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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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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, September 25**
4:00 p.m. †Mary Dvoroznak
- Sunday, September 26 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Ruth Istok
- Monday, September 27**
8:30 a.m. No Mass
- Wednesday, September 29**
8:30 a.m. No Mass
- Friday, October 1 First Friday**
8:30 a.m. No Mass
- Saturday, October 2**
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased: Costo Family
- Sunday, October 3 27th Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Dick Voytek



Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”—Mk 9:39a, 40-41



GOSPEL MEDITATION
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don’t need to add to them.



Reminder: Father Tom Mahoney will celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, September 26th - and will also celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday, October 2nd. Father Ted will return in time to celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on October 3rd. Please note that there will be no weekday Masses on September 27th, 29th, and October 1st - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There will also be no confessions next Saturday, October 2nd. Confession will be available on Saturday, October 9th, before the 4:00 p.m. Mass - from 3:15-3:45 p.m. in the church.

Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of September 26th: Ann Costo: God’s Blessings for My Family’s Health and Happiness.

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 \$2,469. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection: This weekend a collection will be taken for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message by supporting this campaign. To learn more, go to usccb.org/cc.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn’t matter who did it or where it came from. In God’s eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world’s brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Fr. Ted's Corner . . . Away for a While . . . Just a reminder that I will be taking some time away this week - joining my high school seminary classmates in the celebration of our 50th anniversary, gathering in the Smokey Mountains in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

I will celebrate the Saturday evening Mass and then begin my travel to Tennessee after that Mass. Father Tom Mahoney will celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 26th - and will also celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 2nd. I will return in time to celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on October 3rd.

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I am very grateful to Father Mahoney for his availability and his willingness to celebrate Eucharist here at Transfiguration Parish on the Sunday and Saturday that I will be away.

Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle . . . October is quickly approaching! As you well know, we usually celebrate our Harvest Festival at the end of the month - our annual *Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle*. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, we were not able to gather for that festival last year. In July, I mentioned in this column that there was still some uncertainty as to whether or not we would be able to gather for that celebration this year - and at this time it appears that we will not be able to do so. There is still some concern about the advisability of carrying on such a gathering in the light of the ongoing and current concerns regarding the COVID pandemic. Of more immediate concern and more important for our consideration, however, is the fact that the hall is still in the process of being renovated by the new owner, and it appears that it would not be adequately available for our use so that we could carry out the *Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle* as we have in the past. Consequently, we are looking into various options, but it is most likely that we will celebrate our Harvest Festival fundraiser and Raffle as we did last year (mostly "by mail") - and (sadly) without the opportunity to gather together. More detailed information on this will be coming soon.

Parish Music . . . Also this past July, in this space, I mentioned that we were in the process of having the organ serviced after not being used for so many months. The company that provides that service for us - Leek Pipe Organ - came to check out the condition of the organ. It was originally thought that there might be some electrical issues, but that turned out not to be the case. So we were put on their schedule to have the organ tuned - which was finally done at the beginning of this month. However, after tuning the

organ, they then discovered that the organ was still not operating properly - which, they believed, was due to the failure of one of the organ "processors" (everything is electronic and computerized these days!). As a result, the manufacturer of the organ needed to be consulted and replacement parts needed to be ordered. It appears that the new processor has arrived at last - and is scheduled to be installed next week. I have been in contact with the organists who had been playing for our weekend Masses prior to the pandemic. Hopefully we will soon once again have organ music at our parish liturgical celebrations.

Have a blessed week. Keep our travel and our reunion in your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers as always - for your safety, health, and wellbeing - for blessings of peace and everything good.



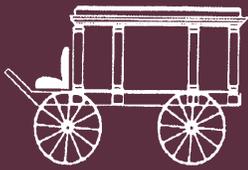
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Community Food Pantry: At this time, the Community Food Pantry is in need of jelly or jam. Please check the expiration dates on the food items you donate, and please no glass items due to possible breakage. The designated container for your donations is located at the west entrance of the church. Cash donations are always accepted, too, and 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. 27th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Anne and Ed Nolan and Marilyn Rudnick.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a method of faith formation tailored to the unique developmental and spiritual needs of three- to six-year-old children. This program will begin later this month at St. James. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Colleen Houk at 216-226-5116 or at pcl.stjameslakewood@gmail.com.

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.



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