

# The Transfiguration of the Lord



AUGUST 6, 2023

## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Second:** 2 Peter 1:16-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**FOCUS:** *The Father instructs us to listen, and the Son encourages us. Do not be afraid.*

On the mountaintop, we hear two direct commands: "Listen to him" and "Do not be afraid." Think of what we might be afraid of: Maybe following Jesus will change us. Perhaps God's call will mean facing things that are unpleasant. We may even be afraid that decisions made on the mountaintop with Christ will be hard to live out in normal life. Listen to the Lord, and fear not – trust in the power of God.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our first reading is a vision in the Book of Daniel. The Ancient One takes his throne and the Son of Man receives an everlasting dominion. In the second reading, Peter instructs the beloved to be attentive to his prophetic message, as he was an eyewitness to Jesus' majesty. In the Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration. Peter, James and John climb a mountain with Jesus, who then converses with Moses and Elijah while a voice speaks from a cloud. The voice claims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



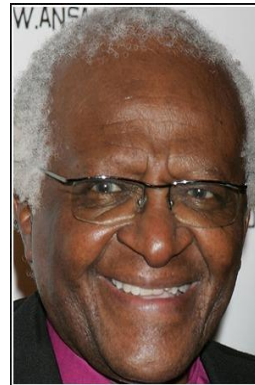
## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Michael Alan Eger, Jacques Daniel Lanoue and Jim Botti

**10 a.m.:** Ramona Sanabria, Margaret Boyle and Joe Britto

## WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Julia Danielle Tremper, who was recently baptized into the St. Paul's faith community. Please keep the family in your prayers.



God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

— Desmond Tutu —

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## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This **Tuesday, August 15**, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are expected to worship with their community.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 9 a.m. and livestreamed as well.

If you are able to serve as a greeter, please let the office know.

## THE BOOK HAS ARRIVED

If you would like to remember deceased loved ones with a Mass next year, stop in or call the office. The **2024 Daily Mass Record** is now open, and the suggested donation is \$15 per name.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**July 16-23: Totaled \$ 7,484.54**

Envelopes: \$ 2,785.00 – Online: \$ 4,699.54

**THANK YOU!**

## **BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED**

There is no time limit in grief. There is no fast track to feeling better. And the life-changing loss of a loved one is not something to “get over.”

Rather, while grief is universal, it is at the same time a journey with a timeline as unique as the individual experiencing it.

At 9 a.m. **Saturday, September 23, a six-week Bereavement Program** will begin at St. Paul's. Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who have completed the Archdiocese's training, will lead the sessions designed to support the bereaved as they continue on their own healing path. It is open to anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one – regardless of when that passing occurred.

Thereafter, the group will continue to meet from 9-10:30 Saturday mornings on September 30 and October 7. There will be no meeting on October 14, but the group will reconvene on October 21 and again on October 28.

The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on November 4. The bereavement program will then wrap up the following Saturday, November 11.

For more information or to sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.



## **SUMMER CONCERT A HIT**

By all accounts, and several made their way to the office, last Monday night's Pine Bush Community Band concert, which was livestreamed as well, was a resounding success.

Chris Worthington, Deb Harrison and Teddy Martin greeted the 100-or-so concert-goers with programs as they entered the church. And whether 8 years old or 80, the collective audience was not only receptive but totally engaged.

“They gave a great ovation to trumpet soloist Jay Solomon performing ‘Theme from Ice Castles’ by Marvin Hamlisch and Aileen Sage singing ‘I can Hear the Bells’ from ‘Hairspray,’” says Joe Martellaro, the band's director.

Others were really impressed by the emotion conveyed in “Dr. Who,” as well as the medley of hits by Chicago. “Fate of the Gods” and “The Great Locomotive Chase” were also crowd-pleasers.

And then after bopping to the music for about an hour, the audience bid the band farewell with a standing ovation.

## **DISCOVERING CHRIST UPDATE**

Registration has been extended for anyone who is still interested in the ChristLife series. However, you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

For ease in participating in Discovering Christ, the first in the series, use this QR code to access the registration form.



To recap, Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that begins **September 10** at

St. Paul's where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and encounter Jesus Christ.

The program is free to all who wish to attend.

Should you have a question or concern that's holding you back from making a decision, don't hesitate to reach out to the organizers, Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or Kate Gallaher Carson at 914-850-5107.

# chicken barbecue

**Saturday,  
August 26**  
(raindate Sunday, August 27)

**Our Lady of the Assumption Church**  
**17 High Street, Bloomingburg**

EAT IN or  
TAKE OUT!

**Price Per Ticket**  
**\$15**

Barbecued  
Half Chicken  
with our  
“Secret” Sauce  
  
Baked Potato  
3 Bean Salad  
Dinner Roll  
Watermelon

Please purchase tickets by Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tickets available:  
+ Church Office (733-1477)  
+ Joe Herschel (845) 798-0052  
+ Ted Wall (914) 329-3518



## **JULY 23 MASS ATTENDANCE**

5 p.m.: 73  
10 a.m.: 150

