

# St. Ann Parish

*"To Grow in Grace Through Jesus Christ"*

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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**AUGUST 6, 2017**

Chapel  604 South Main Street

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church 148 Church Street

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Weekdays and Holy Days

Mass schedule listed in the bulletin

### CEMETERIES

St. Ann: 305 W. Pothouse Road, Hours 8 AM - 7 PM

Sacred Heart: 1261 Fillmore Street

Church Main Street & Third Avenue

Church is open:

Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Spanish Mass: 9:30 AM

### WEEKLY DEVOTIONS IN CHURCH

Rosary: Monday thru Thursday 7:35 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena Tues after 8:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tues after 8:00 AM

Mass or call the Rectory to make an appointment.

Infant of Prague Novena Wednesday 7:55 AM

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

CONTACT THE LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OFFICE AT 610-639-0923 FOR:

**BAPTISM** - Parents of children to be baptized are required to attend a Pre-Jordan session. Please make arrangements well in advance of the birth of your child.

**MARRIAGE** - Make arrangements one year in advance.

**RCIA** - To become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

**PREP CLASSES** - All public school students Grades K-6 are expected to participate in PREP (Parish Religious Education Program). Classes are held on Sundays from 10:45 AM - 12:05 PM and Tuesdays from 6:25 - 7:45 PM. Call Julie at 610-755-1077.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING AT 610-933-3732

**BUSINESS HOURS** - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon - Fri. Submit all bulletin materials by Noon Monday.

**CHANGES** in address or phone number.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** takes place in the Parish Office after the 11:30 AM Mass once a month.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY** - Eucharist is brought to those unable to come to Mass because of sickness or age.

**ANOINTING OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK** - In the event of an emergency contact the Parish Office at any time. Anointings can be requested before a planned hospital visit.

## FROM THE PASTOR



**HOW COME** – today we are celebrating the Transfiguration of the Lord instead of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time? The quick answer is that in Ordinary Time any Feast of the Lord that falls on a Sunday overrides the Ordinary celebration.

**BUT WHY** – do we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord each year on *August 6*? Why this date?

**LITURGY BRINGS TO LIGHT** – deep truths and important lessons that might otherwise go unnoticed. There are **40 days** between August 6 and September 14. Recall that the number 40 is a recurrent “biggie” in our Tradition, eg: **40 Years** (our ancestors in the desert); **40 Days** (Moses atop Mt. Sinai; Jesus in the desert; the time between the Resurrection and the Ascension of the Lord). By celebrating the Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6 and then celebrating the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14, we are highlighting the intimate and inseparable connection for Christians between Glory and the Cross.

**A STORY** – Decades ago a U.S. Senator, while visiting India, stopped into one of Mother Teresa’s homes for the destitute dying. He went to shake the hand of one of the nuns, who pulling back said, “My hands are dirty” to which the man replied, “Sister, the dirtier they are the more honored I am.”

**A RICH VEIN** - This week is loaded. After having celebrated the Transfiguration of the Lord today, we will be presented with some men and women who allowed themselves to be so transfigured by Grace that we now refer to them as “saints.”



**SAINT DOMINIC** – This Tuesday (Aug. 8) we will commemorate St. Dominic de Guzman (d. 1221). Struck by clerical corruption and by the pastoral neglect of ordinary people, Dominic was transfigured, put in



motion, by grace. He adopted a simple lifestyle, even to the extent of walking barefoot from place to place as he and his companions preached and taught. Hundreds of year later, his graced transfiguration continues in the Order of Preachers (nicknamed the Dominicans or Blackfriars).

**ST. TERESA BLESSED BY THE CROSS** – This

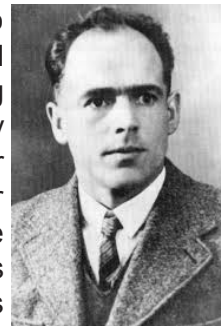


Wednesday (Aug. 9) we will celebrate the memorial of Edith Stein who was killed in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp on this date in 1942. The name she chose at her profession as a Carmelite nun was “Teresa Blessed **BY** the Cross.” She saw the Cross in her life as a blessing rather than as a

curse—as something to be embraced instead of shunned. Have we ever had a similar experience? Carl Jung wrote that the root cause for all neuroses is the avoidance of legitimate suffering. Our Tradition puts it, “See how the Cross of the Lord stands revealed as the Tree of Life.” Each of us can ask, “What Cross is the Lord—in His love for me—offering me today?”

