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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Aug. 13, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Transfiguration is ultimately about vision. The Lord brought Peter, James, and John up a high mountain in order that they might come to see. Even the word that describes this day bespeaks vision. It is from the Latin *transfiguratione*. *Trans* means “across,” and by extension, “change.” *Figura* means “shape” or “form.” The suffix *-ation* creates a noun from the underlying verb. Putting it all together, transfiguration was the process by which Christ changed form or appearance. He gave them a glimpse of His true glory. He allowed them to see across (trans) to the other shore, to the true glory of Christ.

So the Feast of the Transfiguration is about vision. Have you seen the glory of Christ? Have you glimpsed God’s glory? Have you looked across to the other shore? It is essential for us to have this experience, otherwise the discouragements and disappointments of life can easily overwhelm us. Only when we glimpse the glory and experience the joy of God can we truly say that our sufferings are more than worth it, that the sufferings of this world cannot be compared to the glory that awaits (Rom 8:18), that our momentary afflictions are producing for us a weight of eternal glory beyond compare (2 Cor 4:17). Have you glimpsed the glory of God? Is this something you even expect to experience? We ought to ask for this wondrous gift because it is essential for us.

Tradition designates Mt. Tabor as the place of the Transfiguration. This is no small hill; it is quite a climb to the top! After the long drive to the top in a bus with a special transmission designed for the climb, the view of the Jezreel Valley is like what you would see from an airplane. It probably took the four of them a day—maybe two—to get to the top on foot. They must have been hardy men to make such a climb; they probably had to carry water and other provisions up with them as well.

The point is that the vision they experience comes only after a difficult climb. In our own life, suffering and difficulties usually bring about new vision, open new vistas, and bring deeper understanding. Suffering is not something we enjoy, to be sure, but it is part of the climb.

Notice that Moses and Elijah are present and conversing with the Lord. While they are historical persons, they also represent the Law and the Prophets. In other words, they represent Scripture.

Part of what the Lord needs to do for us in order to give us heavenly vision is to teach us His Word. As we grow in knowledge of Scripture, our vision grows, our understanding deepens, and we see things differently. Immersion in the Scriptures disposes us for heavenly vision. Notice also how Moses and Elijah (personifying Scripture) give the vision for what Christ is about to do in His final journey to Jerusalem. The vision is of a new Exodus. Just as Moses led the ancient people out of slavery in Egypt by the Blood of the Lamb at Passover and the parted waters (baptism) of the Red Sea, so now Jesus would lead His people out (an exodus) from slavery and sin by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus is the Lamb of God) and the baptismal waters flowing from His parted and pierced side. Do you see what Scripture does? It gives us vision. It sheds light on the meaning of our life. Scripture is our story. It shows again and again that God can make a way out of no way, that He can do anything but fail.

Now comes the vision! Throughout the difficult climb and suffering, and through immersion in His word, God often grants us this vision. When we see His glory we become fully awake. So great is this glory that Peter, James, and John do not know what to say! Those who have every really experienced a glimpse of God’s glory know that it cannot be reduced to words. It is ineffable, unsayable, unspeakable! There is an old saying: “Those who know, do not say. Those who say, do not know.” So, too, for us who are privileged to get a glimpse of glory. It does not mean that we are fully in Heaven yet. For, us, too there are other mountains to climb and valleys to cross. But oh, the glimpse of glory; do not forget it! Let it sustain you in difficult times as it must have sustained Jesus in His passion.

Now comes the great glory cloud (the shekinah) that overshadows them. This vision has been wonderful, but God has more than bright lights to show them. The vision He confers gives direction as well as light. His direction is clear: Listen to my Son. Not only does this instruction complete the vision but it also ensures greater vision in the future.

Do you want to see? Then be willing to make the climb with Jesus. He gives us vision if we climb. He gives us vision if we are immersed in His Word, which is Scripture and Church teaching. If we but take up our cross and follow Him through His passion, death, and resurrection, His greatest vision lies ahead for us. May God grant us vision.

Happy Feast of the Transfiguration!

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

*** EASY * FAST * SECURE ***

Did you know you can give online to our parish with Zelle, or with a debit or credit card? Online Giving at Sacred Heart has never been easier and is just a couple of clicks away.

1. You can give to the parish through the Zelle online payment system offered through most major banks. When you create the Zelle payee for the parish, please use the parish email address: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net.

Please be careful when you type in the email address because once you “Zelle” the money from your account it can not be corrected.

