

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

August 6, 2017

The heavens proclaim
his justice;
all peoples see his
glory.
— Psalm 97:6

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Rector Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

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Carol Z. Smith

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Ellen Kelly

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Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
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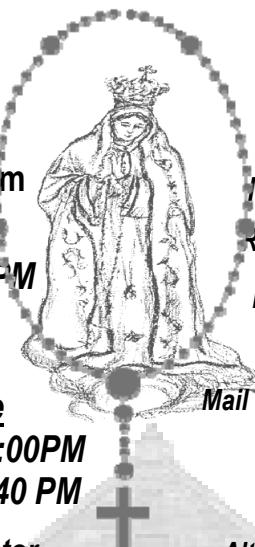
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Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
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Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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AUGUST 6, 2017

EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the anaphora and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

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SING YOUR SONG

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

TOTALITY

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love.

—St. Clare

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AUGUST 6, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt:1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

*Today's Intention = Caroline Denise Keagy

Readings: 1 Kgs 19: 9,11-13; Rom 9: 1-5; Mt 14:22-33

August 13th, Nineteenth Sunday in OT

* Mary Durkin, (Greg and Jim Hosgood)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

August 7, Monday: Saint Sixtus, II, Pope, Companions

Readings: Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

6:45 AM Joyce McNeal (Carol Makdad)

8:00 AM Barbara Barrett (Mary Repko and Family)

12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer, Ann. (Wife and Family)

August 8, Tuesday: Saint Dominic, Priest

Readings: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36

*6:45 AM Carl T. Mincin, Anniv. (Anna Miller)

8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Eddie and Lois Simanski)

12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Daniel)

August 9, Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35; Mt 15:21-28

6:45 AM Verna Bell (Maureen and Dave Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Rita Kantisoki (Claire and George Buck)

12:00 PM Joe Conlan (Ron and Jean Sheehan)

August 10, Thursday: Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

*6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green,Tyler,Maryl,Barry)

8:00 AM Joe & Frances Pagliaro (M/M Van Compagni)

12:00 PM James Mike Smith, Birth.(Terry Smith)

August 11, Friday: Saint Clare, Virgin

Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

*6:45 AM Esther Dorazio (Family)

*8:00 AM Rose Marie Simanski, Birth. (Husband, Robert)

12:00 PM Billy Geis, Birthday (Family)

August 12, Saturday: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Relig

Readings: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Tom and Beth Moore)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Tony &Anna Rose Eckenrode)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19: 9,11-13; Rom 9: 1-5; Mt 14:22-33

5:00 PM Jack Leiden, Birthday (Family)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

AUGUST 6, 2017

Scripture Reflection

The story of the transfiguration is a story about faith and the insights faith confers. Jesus' own faith was so perfect that he shared the Father's glory. An act of faith by Peter, James and John allowed them to see this glory and be transformed by it. Just so, when we let faith transform our lives, we can let the world hear the voice of God.

In Matthew's Gospel, the transfiguration is a lesson in faith. Matthew sets the event among episodes that highlight the growing faith of the apostles. Not long before, a group of Pharisees and Sadducees challenged Jesus to produce a sign. Jesus refuses, pointing out that his sign, like the prophet Jonah's, was a ministry of preaching the truth. Matthew relates Peter's confession of faith not long after that confrontation. Peter's faith had grown so strong that he could believe on the strength of Jesus' word alone.

The sign of the transfiguration came only after the act of faith. Peter along with James and John (who presumably shared Peter's faith) saw Jesus as he appears in the Father's eyes. They saw the incarnate Son who fulfilled the prophecy of Daniel we hear in the first reading. Jesus shared the Father's glory and was the Word that inspired Moses and Elijah. Peter's faith in Jesus was confirmed in spectacular fashion. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Throughout Matthew's Gospel, faith is something that either grows or dies. The word of God had found deep, fertile soil within Peter, James and John.

When Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to witness his Transfiguration, he planted seeds of transformation in them. The Gospels situate the event on a mountain. In biblical tradition, human beings usually encounter God on mountains. Go to one of the mountain tops in these Allegheny Mountains. Summer is a wonderful time to focus on God's bounty and promise. Take time out this week, and notice the sights, sounds and smells around you. Deepen your faith and give thanks.

- How can you challenge yourself to deeper faith?
- What insight has your faith taught you that you can share with others?

**ORDER OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Liturgical Reflection...

The Consent of the couple follows the three questions on freedom, fidelity, and acceptance of children. The priest or deacon invites the couple to publicly declare their consent to one another. The groom is first; the bride is second. There are two different formulae for the consent; the couple chooses which option of consent they wish for their wedding. There is also the option to repeat after the minister or to simply say "I do." The bridegroom and the bride are the true ministers of this Sacrament in their public Consent to each other. This Consent should be audible to all in the assembly.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 61-63, 95-97, and 126-128.

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Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6)

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Children's		14.00
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Total Dep		1674.70

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal	\$10973.
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God Bless You & Thank You to Barbara



Little for providing Our Lady of Fatima with fresh flowers for the month of August.



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08/11 Kerry Byrne

08/11 Patty Flanagan

08/11 Elizabeth Stitt

08/12 Kathleen Koeck

08/12 Rick Summers

JULY CO-OP WINNERS

07/24	311	F. Hainley	100
07/25	217	S. Piotrowski	50
07/26	489	R. Summers	50
07/27	577	R. Summers	50
07/28	476	T. Rosenberry	50
07/29	487	J. Gaeto	50
07/30	963	G. Ehgartner	50
07/31	539	B. Cree	100

Calling all Gardeners, Flower Growers...

Our Parish is looking for anyone willing to donate flowers for the remainder of the summer months for the Blessed Mother's Altar. If you would like to share your bounty with Our Lady, please write your name on the list in the vestibule. Homegrown or store bought are welcome!

MAY 13, 2017

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

is commemorating the

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for two (2) hours
on the following dates of the original Apparitions:*

Saturday, August 19th,
Wednesday, September 13th, and
Friday, October 13th.

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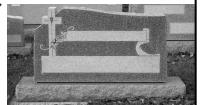
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