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**12608 MADISON AVENUE • LAKEWOOD, OH 44107**

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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.

#### **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, November 6**  
4:00 p.m. †Dezider Szauberer
- Sunday, November 7 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. †Rose Bonadio
- Monday, November 8**  
8:30 a.m. †Barbara Belko
- Wednesday, November 10**  
8:30 a.m. †Margaret Sponsler
- Friday, November 12**  
8:30 a.m. †Paul Hvizda
- Saturday, November 13**  
4:00 p.m. †Ruth Istok
- Sunday, November 14 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. †Toni Seko

**Sponsor of 2 of the Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of November 7th:** Nancy Behrens: 1 candle for Robert and Nancy Behrens and 1 candle for †Shirley Beno Hall.

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

**In Memoriam:** Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Frank Fugo, 101, who died on Oct. 31st. May our Lord grant him eternal rest.

**Collection** for last weekend was \$4,009. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.



**Veterans Day** is Thurs., Nov. 11th. Veterans Day is a federal holiday set aside to honor the millions of Americans who have served in the armed forces throughout our country's history. Remember to fly your flag to honor all veterans.

**50/50:** The September/October winner was Theresa Ruebsteck who won \$160. 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 not in need of any food items. Cash donations are always accepted 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., Nov. 17th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Terry Hudec and Carl Orban.



Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."—Mk 12:41c, 43-44

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

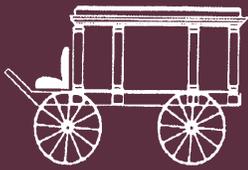
#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, [a] Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.





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