

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023

Mass Intentions

August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00AM+Eddie Flanagan (Catholic War Vets Mem.)

10:00AM+Fred Drexler (Mary Lysinger)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

August 7, Monday, St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

12:00PM+Bill Orr (Henry Martin)

August 8, Tuesday, Saint Dominic, Priest

12:00PM+Verna Bell (Dave and Maureen Hanekamp)

August 9, Wednesday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+Chip Conrad (Rita and James Adams)

August 10, Thursday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

12:00PM Special Intention (Cecelia Ratzesberger)

August 11, Friday, Saint Claire, Virgin

12:00PM+John M. Sanker, 1 year Ann. (Siblings)

August 12, Saturday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious

12:00PM Special Intention Elverda Holtz

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Thomas P. Kilcoyne (Family)

August 13, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Ann Noel (Carol Werkmeister)

10:00AM+Lois Riley, Birthday (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

Confirmation Prep

A Registration and Information meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, at 6:30PM in the Cathedral Hall. All parents and students in public, parochial schools, and homeschooled programs in 9,10, and 11th grades **MUST** attend.

Please call or text Chris Laraia, DRE at: 814-312-7317, claria@dioceseaj.org. if unable to attend.

Religious Ed Registration Weekend

Registrations for 2023-2024 Rel. Ed PK4-11 will be held in the Parish Religious Ed Center before and after all Masses on Sat/Sun August 26/27. New students, please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-3



Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 8 more weeks until Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are still taking Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, 8:30AM to 4:00PM, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

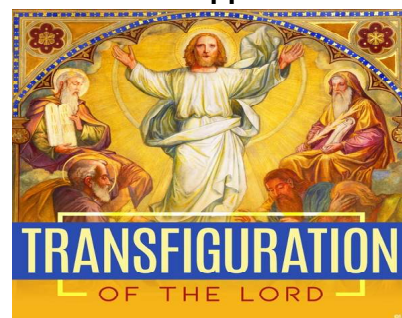
Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo tickets are on sale, at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, with a value pack for an additional \$30.00. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704, or the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Dobbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 6:30PM in the Gardens (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell. We are looking forward to seeing you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 30, 2023, \$ 7,722.48
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Stewardship Reflections

Matthew gives a full vision of Jesus' complete change of form, structure and substance at the Transfiguration. When the three apostles became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is this how we react when we are aware of the presence of God? Knowing God, appreciating God, and embracing God should give us confidence as Christian Stewards of God's gifts. God's grace is amazing, and the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord. (CatholicSteward.com 7/3/2023)

Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, August 9th, at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.



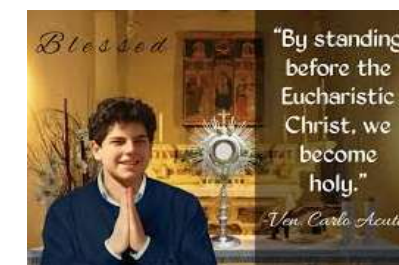
Special Mass This Sunday for Young People Entering or Returning to College or Entering the Military

All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto this Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.



COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

When taking Holy Communion to homebound parishioners, please be sure to carry the consecrated host in a pyx and, if available, a burse (a carrying case that is hung from the neck). Otherwise, the pyx should be placed in a shirt, blouse, or jacket pocket close to one's heart.



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006) was a teenager who prepared a website about international Eucharistic miracles. A portion of his exhibit, thanks to the kindness of the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on display in the cathedral during the summer months. Current posterboards describe Eucharistic miracles that took place at Lanciano, Italy and Legnica, Poland.



Our parish, along with other Altoona parishes will be collecting breakfast cereal the weekend of August 12 and 13 to benefit hungry children in the Altoona area. Please place your donations in the boxes that will be available at our entrances. While children may be eligible for free lunches at school, a large number of them arrive in the morning without breakfast.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith. — Father John Muir ©LPi



This year's Mission Co-op Appeal will be next weekend, August 12 and 13, by Father Tulio Ramirez, a Yarumal Missionary.

The goal of the Yarumal Mission Society is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. They are present in Angola, Bolivia, Cambodia, Columbia, Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Panama and Thailand. In order to carry out their pastoral programs and social projects their missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the Christians from parishes they visit. Our support for Father Tulio reminds us of our baptism vocation: We are all missionaries of Christ.



\$46,166 has been contributed or pledged towards our \$42,000 target. Gifts over target will be used within our parish. Thank you for participating.



Our parish has 11 tickets remaining to the Curve Game on Sunday, August 13, at 6:00 P.M. against the Erie SeaWolves. With fireworks. Call the office to reserve your free ticket/s.



**Vocation Discernment for Young Men:
St. Andrew's Evening**

Just as St. Andrew invited his brother Peter to come see the Messiah, allow him to bring you to the Lord as well. God might be calling you to serve Him as a priest. An event for men in high school and older is being held at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College on Monday, August 7, from 4-6 P.M. The event will include prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, dinner, and a vocations story by Father Brian Norris. For more information or to RSVP, contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling 814-317-2681.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 814-944-4014

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