**BLESSED FRANZ JAEGERSTATTER** – This

Wednesday (Aug. 9) we will also note the memorial of a husband and father of three young daughters who was beheaded by the Nazis on this date in 1943 for his refusal to participate in a war he judged to be evil. Before Franz was a conscientious objector he was a conscientious **profess-er**. He was a man in



touch with Jesus and the depths of awareness our Savior makes possible, and Franz’ witness summons us to live in the Light, to become more deliberate and conscientious members of the Body of Christ. If you read the book *In Solitary Witness*—which is in our Parish Library—you can learn more about this martyr whom Pope Benedict XVI declared “Blessed” in 2007.

## FROM THE PASTOR, cont.



**ST. LAWRENCE** – This Thursday (8/10) will be the Memorial of this archdeacon of the Church of Rome, who is venerated as one of the four major patron saints of that city (along with Peter, Paul and Agnes). One day in the year 231 the emperor Alexander Severus

commanded Lawrence to surrender the Church's treasures. Lawrence showed up the next day with folks who were poor, homeless, orphaned, widowed and mentally impaired, stating: "I present to you the treasures of the Church of Rome." Shortly thereafter, Lawrence was burned alive.

### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

struggled for forty years to obtain the "privilege of poverty" for herself and her sisters, and in 1253, two days after having received papal permission for this centerpiece of her way of life, Clare died. We will celebrate her Memorial this Friday (Aug. 11).



**TRANSFIGURED CONSCIOUSNESS** – I was so stuck some years ago when one of our parishioners said that the reason she was raising her children in the faith was so that her daughters and sons might have an "alternate perspective" to the culturally dominant, pervasive and loud perspectives of "red state v. blue state," "liberal v. conservative," "us who are all right v. them who are all wrong."

### ALTERED STATES, ALTARED PEOPLE

"Altered states of consciousness" is an expression we use occasionally. Our mental states may be altered by: food, mood, drugs, hormones, music, the Phillies, the weather, etc. Our coming to the Altar each Sunday, however, is intended to effect an altered state of soul so that we see, judge and act as the Lord sees, judges and acts. Our being "in the Lord", our Holy Communion with and in

Him, has the express purpose of transfiguring our perspectives, judgments and actions. I think a religion that does not offer an alternate perspective to culturally dominant perspectives is worthy neither of God nor of us. May we each be blessed with Transfiguring Grace this week.



**THANK YOU FOR ADJUSTING #1** – Please note that while the new HVAC system is being installed in St. Ann Church:

Our **Sunday 9:30 AM Mass** will be celebrated in **Sacred Heart Church**.

Our **weekday 8:00 AM Masses** (Mon. – Thu.) will be celebrated in **St. Ann Chapel** and Chapel will be open these days from 7:00 to 9:00 AM.

**THANK YOU FOR ADJUSTING #2** – Our Sunday 6:00 PM Mass is cancelled during August and will resume on Sunday September 10.

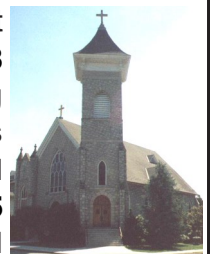


"**GIVING HOPE TO ALL**" – is the theme of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal**. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese, serving hundreds of thousands of

our neighbors in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>.



**CHURCH A/C UPDATE** - As of last Monday we had reached **\$41,588** toward the new air-conditioning system for St. Ann Church. Of this total **\$12,623** has been received from **53** households and **\$28,965** has been received in memorial contributions. Thank you!





**THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2017  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**SUNDAY**

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:30 AM Mass in Chapel

9:30 AM Mass in Chapel

9:30 AM Spanish Mass in Sacred Heart Church

11:30 AM Mass in Chapel

**1:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass (Chapel)**

**Special Collection** – Today **Rev. Jan Kwiecien, C.Ss.R.** will preach in each of our Masses on behalf of the Redemptorist ministries in Ukraine and Russia, and this will be our opportunity to support the 2017 **Mission Cooperative Appeal**. The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) is a missionary congregation that ministers to the poor in more than 70 countries. All funds received for this year's Mission Appeal will assist the Polish Redemptorists who are now working to complete a church and pastoral center in **Togliatti in central Russia**. Special envelopes for this collection have been mailed to the homes of our members and extra envelopes (Pink "Emergency Relief") are available on our shelves.

**MONDAY**

*St. Sixtus II & Companions/St. Cajetan*

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

**TUESDAY**

*St. Dominic*

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

**8:30 AM - Confessions (Chapel)**

**7:00 PM - Bible Study (Parish Office)**

**WEDNESDAY**

*St. Teresa Benedicta by the Cross*

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

**7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Parish Office)**

**7:30 PM - Charismatic Group (Parish Office  
Counting Room)**

**WEDNESDAY, cont.**

**7:30 - 9:00 PM - Catholic Young Adults at Ss. Peter and Paul Church**, 1327 E. Boot Rd., West Chester. **What is Spiritual Direction?** Have you ever been curious about what spiritual direction is and what it could do for one's faith life? How do you know if you should have a spiritual director and how do you find one? What could a spiritual direction session look like and how might it help individuals address distractions or dryness in prayer, and move to a more intentional relationship with God in everyday life? Join us for a discussion on this topic with Heather Makowicz and Deacon James E. Garvey, O.Praem, two certified spiritual directors from Daylesford Abbey.

**THURSDAY**

*St. Lawrence*

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

**FRIDAY**

*St. Clare*

**SATURDAY**

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

**3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)**

*Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

**Sun:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Mon:** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

**Tues:** Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

**Wed:** Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35/  
Mt 15:21-28

**Thu:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

**Fri:** Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

**Sat:** Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

**Next**

**Sun:** 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



**Table Fellowship for the  
WEEK OF AUGUST 6  
St. Peter's Church  
121 Church St.**


**Lunch - Monday - Friday**

Noon to 1:00 PM

**Saturday (August 12)**

Breakfast 8:45 - 10:30 AM    Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 AM



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS THEOLOGY ON TAP** on Sunday, August 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Manayunk Brewing Company Jazz Room, 4120 Main Street. This month's topic will be "Theology of Accompaniment: Reflecting on an Era of Human Mobility and Migration," presented by Sr. Michelle Cimeroli, acj.

**12 STEP SPIRITUALITY GROUP** - A discussion meeting for anyone involved or interested in Spirituality as practiced in the 12 Steps used by addiction recovery groups, will be held on August 20 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Dining Room. Anyone involved with addiction recovery or affected by substance abuse, is welcome to attend. For questions please contact Deacon Giblyn at 610-952-3765, or [deacongiblyn@gmail.com](mailto:deacongiblyn@gmail.com).

**CASSEROLES FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE** is located in Philadelphia and serves men who have no place to stay. The brothers provide them with a hot meal (the casserole), a bath and a bed. Pans and recipes for an easy-to-make casserole are available at the Parish Office. In order to be in compliance with Food Safety Regulations, put the date your casserole was prepared on the cover of each dish. Drop your frozen casserole off at the back porch of the Parish Office on **August 30 by 10:00 AM**.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB** - The purpose of the Parish Book Club is to build community through the shared experience of great stories. Our conversations about the books are accompanied by tea and coffee, cookies, and good cheer. We invite anyone to join us, who has read the month's selection and wants to share in this rather pleasant diversion.


**AUGUST SELECTION: "ACTS OF FAITH" BY EBOO PATEL** is a remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism, from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the United States. Eboo Patel's story is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people—and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement. Book Club will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 31 in the Parish Office. Please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or [stannadulterd@gmail.com](mailto:stannadulterd@gmail.com) to register.

