

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



**Dear Friends in Christ:**

My dear friends in Christ. Today we celebrate The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us

The transfiguration of Jesus in our Gospel was not just about Jesus. I would like to see it as a vision of the glorious future to which we are all called. But we encounter problems and negativities and we get hurt going through life. Then we have the choice either to say and negative things or we can choose to remember who we really are - brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of God since baptism - and that the glory of the transfigured Jesus awaits each of us. We can choose to think in negative ways or to remember the encouragement we receive in Sacred Scripture.

In his first letter John writes, "we are already children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is." (1 John 3:2)

So the glory of the transfigured Jesus is awaiting each of us, thanks to our baptism. So then, for one who believes, there is no room for negative thinking. We may be tempted to think negatively because of events that occur to us, but let us not forget our dignity no matter what happens or no matter what others think of us or say to us.

Luke's Gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32). Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? The life of ease can hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in normality but we believe and know that God has destined great things for us. We say that the transfiguration prepared the disciples for the scandal of the cross. Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. In our worst moments of pain may we not think negatively but remember the encouragement we receive in Sacred Scripture and that God has destined the glory of the transfiguration for each of us in the next life.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day: July 31**

Ignatius Loyola founded the Jesuits (the Society of Jesus). The work done by Ignatius Loyola and his Jesuit community was a key factor in addressing the attacks on our Catholic faith by Martin Luther and John Calvin.

Ignatius Loyola was born into a noble family in 1491. He was educated as a knight and joined the army. In May 1521, he fought in the war against France and was wounded at the Battle of Pamplona. While he was recovering, he read about the lives of the Saints, and experienced a great spiritual conversion. The Saints became his new role models, and he

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Anton Grim

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Charles Thielitz  
Patricia Reinhold

10:00 A.M. Enriquito Go  
Gertrudis Tindoc  
Virginia Taylor

12:00 P.M. Jennie & William Montgoris, Sr.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Richard Coda

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Albert Assidio  
Josephina Coranado  
Regina Sullivan

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Barbara Boyle

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017**

8:00 A.M. George J. Martino, MD

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Marie D'Avanzo  
Intentions of Florence Grim  
Intentions of Tom Norton

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Margaret & Carl Hivish

10:00 A.M. John Nazzaretto  
Virginia Taylor  
Irene Sylsbury

12:00 P.M. Henry K. Krawiec  
Agnieszka & Bronislaw Bednarz

**Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- SICK:** Mary Carton      Jacob Hicks      Ron Moebius  
Nina Margossian      Veny Hongo      Tom Guzowski  
Gary Ragusa      Silverio Conte      Alex Haines  
Baby Michael Soojian      Jan Hongo      Susan Nichols-Boggio  
Baby Ryder Sasso      Carmela Fusco      Frank Morici  
Frances De Maria      Dorothea King      Jerome Foray  
Gabe Bellantoni      Miranda Bohner      Eileen McPartland  
Rosemary Liebman      Cenelia Soto      Ann Langley  
Sharon Acquaire      Noah Lorencovitz      John Carolan  
Sister Marie Louise      Rosemary Pannone  
Evelyn Means      Barbara Kincaid      Frank Sanclementi  
Carmela Caropreso Bitondo

**DECEASED:** Susan Mawdsley

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday - \$4,716.00

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decided to change his way of life. He said he had a vision of the Virgin Mary and the baby Jesus, and that led him to the shrine of Our Lady at Montserrat in Aragon. After visiting the shrine, he became a hermit and lived in a cave near Mantua. There, he devoted hours to prayer and helped the sick, saying, "I will follow like a puppy dog if I can only find a way to salvation." In 1523, Ignatius travelled to the Holy Land in an attempt to convert the Moors, but he was sent back to Italy by the Franciscans, and then to Spain to study Theology and Latin. By August 1534, there were eight men who wanted to follow the ways of Ignatius. On September 27th, 1540, the Society for Jesus received formal recognition from Pope Paul III. The men swore obedience to the Pope and also took vows of poverty and chastity.

Ignatius and his followers determined to dedicate their lives as missionaries to the Holy Land. Ignatius saw to it that the Jesuit movement was highly disciplined and that all followers knew his 'Spiritual Exercises' and 'Constitution'. Education and self-examination were at the heart of his community. Only after years of training was a Jesuit considered fully prepared to minister in the world. Ignatius died in 1556. By then, there were almost 1,000 Jesuits organized into eleven communities. Nine of these communities were in Europe, one was in Brazil and the other was in the Far East.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was canonized in 1622. Do you know a Jesuit priest? Of course you do: the Holy Father, Pope Francis is a Jesuit.

Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

### **KIDNEY NEEDED**

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

### **DIocese of Paterson – Marian Pilgrimage October 21, 2017**

This September will be the final sign-up for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The full-day trip includes Mass, devotional prayers, Catechetical Presentations, and the opportunity for reconciliation.

Please mark your calendars now for the important spiritual day on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$49.00.

### **LADIES GUILD**

#### **Save the dates:**

**Junk in the Trunk** is scheduled for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with the rain date of Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

So you can get started on collecting the items you no longer need to turn them into cash. Applications are available at the rectory.

**Bus Trip to:** Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. Sept. 7, 2017 – Included tour and lunch – details to follow.

