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AUGUST 6, 2023 • THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Tuesday through Friday..... 8:30 AM
No Mass Monday and Saturday

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Stop by the Business Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:00PM or register online by accessing the registration forms on our website under parish registration.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

RISE
AND DO
NOT BE
AFRAID.

MATTHEW 17:7



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Today our normal cycle of Sundays in Ordinary Time is disrupted by our celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which is celebrated each year on August 6. We always read about the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent, but we have an actual celebration of this historical event on the Church calendar to celebrate each year (just like we have an annual celebration of Christmas and the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, etc.).

We don't actually know when the actual Transfiguration event occurred. Some scholars suggest it happened around the time of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which would put it in September or October, at harvest time. Others believe the Transfiguration may have happened in the Spring, close to Good Friday, to firm up the faith of the Apostles as they got ready for what was to come.

One might then wonder why we celebrate the Transfiguration on August 6—since that doesn't really fall into either of the two most commonly argued timeframes above. Back in the centuries when the Church calendar wasn't as centralized as it is today and there was considerable local variation, it seems this particular feast was celebrated at different times in different places, with August 6 being a fairly common date.

August 6 happens to be the 40th day before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, which may be why this date was so prevalent—we like the number 40 in the Church after all, and it seems fitting to link these two celebrations together that way. In the mid-15th century, after a military victory against invading Turkish forces in Eastern Europe on August 6, the pope made it official that the Transfiguration would be celebrated on August 6 across the board.

So just in case you were wondering why the priest and deacon were in white today and why we were hearing a Gospel reading that we heard back during Lent, now you know.

I will be away on a much-needed vacation this week. I am most grateful to the various priests who have agreed to celebrate Mass and hear confessions here while I'm gone. As the number of priests continues to decline, finding priests to cover Masses so one can take a vacation gets to be more and more of a challenge. Pray for more vocations to the priesthood!

Transfiguration of the Lord



Reading I: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

The celestial court convenes before the "Ancient One". Then the Son of Man (Jesus) is given full dominion over the universe.

Reading II: 2 Peter 1: 16-19

Peter offers his experience of the Transfiguration, Jesus in full glory along with the divine proclamation: "This is my beloved Son."

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus becomes a being of light, luminous and transparent. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets respectively.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 AM - John Doherty

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 AM - Robert Seitz, Sr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 AM - Daniel McDevitt

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 AM - Nicole Gallo

11:00 AM - Joseph F. Organek, Sr.

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Steve Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, July 30	
Total	\$7,674
Electronic	\$2,342
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$5,332

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Francis Murray |
| Maryann Convery | Charlotte O'Leary |
| George Dickinson | Paige O'Leary |
| Bob Frankenberger | Katherine Patrone |
| Dawn Gibbons | Mary Rafferty |
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| Zachary Halbing | Carter Claire Walton |
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| Joann Marks | Alexander Passquini |
| Maryanne McCauley | Melissa Dunsee |
| Linda Hackett | Brian O'Riordan |
| Matthew Bannon | Mildred Mancini |
| Mary Ann Nero | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We are all familiar with the Gospel story of The Transfiguration of The Lord which we celebrate today. But did you pay attention to the first reading? The Catechism tells us that the two readings are always connected.

"The unity of the two testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and His Revelation. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God." --- Catechism of the Catholic Church 140

Look again at this part of the first reading from the Old Testament to see the connection: **"...Thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head like pure wool..." --- Daniel 7:9**

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We hope you enjoyed the Divine Mercy series during Eastertide! Summer is here and you can try these 2 favorites to keep the kids entertained for hours. For your teens, go to the banner "Saints" and be inspired by the true stories and movies you'll find there. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

Autumn Bible Study-- The Chosen!!



We're back with Season 3 of The Chosen! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 3 of The Chosen. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos, exploring the related Bible passages and the video production details. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, September 11 thru October 30 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, September 13 thru November 1 ---9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 3", the dark gray book is called "The Way of The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume3)". Please join us!

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Fall Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor

The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

For more information and registration call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com.

Catholic Support for Mental Health

Be Encouraged: Catholic Support for Mental Health Website (archphila.org/support) Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment, and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.

Food Pantry Update

The summer has been challenging, since our Food Pantry "Neighbors in Need" volume continues to be high.

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, oatmeal, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

We are adjusting our pantry hours for July and August to 3 until 5 on Wednesdays.. In September, we will return to our normal hours (3:30 to 5:30) on Wednesdays.

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School.

Thank you all for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers.

God Bless and Be Safe... as many of you travel over these summer months.

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Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

Summer Reading Suggestions
Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith
Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

September
Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

Home Care Needed

Home care needed 4 or 5 nights per week for an elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6110.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (ST. ANASTASIA PARISH)

This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn: how the Bible is laid out logically, how to find your way around it, what the overall story and timeline of the Bible is, how to pray with scripture, why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on Wednesdays: August 9, 16, 23, 6:30 pm Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed! There is no cost for these sessions! Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale.

Location: Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door)
Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available. To learn more, or to sign up contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 or thaggerty@saintannies.org

Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the “source and summit” of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

You experience peace in other areas of your life Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn't mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ's peace means we know the storms of life can't shake us.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.



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