**HOLY FAMILY CYO** is holding a **Chili Cook-Off** on September 9 from 5:30 - 9:00 PM at the St. Joseph's Pavilion, 3640 Schuylkill Rd. Please join us at 4:30 PM for Mass under the Pavilion where Fr. O'Hara will offer a special blessing for all CYO athletes. The Chili Cook-Off will begin with various prizes being awarded. There will be a Co-ed kickball game for all ages, live music, food, drink and entertainment for the whole family. If you would like to be one of the chili cook-off chefs, please call Stephanie at 315-256-8589.




**PARISH PICNIC** - Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Parish Picnic on **Sunday September 17** on our Parish Lawn from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. More details to follow....

**TRAVELING** - One number you'll want to remember when planning a vacation, or on the road, is 1-858-207-6277 or [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org). By using the zip code you can get the name, address and Mass times of the nearest Catholic Church.



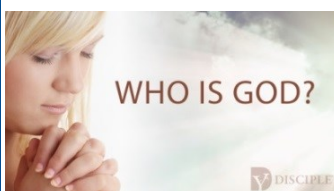
**DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH**



**FORMED** is loaded with religious material for people of all ages. Great audio talks and even audio books are all available through our parish FORMED subscription. The suggestions below are perfect for family vacation. Listen on your phone or tablet while traveling, on the beach or by the pool. Log onto [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org) and enter our Parish Code: W2HQ93.

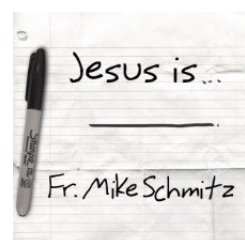
**Announcement for August 5/6**  
**Feast of the Transfiguration**

On this feast of the Transfiguration, take time to ponder the divinity of Christ. And if we truly believe that He is God, are we making Him Lord of our lives?



**Who Is God: Session 3**  
**Is Jesus Really Divine?**  
**In Study: YDisciple**

**Jesus Is...**  
**In Listen: Explaining**  
**Catholic Faith**





# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? St. Ann will soon begin a new series of gatherings to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family in September. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and deepen your relationship to our Lord, Jesus Christ. These sessions are also opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These weekly gatherings are open to people who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, or baptized Catholics who have not received their Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. Please contact Madelyn O'Hara at [stannadulted@gmail.com](mailto:stannadulted@gmail.com) or 610-639-0923 for more information and to register.

**NEED A RIDE - HOPE** volunteers drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance.

**August 1 - 15: Sally Freed at 610-933-7660**

**August 16 - 31: MaryAnn Fennell at 610-933-1058**

Necesita un "RIDE" - Nuestro Ministerio HOPE tiene voluntaries disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a liernes, de 7 AM a 4 PM. Para coordinar esta actividad por favor llame a Rosa Padilla al 484-302-6056 con 4 días de anticipación.



## AID FOR FRIENDS

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you can assist by creating single

-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can **pick up empty trays and supplies and meals can be dropped off at 602 S. Main St.**

**Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

For more information call Kate at 610-933-3814 or [katecommiskey@msn.com](mailto:katecommiskey@msn.com).

## REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Carolyn Boring, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Al DeMola, Joe Demyan, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Tom Fedick, Dan Fennell, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jim Havrilla, Jean Hoffman, Angela Hogan, Ann Hovanec, Michael Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Ann Johnson, Irene King, Larry Kirk, Jack Klenk, Patrick Koch, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Michele Mellon, Ron Motzer, Tom Moyer, Alexandra Murphy, Karen Nessor, Jacob Nichols, Georgene O'Donnell, Marcelo Opiela, Steve Pannella, Cindy Patton, Joan Pendergast, Abigail Pilcicki, Dianne Litishin Ponzio, Ann Racey, Christine Radoiss, Katherine Raggazino, Jerry Ratchford, John Riegel, Kris Roberts, Kathryn Rocky, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Keith Sheridan, Patrick Sheridan, Eustachia Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Evelyn Spitz, Christine Kulp Springer, Bob Stancavage, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Ann Wolff, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.

	<b>7/30/17 5th Sunday in Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/17 - 7/30/17</b>
Budget:	\$15,500	\$77,500
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$9,559	\$51,477
Loose	844	4,994
Online Giving	1,532	7,647
Mail	1,354	8,379
Total	\$13,289	\$72,497
Shortage	-\$2,211	-\$5,003

**Thank you for your generosity!**