

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate a Feast of the Lord, Jesus' Transfiguration. Since a Feast of the Lord is a higher rank in our liturgical hierarchy, it replaces the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is not often that **August 6th** falls on a Sunday and so it is a rare liturgical treat to celebrate a certain event in our Lord's earthly life. A week prior to this event, Simon Peter had proclaimed Jesus the Messiah and Jesus proclaimed Peter, His rock on which he would build His Church. We also recall that Jesus would predict that He would suffer and die on the cross and three days later rise from the dead. This shook the disciple's faith, especially Peter, who tried to dissuade Jesus from His mission. We recall Jesus' strong rebuke to Peter: "get behind me Satan, you are thinking as men and not as God." But Jesus, in His great mercy, did not want to leave His disciples shaken by the prediction of His death and so He took Peter, James and John up a high mountain (traditionally, Mt. Tabor in Galilee has been thought to be the site) and was transfigured before them and Moses and Elijah appeared along with them. In this event, Jesus showed His divine glory to the three Apostles, a foreshadowing of His appearance after His Resurrection. The Transfiguration is meant to comfort us amidst the sufferings and difficulties of our life. One day, we hope to be on the mountaintop with the Lord in eternity where we will not only be able to see our God but also bask in our own resurrection. At the end of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel writers all attest that the disciples heard a voice from heaven (the Father's voice) saying "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him." Just like the Apostles, we have to go down to the valley after our mountaintop experiences in life. The words of Jesus will guide us through those valleys. We must, therefore, always listen to Him.

Just a friendly reminder that in nine days, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15th**, a holy day of obligation. **Mass at Sacred Heart** will be at **10:30 a.m.**, **Mass at St. John the Baptist** will be at **6:30 p.m.** Both Masses are on **August 15th**.

Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 8/6	9:30 a.m.	Delores Agriesti-DiSabato by Eric DiSabato
Sun., 8/13	9:30 a.m.	Charles Agriesti by Bonnie, Maria & Teresa

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Charles Agriesti
 by Bonnie Agriesti
Marian Lights: Giovanni Leggier
 by Margaret Contino

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 8/6 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino John Snoch	Andrea Myers, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Leslie Pasion & Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 8/13 9:30 am	Gabe Bishop Landa Brunetto	Claudio Pasion, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Sharon D'Alberto

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound suffering.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 8/6	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 8/7	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

MOTHER ANGELINE McCRODY: Marie Tarantelli

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.**

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around **9:00-9:05 a.m.**, and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the Men's Faith Sharing group. Leaders for **July** are:

- August 6 Adolpho "Gus" Gastaldo
- August 13 Robert Contino, OFS
- August 20 Vincent Davis
- August 27 Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- August 7 – Weekday (Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time)**
Saint Sixtus II Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest
Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- August 8 – Saint Dominic, Priest**
Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- August 9 – Weekday**
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- August 10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- August 11 – Saint Clare, Virgin**
Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- August 12 – Weekday**
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; BVM
Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
- August 13 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

July 30, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$2,095.00 Loose Money \$166.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2,261.00
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment: -\$ (135.66)
 \$ 2,125.34

Votive Lights \$ 47.00
 St. Anthony Bread \$ 10.00
 50/50 Drawing \$ 10.00
 \$ 67.00

\$\$\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$\$\$?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,261.00	\$ (624.00)	-22%
FYTD:	\$14,425.00	\$11,890.00	\$(2,535.00)	-18%

**SJB Collection Counters for
Monday, August 7, 2017**

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin & Tom Elliott

**SJB Collection Counters for
Monday, August 14, 2017**

Gus Gastaldo, Carl Tisone & Nick Persichetti



Office Hours:

The **Parish Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Are you an **unbaptized** adult who has discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call? Or perhaps you are a **Baptized** member of another faith, seeking to explore the truth of **Catholicism** and become one in full communion with the Catholic Church? Or have been Baptized into the Catholic Church as an Infant, but as an adult, you feel that you have not been **properly catechized**? Then you may want to consider exploring **RCIA** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA here at our church, please contact our parish office at **(614) 294-5319**.

Latin American Collection: The collection for the Church in Latin America will take place the weekend of **August 5-6**. Contributions to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Use this link to access bulletin announcements, a social media tool kit, and other parish resource materials to help promote the collection: <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/collection/index.cfm>.

Around Us

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **August** is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Order of the Mass - What Does Each Part Mean?: (Part 3)

The Mass follows a "fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1346). Though the Mass is one unified act of worship, it consists of many parts, each with its own purpose and meaning. The Mass continues and is completed through:

Canon of the Mass: The central part of the Mass, also known as the Eucharistic Prayer or anaphora, which is the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. It begins with the Preface Dialogue (the Lord be with you; Lift up your hearts; Let us give thanks to the Lord our God) and concludes with a final Doxology (through him, and with him, and in him) and Amen.

Communion Rite: The preparatory rites, consisting of the Lord's Prayer, the Rite of Peace, and the Fraction (gesture of breaking the bread), lead the faithful to Holy Communion. The Prayer after communion expresses the Church's gratitude for the mysteries celebrated and received.

Concluding Rites: To the Concluding Rites belong the following: brief announcements; the Priest's Greeting and Blessing; the Dismissal of the people by the Deacon or the Priest, so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God; the kissing of the altar by the Priest and the Deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers.

Summer Parish Festivals: There are many Parish Festivals happening in Central Ohio this summer. For the complete list of area Parish Festivals; dates and locations, please visit the new Columbus Diocesan website: columbuscatholic.org.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration: This feast became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. **The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven.** It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

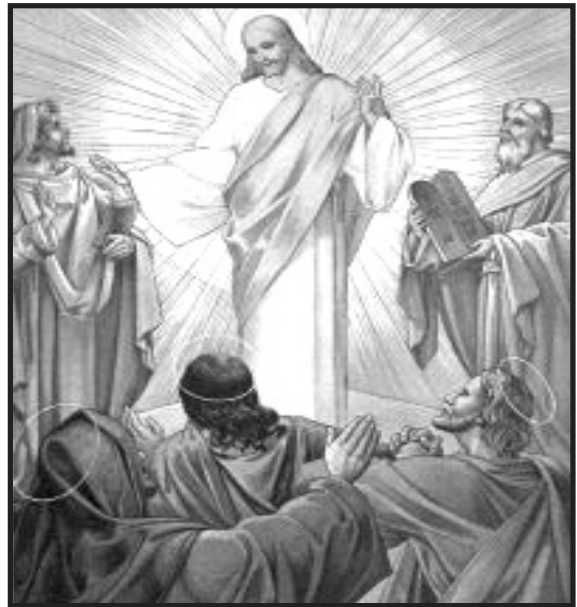
Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2017

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Never condemn. If you feel like condemning, condemn yourself, there's got to be something there... a little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

~ Pope Francis



This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

Prayer

*Holy and loving God,
whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding,
we thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus,
who lets us see Your face in His,
who shows us Your love in His actions,
Your grace in His manner of being.
In Him too, O God,
we see ourselves as You would have us be
and as Your power is able to make us.
Make us more like Him we pray.*

Amen