2. You can visit www.sacredheartlynd.org, our parish website and click the Online Giving Options link. If you want to make a direct donation to the parish with your debit or credit card, you can click the direct donation link.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nurturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK



AUGUST 21ST

The apparition in County Mayo in Ireland of Our Lady of Knock is reported to have occurred on the evening of August 21, 1879, the vigil of the octave of the feast of the Assumption. Those who witnessed the miracle ranged in age from five years old to seventy-five.

The apparition was described as follows: “Our Lady was wearing a large, brilliant crown and clothed in white garments. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her and on her left Saint John the Evangelist. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb.”

Since then thousands of people have gone to Knock to pray to Our Lady. No sign of commercialism detracts from the purely religious atmosphere of that hallowed spot.

In honor of our Lady of Knock, Neil Horgan from our parish family will sing the Our Lady of Knock hymn on Sunday, August 20th at 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Masses.



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realized or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on Aug. 22 as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Friday before; the celebrations are next to each other). It means the Immaculate Heart of Mary feast falls on the third Saturday after Pentecost.

For the record, August still has three Marian feasts —the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on Aug. 5; the Assumption on Aug. 15; the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22.

This might seem all rather recent, but well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. Let's take a quick peek at a few highlights.

“The real roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St. Luke,” points out Father Johanm Roten, a Mariologist at the University of Dayton. He refers to Luke 2:19 “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart,” and Luke 2:51 “His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart.”

He also explained, “The most beautiful biblical text about Mary's heart is the Magnificat because it reveals to us the wondrous riches of Mary's humble and regal heart. Her heart sings the praises of God, but it is not a solitary song, my song about the history of my soul, but the Magnificat is the song of the history of salvation for all God's people.”

Then in the 17th century, St. John Eudes broadcast the devotion and promoted a feast in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Soon several dioceses in France did so. Devotion continued and surged in 1830 with the Miraculous Medal. Among the images Our Lady told St. Catherine Labouré to place on the medal was one of her Immaculate Heart placed next to the Sacred Heart. Our Lady continued to bring devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the forefront, next at Fatima. There, and also later to Sr. Lucia, she made several specific mentions to her Immaculate Heart.

Now that we've looked at a bit of the history of the devotion and reasons isn't this month of August a good time we begin, or increase, our honor and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Bucu, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspille, Anne Montillo, Christopher Di Giovanna, Jamie Canal, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz, John Du Bois, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, P. Darmiento, Elyse & Lauren Branigan, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton

DECEASED: Dolores Marinello, Chiara Tulipani

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?



Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers. Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has for them in the 2023-2024 school year? No special religious education training is required, just the desire to help our children learn more about the love Jesus Christ has for them. Call Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094 for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING

2024 will mark the 100th Anniversary of our current church building and the 122th Anniversary of our parish. We would like to have some special events to commemorate this time in the life of our parish family. If you would like to be a part of the committee that will be putting together the events please fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

NAME _____

PHONE _____

AUGUST 6, 2023



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Geri Riley

SUNDAY - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Ruben Arevalo Gacildone
10:30 am Sal Russo, Sr.
12:00pm Roberta Johnson
1:30 pm Josefina Alvarez

MONDAY - Weekday(Eighteenth Week In Ordinary Time)/St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs/ St. Cajetan, Priest

12:00pm George Brew

TUESDAY - St. Dominic, Priest

12:00pm Special Intention

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

12:00pm Joanne Owens & Rose Bevacqua

THURSDAY - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

FRIDAY - St. Clare, Virgin

12:00pm Mary Allan

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Donald Brett

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Patrick R. Ferrara

SUNDAY - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Antonio D'Angelo
10:30 am Robert & John Csapo
12:00pm Gabriella De Propriis Ricci
1:30 pm Norma Azuero

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 31

Sunday - \$4,936

Add'l Assessment - \$90.00

Add'l Retired Priest - \$66.00

Add'l Air Conditioning - \$5.00

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Stewardship of Time And Talent Volunteer Sheet

Our parish is brought to us by the love and mercy of the Lord and by our stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure given to us by God to make His presence a reality in our community. To paraphrase the gospel, don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

I am interested in giving of my time and talent in the following ways (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exrtaordinary Mininster | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Cleaning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> General Repairs & Maintenace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir Organist | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would like to enroll my child:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir |
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Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____

Child's Grade: _____

School Attended: _____

My Signature below gives my child permission to participate in the activity indicated

Parent's Signature: _____

**Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket.
Thank you for your generous stewardship for our parish family!**