



On Wednesday we began the season of Lent which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted, and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus in the desert as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness. There is practically no hiding place or shelter in the desert and the difficulties of the desert make whatever is inside a person come to the surface. The desert tests and shows up a person as he/she is. Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus. During these forty days of Lent, we do not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. It is only when we admit something that we can deal with it. The first stage in overcoming anything is to admit the problem. If we remain in denial we miss out on the grace of God to heal us and renew us and make us whole. During Lent we say no to the devil's temptations to continue committing sin, and instead we trust in our heavenly Father like Jesus in the desert. The words of Jesus can be our words this Lent, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4)

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

Wishing you a fruitful season of lent,
Fr. George Parayil



March 6th – March 12th, 2017

Monday	12 Noon	Jane & Marko Kapular
	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	12 Noon	Virko Kapular Ljubica Severdia
	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	12 Noon	Brother Emmanuel Sciberras
	7:30 pm	Mansueto Donatelli Lailani Nolan Susan Azapiel (L) Brian Connolly (L) Special Intentions Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	12 Noon	Pera Zizic Sipan Zizic
	7:00 pm	
Friday	12 Noon	Charlie Kelly & Family
	7:00 pm	
Saturday	9:30 am	Joby Kachappilly & His volunteers
	5:30 pm	Barbara Wright
Sunday	7:45 am	Joseph Rennie
	9:00 am	Noe Capabianco Morris Evangelista Giovanni Discanno
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Transfiguration & Danzel & Rikku Pinto & family (L)
	12:00 pm	Barbara Wright
	7:00 pm	Ron Burns



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Ramon Olegario, Neda Metkovic,
Danica Ostojic, Theresa Burns,
Pat G., Susan Gonzales,
Jara Menjivon, Noemy Pereira,
Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro,
Mary Lim Lourdes



**PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING
LENT MASSES WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT:**

12:00 NOON (Monday to Friday)
7:00 P.M. (Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri)
7:30 P.M. (Wednesday)
9:30 A.M. (Saturday)
Weekend Masses remains the same

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held
every Friday at 11:30 a.m. (English)
and 6:30 p.m. (Bilingual)

LENTEN MISSION

All are welcome to join us
for a parish lenten mission to be
conducted by Fr. Eugene Chianain
at 7:00 p.m. in our church on:

Monday, April 3rd, 2017
Tuesday, April 4th, 2017
Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

CONFESSIONS

Confessions in our parish during the Lenten
season are on the following days:

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6th, 2017

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH WEBSITE

Our church has a new website
Please visit www.transchurch.ca



REMINDER: March 25th, 2017 is our
annual Sharelife Dinner ... please mark
the day on your calendar.

It will be held in the parish hall.
Tickets are \$30.00 per person and
includes a 3 course Italian dinner with
2 bottles of wine. Tickets are now
available in the parish office.

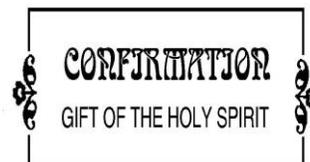
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The ShareLife Committee would
appreciate gifts or donations for the raffle
draw, door prizes and silent auction.



First Communion will be held on the
following dates in our parish:

Sunday, April 30th at 2 pm
Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm



Confirmation ceremony will be celebrated
with Bishop Boissonneau here in the
parish on Friday, May 12th at 7pm

COME & SEE WEEKEND MARCH 17 - 19TH

The Office of Vocations is hosting a
Come & See Weekend for single Catholic
men 18 years and older to cultivate a
deeper prayer life and relationship with
Jesus Christ leading to better discernment
of God's call for their lives. Time for
prayer, reflection and information on the
process of becoming one of Christ's
disciples as a priest.

Phone 416-968-0997

**TRANSFIGURATION
WAS “FORMED”**

FORMED is a web-based digital platform developed by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press and designed to help adults grow in their faith at all levels – how we think, how we pray and how we live. Father George has generously decided to give this gift of FORMED to Transfiguration parish. What this means is that access is FREE to all parishioners and your families anytime, anywhere, 24/7 - on demand - on your computers, tablets or smartphones.

Think of it as a Netflix for Catholics!

Register at FORMED.org

Parishioners, enter code: MF473B



**THE CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

On Saturday March 11, 2017, the CWL will host Mary's Way of the Cross beginning with Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross. Coffee and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Coffee will be followed by a short business meeting for the members of the CWL.

**THE PASSIONIST SISTERS OF
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God (Sister Carmelina Tarantino of the Cross), all are invited to participate in a tridium leading up to the annual Mass.

March 21, 2017 at 8 pm: The life

March 22, 2017 at 8 pm: The vocation

March 23, 2017 at 8 pm: The Spirituality

Prayer in Italian & English at the convent
1431 Clarence St. Woodbridge, ON L4H 3C4

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March 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm is the Mass

St. Fidelis Church

33 Connie St. Toronto, ON

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