



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 25<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Monday	9:30	
Tuesday	9:30	Lorenz Stachelscheid
Wednesday	9:30	Beggy Shao
	7:30pm	Nicholas Zammit Salvatore, Francesca & Maria Spizzirri Costantino DeSimone Pasquale Sottile & Family Natale & Sofia Antonia Chiera Alfonso Mauti Angela Nangini Giovanni Nangini Souls in Purgatory Special Intention Special Blessings for the Callaghan Family Special Blessing for Dominador Cachola Stefa & Josip Birko Boris Birko
Thursday	9:30	For the Health of Jakovac Family (L)
Friday	9:30	Stanko Guirissevich
Saturday	9:30	Nicholas PST
Sunday	7:45	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko Mr. & Mrs. George Mr. Thomas
	9:00	Nicola Ceci Vincenzo Fiorillo Antonio Carnevale
	10:30	Parishioners Transfiguration & Lily & Ronnie Castelino
	12:00	Joseph Hung Pham
		NO EVENING 7:00 p.m. MASS

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - Family with children

7:30 p.m.

12 Midnight

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

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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**CHAPEL CLOSING**

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31st and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will close at 3:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31st and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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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.

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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

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**THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:**  
Elton Fernandes & Evelyn Oliver

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

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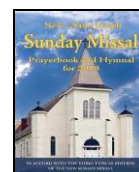
**ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY PRESENTATION**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Carissimi amici in Cristo,  
Con gioia e gratitudine, estendo a tutti ferventi e devoti auguri per un Santo e Beato Natale. Durante il tempo d'Avvento, la mia preghiera è che ognuno di voi trovi l'opportunità di poter riflettere sulla vostra fede e relazione con il Signore Gesù Cristo e la Sua Chiesa. Qualsiasi cosa che i nostri cuori e le nostre anime desiderano, l'ultimo desiderio è Gesù. Per questo motivo, durante il tempo di Natale, i nostri cuori si riempiono di gioia e di consolazione, sapendo che tutto quello che abbiamo desiderato è stato realizzato da Gesù Bambino.

Nelle attuali preoccupazioni problematiche, l'amore di Dio Padre è manifestato tramite il Suo dono a noi, Suo Figlio Gesù. Con gli angeli a Betlemme, la nostra fede ci ispira di cantare Gloria nell'alto dei cieli e pace in terra agli uomini di buona volontà. La vera pace su questa terra deriva dal Signore.

Il Natale ha un modo particolare di fare avvicinare coloro che, per vari motivi si sono allontanati dalla Chiesa ed i suoi sacramenti per mesi ed anche per anni. Che meravigliosa opportunità di lasciare passare certe abitudini e di rinnovare una fervente relazione con il Signore e la comunità pastorale. Estendo a voi tutti un benvenuto di vero cuore. Insieme possiamo crescere la nostra fede e celebrare Dio nella nostra vita ed il suo dominio nel mondo.

Colgo questa opportunità per ringraziare ognuno di voi per il vostro sopporto ed incoraggiamento. Ringrazio anche coloro che sopportano la Chiesa finanziariamente. Dio rende tutto possibile tramite tanti cuori generosi. Il Signore Gesù Cristo, nato a Betlemme, benedica voi, le vostre famiglie ed i vostri cari in questo tempo Natalizio. Che Maria la Madre di Gesù Bambino e nostra Madre vegli su di noi e la nostra amata parrocchia, sempre.

Buon Natale e Buon Anno.

Padre George Parayil