

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## AUGUST 6, 2017

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Even in the midst of greater uncertainty, the readings today remind us that the prophetic messages can still shed light on our journey. While we await the second coming of Christ, what can we do to dispel the darkness around us?

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 7, 2017

Monday, August 7, St. Sixtus II & Companions  
8:15AM Special Intention  
Tuesday, August 8, St. Dominic  
8:15AM Rev. Jerome W. Feldmann  
Wednesday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
10:30AM Alan Stumpe by Genevieve Tindall  
Thursday, August 10, St. Lawrence  
NO MASS  
Friday, August 11, St. Clare  
8:15AM Janice Straight Smith by Dorothy Korando  
Saturday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
5PM Reuel & Ruby Allison  
Sunday, August 13  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 6 THRU AUGUST 13

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Baked Ham/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Integrity Healthcare
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Whatever happened to Jesus atop Mount Tabor, one might wonder even more about what happened to Peter and James and John. A universe of light may have shone forth in Jesus, but the three gathered there with him found themselves in the shadow of a cloud. In the end they came out with new questions about what it means to rise from the dead. Sometimes an experience of the holy brings us to confusion and greater uncertainty, not less, and to greater darkness rather than to light. Sometimes the holy person knows less, not more. Perhaps learning to live peaceable with such mystery is the key to greater holiness.

#### TITHE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,867.00  
\$636.00 Improvement Fund; \$25.00 Cemetery;  
\$1.00 Children; \$24.00 Votives; \$25.00 Donation  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,304.80  
Fiscal Year Week: 5  
YTD Actual Giving: \$31,524.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$35,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$3,476.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$695.20)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for August 12 & 13: 5PM, Koby Jany, Luke Miller; 9AM, Nicholas Tomlinson, Maison Shemonic, Trace Fricke

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** We are set down here in this life, allowed to see the sun rise and to love one another. It is good that we are here.

**JANY, BERT & MARCINKOWSKI** family reunion will be held at the Chester K of C Hall on Sunday, August 13. Please note the change of date. Eat at NOON. Please spread the word to family members.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** will be Tuesday, August 15.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are in great need of more lectors and ministers of the Eucharist to help out at our weekend Masses. In particular we are very short handed at the 9AM Sunday Mass. A training session for new lectors and Eucharistic ministers will be held on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30PM in church. Please prayerfully consider accepting one or both of these ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Gene (826-2444) or Brian Niermann (618-708-1381).

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of peanut butter, canned meat, canned fruit and soup. Extra produce from your garden would be appreciated. Next Mobile Market at the Cohen Complex will be Wednesday, August 23, at 10AM.

**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** The Environment will be held on Saturday, August 12, from 9-11:30AM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Cost is \$20. To register email Programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6270.

**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST:** TEC is a three-day Catholic retreat for juniors and seniors. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). Upcoming weekends are September 2-4 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mt. Vernon, January 13-15, 2018 at Immaculate Conception in Columbia, and February 17-19, 2018 at Mater Dei High School in Breese. To learn more and/or to apply, visit [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org).

**FALL IN LOVE WITH BRANSON:** Buena Vista National Bank is offering an October 16-19 bus trip to Branson, MO. They will visit the Landing, the Titanic Museum, the Branson Mill Craft Village, and Silver Dollar City Harvest and Cowboy Festival. They will also see "Moses" at the Sights and Sounds Theater and Dublin's Irish Tenors and Celtic Ladies at King's Castle. For more information, contact Amber Cushman (826-2331 ext. 108) or [acushman@bvnb.com](mailto:acushman@bvnb.com).

**HOLD FAST.** Listen. Do not be afraid. We, too, are eyewitnesses of mystery. By holding fast to faith in Jesus, everything we see bares his imprint, shows his glory. Looking always with faith-eyes, we see mystery all around us. This helps us attend to his voice, follow him, be his disciples. Nothing holds us back. As disciples-in-training, we see, we listen, we do not fear. Of what am I afraid? What might Jesus be saying to me? What mystery of God in Christ do I see today? Each day?

**PERSEVERANCE IS THE KEY:** The brutal statistic of around 57 million children being denied the right to life in the over 40 years since abortion was legalized in the U. S. is not only overwhelming, but there is the temptation to despair and wonder whether the struggle is winnable. The answer is a resounding "yes" providing we are prepared to make some sacrifice, commit ourselves and persevere. Young adults and high school students are increasingly more pro-life than ever before. Pray for all who do not embrace the rights of the unborn that they come to know and treasure the value of every person.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Sunday, August 6, St. Patrick, Tipton, 11AM-4PM Chicken Dinner, NOON Auction, Country Store, Quilt Raffle, Silent Auction