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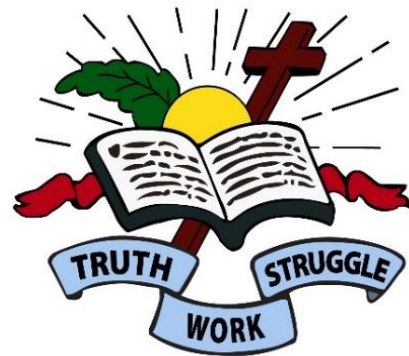
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Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord

A Sabbath Thought

We are granted a momentary view of the glory waiting for us when we meet Jesus. Although mountain top experiences are uplifting, perhaps even necessary to give us hope, it is in the valley where we will find our most beneficial growth.

About Today's Bible Readings

Ezekiel 1:26-28

The Prophet Ezekiel tells of the brilliance of the Glory of the Lord. Like fire and light but as beautiful as a rainbow.

Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:6

Paul tells us the true nature of the Lord is veiled from the unbelievers but is revealed to those of us who know Christ Jesus.

Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James and John are privileged to accompany Jesus to the mountain top and to glimpse the glory of his resurrection.

ENTRANCE RITE: 1 John 3:22; Corinthians 3:18

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord Who is the Spirit.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Hebrews 1:3a - NSRV

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things by His powerful word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – August 8th

Solemnity

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 15th

20th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 22nd

21st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Please consider volunteering to help. A signup sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule very soon.

B2 BISTRO BRUNCH

The B2 Bistro Brunch was quite a success. About fourteen of you participated and a good time was had by all. I hope that we can do something similar in the near future and that more of you will join us.

Celebrate Your Faith Night

We are getting a group together to attend a Reading Fightin' Phils baseball game. If you are interested in joining us, please sign the sheet in the vestibule or downstairs in the hall. It is not too late to join us. This will be on Sunday, August 15th at 5:15 PM against the Akron Rubberducks. Ticket pricing will depend on the number of attendees, estimated to be \$9.00 each. Please see Sally Traczuk if you want to attend.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 9th; The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need.

Wednesday, August 11th; The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, (ANS) will meet at 6:30PM. Pizza will be served. Immediately following at 7:00PM the book club will meet. I hope to see many of you there.

Sunday, August 15th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee at 11:00AM. I hope all committee members are planning to attend.

Monday, August 23rd; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish has shown such support for Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We delivered our gifts on Tuesday last week and they were immensely grateful. We also had the opportunity to tour the facility and were amazed at it. This is truly a gift from God to those in need in our community. Thank you for your generous support.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please take a token from the table in the vestibule and fill the need on it. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need.

HOAGIE SALE

We will be holding a Hoagie Sale on August 29th. Order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders must be pre-paid for delivery. Deadline to submit your orders to Father Senior Don or Janet Katinowski is Sunday, August 22nd.