us. We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains, and forgives us. That truth always presents itself to us like the merciful father in Jesus' parable. It comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet, and rejoices for us, for, as the father says: "This my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

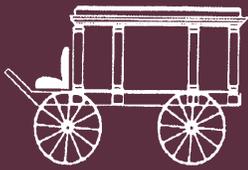
Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history, and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties, and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

*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.*

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



Eucharistic Procession: Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to attend Holy Mass and participate in a traditional Eucharistic Procession next Sat., Sept. 4th. The Mass will be at 11 a.m. and the procession will begin at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland at 1007 Superior Ave. The procession (less than one mile in distance) will be through the sidewalks of downtown Cleveland, as we walk, pray, and sing in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event includes Holy Mass with Fr. Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director, a procession with hymns, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required. E-mail contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org for more information. All are welcome to attend.



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