



Dear friends in Christ

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support and encouragement. I also thank all those who are supporting the Church financially. God can make everything possible through many generous hearts.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved parish always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. George Parayil



December 18th - December 24th, 2017

Monday	9:30 am	Johana & Tone Jakovac Anica & Fred Jakovac
Tuesday	9:30 am	Frank & Rose Unterfranz
Wednesday	9:30 am	Stanislawa, Maria, Frank, & Zbigniew Bryk
	7:30 pm	Manuel & Jardelina Umbelina Stanley & Julie Patrao Idammanne St. Padre Pio Special Blessing for Lily Mancuso (L) Special Blessing for Fr. Kelly (L) Special Blessing for Fr. Jojo (L) Special Blessing for Diane Provenzano & Family (L) For thanksgiving from Elieth Adrien (L) Special Blessing for Ivan Granic & family (L) Special Intention Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:30am	Anton Jakovac
Friday	9:30 am	Gina & John Mazza
Saturday	9:30 am	Robert & Amelie Lee Chong Tony Picchiello Mathew Dishart
Sunday	5:30 pm	
	7:45 am	
	9:00 am	
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Transfiguration
	12:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	

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**Please remember the following
people in your prayers:**

Ramon Olegario, Neda Metkovic,
Theresa Burns, Pat G., Susan Gonzales,
Jara Menjivon, Noemy Pereira,
Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro,
Arthur Ruston, Nelly Morrow
Rolliffe D'Souza

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24th

5:30 p.m. - Family with children
7:30 p.m.
12 Midnight

DECEMBER 25th

7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian
10:30 a.m.
12 Noon

NO EVENING 7:00 p.m. MASS

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NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31st

5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 1st

7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian
10:30 a.m.
12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

CHAPEL CLOSING

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on
Christmas Eve, December 24th
and will re-open on December 27th.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close at 3:00 p.m. on
December 24th and will re-open on
December 27th.

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PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the year 2018 will be
available in the vestibule this Sunday.
They will be displayed **numerically** so
please make sure you know your number
when you come into the hall.
Please **DO NOT** start using your envelopes
until the New Year and at that time throw
away any remaining 2017 envelopes.

FUNDRAISING FOR WASHROOMS

As a fundraiser for the washrooms we are
raffling off a Nativity Set valued at \$4,000.
We are also raffling off an icon from the
Holy Land of Jesus and Mary. Tickets are
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available
in the parish office.

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**RACCOLTA FONDI PER
RISTRUTTURARE**

Per rinnovare i bagni stiamo sorteggiando
un presepe del valore di \$4000.00
C'è anche una bellissima Icona, dalla Terra
Santa, di Gesù e Maria. I biglietti sono
\$5.00 ciascuno o 5 per \$20.00 e sono
disponibili nell'ufficio parrocchiale.

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CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Transfiguration is looking to expand its
music ministry. We are calling on
parishioners of all ages to enhance the
liturgical experience by filling our church
with song every weekend.

Saturday 5:30 pm Mass
is led by our adult choir,
Sunday 10:30 am by our children's choir
and 12 o'clock by our youth choir.

We welcome anyone who is interested
in joining to speak with Dustin,
our organist after any Mass.

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CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Just a friendly reminder to the members of
the Good Shepherd Casserole Program that
this weekend, Dec. 16th & 17th, 2017
is a Casserole Weekend

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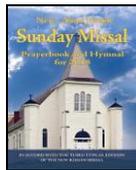
**ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY
PRESENTATION**

We cordially invite you to Transfiguration Parish to attend a presentation entitled “Sharing St. Augustine’s”. This hour long event, which includes a beautiful video, is not a fundraiser, but rather it is an awareness campaign that focuses on bringing visibility to St. Augustine’s Seminary and offering insight to our Catholic community. We will also detail what St. Augustine’s has to offer to lay formation groups and to the young and not-so-young parishioners.

Please join us Saturday, January 13th 2018 @10:30 a.m., in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served by the Catholic Women’s League of Transfiguration. All parishioners are welcome.



Saturday, January 13, 2018 is the CWL Annual Morning of Reflection beginning with Mass at 9:30 am. Watch the bulletin for more information.



The 2018 Sunday Missals are available in the parish office for \$5.00 each.



If you are interested in joining any ministries of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, please contact Fr. George Parayil.