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### **THANK YOU, MIKE**

Mike Durkin, a parishioner of many years at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, is leaving Haskell and St. Francis so that he can be closer to his family. Being Mike, he wants no fuss. Yet how can we not at least acknowledge and thank him for all he has done for St. Francis. This is an incomplete account. Mike was extremely active in St. Francis School which his children and grandchildren attended. He served on the school board, organized fund raisers and so much more. For instance, he actually physically helped to build the learning center. He worked on (and enjoyed) multiple St. Patrick's dinners. He was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was involved with the Emmaus group, and helped organize and was a speaker at Emmaus retreats. He hosted a Lenten Mission group for years, and organized and participated in Bible study groups. In much of this, he was helped by his wife, Marge. Present parishioners who attended the Lent Fish and Chicken fry dinners may know him as the guy who put their food on the plates for takeout and eat in. He did that for years. He also volunteered for years at the Carnival.

Perhaps most revealing of Mike's character and faith was that he volunteered to bring Holy Eucharist to AID's patients who were to be cared for at the Wanaque Care Center on Ringwood Ave.

In more recent years, he has added to his agenda-- head of the lectors, Eucharistic ministry, organizer of the Stations of the Cross readers and creator of one of the most spiritually moving services at St. Francis: our evening Good Friday Stations of the Cross in which Mike included members of our parish—and changed the participants every few years.

I am tempted to say, "And on the seventh day, Mike rested," but I don't think he did. I believe he is a very active grandfather as well.

Mike Durkin NEVER calls attention to himself, never looks for a "thank you," never advertises his own deeply rooted faith and his commitment to growing in that faith. I called Msgr. Re for input on Mike's contributions and I am going to end this with his tribute to Mike:

"Mike is a great person of faith and he brought that faith to the parish and to people outside the parish. He is a great friend, a person who thinks of people other than himself and brings Christ to them. And that is what the Lord asks for each of us to do."

### **THANK YOU, MIKE!**

Pat Demarest  
Emmaus Group

P.S. I have left several "thank you" cards in the rectory. If you would like to share your gratitude for all Mike has done, stop in and add your name, and if you want, a brief note to the card.

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## OOPS! Change of date

The August Emmaus meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Our original date (August 14) is the vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, and the Vigil Mass will be held that night. We hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Do you Have trash to Sell or are you Looking For a treasure?

The Ladies Guild is holding a **JUNK- IN-the-TRUNK Sale** on September 16<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date, 9/23) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / [ladydi240@yahoo.com](mailto:ladydi240@yahoo.com) or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details.



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Boonton, New Jersey

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## Our Attitude Toward Money

Maya Angelou, American Poet, wrote: "You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing, and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you." Have you heard about the dying man who won the lottery? Concerned that the excitement would be too much for him, the man's family asked their parish priest to tell him the good news. When the pastor told the man that he had won \$10 million, the man replied, "I want to give half of it to the Church." The priest was so surprised that he had a heart attack. This little joke tells us how much of an impact money can have on us. Holy Scripture asks us, "What is your attitude toward money?" Here are a few ideas that might help you answer that question. First, having money is not a sin. It's our love of money that separates us from God. Jesus wants to be first in our lives -- above our money and possessions. Second, Jesus asks us to be good stewards of our money. He wants us to be prudent, honest, and responsible. We should never allow greed or dishonesty to dominate us. Instead, we should use our money wisely, invest it wisely, and be as generous as we can. Third, donating to the

Church and other charities, even if we can give only a small amount, is a key aspect of our stewardship. Scripture calls us to hear "the cry of the poor" (Proverbs 21:13). We can be assured that whenever we give away our earthly treasures, God will reward us with heavenly treasures -- "eternal dwellings" (Luke 16:9). Finally, remember that your money is not yours; it belongs to God. The moment you die, you will no longer own your money. Yes, you can give it to your children or to charity. However, money will be absolutely useless to you. The only way it will matter is the degree to which you have used it to help people: your family, your friends, the Church, and the poor. Money is a very complex and emotional topic, so ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn how to keep it in the right perspective. "Jesus, teach me to be a good steward." From A Word Among Us

## GODLY ADVICE

On days when things get hectic  
And my head is spinning around,  
Jesus takes me by the shoulders  
And He gently sits me down.  
He whispers, "Do not panic...  
Relax and stop a while.  
Fatigue causes tension  
And robs you of your smile.  
Put everything in order,  
Get your priorities straight...  
Forget unneeded details,  
On key things concentrate.

Stop all of your rushing,  
Tackle one thing at a time...  
Slow down and take it easy,  
As the ladder of life you climb.  
You don't have to impress Me,  
It's not how much you do,  
It's the way in which you do things...  
Just keep My Will in view.  
For whatever you accomplish  
It's not for you, but 'Me.'  
If you put Me first, you'll triumph  
And dwell with Me eternally."

*Frances Gregory Pasch*

## LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

## LECTORS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid  
10:00 A.M. Judy Moran  
12 NOON Mike Durkin

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Martha Bisaccio

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon  
10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Linda O'Connell  
12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Tony Mazza

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## Gospel Today

### The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...  
left, right, up, down  
or diagonally.

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to Him."

Matthew 17:5

- Transfigured
- Matthew
- Jesus
- Mountain
- Peter
- James
- John
- Appears
- Shone
- Sun
- Clothes
- White
- Light
- Moses
- Elijah
- Obey
- God
- Believe
- Speaking
- Cloud
- Son
- Love
- Well
- Pleased
- Listen

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