

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Thank you to all those who are serving our parish community through their various ministries. With the beginning of the Advent and Christmas Season just around the corner, it is good to renew and confirm our service to the Lord. **A spiritual retreat has been planned for all ministries and its members in our parish hall on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 from 2 – 5 pm.**

The retreat will be preached by Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, a Redemptorist priest.

We request all the members of the ministries to please attend this very important retreat

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PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the year 2019 are available in the parish hall this weekend. They are 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 2018 envelopes.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We will have a Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, December 8th, 2018 at 5:30 pm. A candlelight procession followed by a pot luck dinner in the parish hall has been planned. Everyone is invited.

Rosary starts at 5:00 pm

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Enter the Raffle to win:
a Christmas Holy Family Scene
(value of \$900.00) and a Nativity Scene
(value of \$250.00).

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and they are available in the parish office. All proceeds will go towards the renovation of our church parking lot. Raffle draw will take place after the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

Mass Intentions



for the Week

December 1st – 2nd, 2018

Saturday	9:30 am	Rosina Sirianni
	5:30 pm	Fr. J. B. Todd
Sunday	7:45 am	Yves St. Pierre
	9:00 am	Angelo Febbraro
		Filomena Febbraro
		Nicola Sgrignuoli
		Eugenio Pantusa
		Adelina Pantusa
		Nicola Ginnantonio
		Carmela Jacolini
		Giovanni Jacolini
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Transfiguration & Deceased Members of the Reyes and Ortiz Families
	12:00 pm	Fausta Bottero Giuseppe Girardo
	7:00 pm	Alex Van Bergen

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ALTAR SERVER AWARDS

Congratulations to Martin Gimmi Matthew, Angel Biju & Anjali Biju. All three Altar Servers were recently presented with awards from Serra Club on November 3rd, 2018 at All Saints Church.

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The 2019 Sunday Missals are available in the parish office this weekend at a cost of \$5.00 per book.

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

Theresa Burns, Pat G., Noemy Pereira,
Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro,
Arthur Ruston, Avio Carboni,
Susan Gonsalves, Charlotte Pazder,
Bud Radecky, Raphael Colaco,
Vittorio Silvestri, Maria Bela,
Victor Colaco



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Cheques for memberships can be made out to Transfiguration of Our Lord CWL for \$25.00. Please place in an envelope & leave it in the parish office with your name & a phone number where you can be reached.

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CWL Poinsettia Christmas

Plant Sale Fundraiser

Plants will be available in various sizes & colours. Prices will range from \$5.00 - \$25.00.

Members of the CWL will be available to take your orders after all masses this weekend of November 24/25th, 2018

Samples are available in the vestibule.

Plants will be available in the church hallway for pick up the weekend of December 1st & 2nd after all Masses. Payment must be made at the time of order by cash or cheque only.

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Comfort & Warmth

The Provincial CWL has challenged all Parish Councils to seek the help of our parishes to aid the homeless. We are collecting warm socks & mitts, plus jars of peanut Butter & crackers to donate to local homeless shelters.

At Transfiguration we are asking for socks & mitts for women & children which will be donated to the Ernestine Shelter.

Donations of men's socks and mitts will be donated to the St. Francis Table.

Donations can be left in the container marked "**Comfort & Warmth**" in the parish office.

We will collect from now until Tuesday December 11, 2018. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Preparations for the annual Children's Christmas Play have begun!

The Christmas play will take place during the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24th. Practices will take place every Sunday leading to Christmas Eve from 1-2 pm on the following dates: Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

All children are invited to come out and practice.

Parish Giving Envelopes: Essential Tool for the Church

Transfiguration of Our Lord is one of the active parishes, with over 3,000 active Parish Families. Envelopes are essential tools for our parish operations and allow us to serve you effectively. Here are just a few of the reasons for everyone to use their envelopes:

Participation in our Parish: Your use of the envelope when you come to Mass is the most direct illustration of your active participation at Transfiguration. The envelope does not have to be filled with money to be important. By placing the envelope in our collection baskets, with whatever gifts you may be able to share with your Parish Family, we are able to reflect your attendance. The attendance is the first item we are asked to use when setting up letters for Catholic functions, like sponsorship for sacraments, direct assistance requests, or enrollment in church programs. Being a "Catholic in Good Standing" requires illustration of attendance, requirement for those who may be asked to be Godparents for a Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation.

Tracking Giving for Tax Purposes: You all give so generously, with your time, your talent, and your treasure to our Parish Family. We want to ensure any giving you provide to our parish is properly accounted for, especially in the case of your donations. By using the envelopes, we can properly account for those gifts and provide an appropriate letter at the beginning of each calendar year for your tax needs. With the thousands of letters we send out each year, we want to make sure to properly provide your full giving amount. That can only be accomplished if your donations are associated to your envelope number.

Information Changes: From phone numbers to name changes, sometimes the church is the last to know of a change to your information. The envelope is a great way for you to pass on any changes to your contact information, or any comments you may have to our parish office.

If you forget your envelope, we have blank envelopes at each door of the church and you can write your name and/or envelope number on those. And if you are a guest or new to our Parish Family, please go ahead and use those envelopes as well. You can even start to register with our Parish via those envelopes or ask questions about how to become more involved in our community. If you do not know your envelope number, or have asked to not receive envelopes in the past, please contact our office (416)247-0513 or email us at translord45@gmail.com to get your questions answered.



Youth News



Held bi-weekly on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month for Grades 5 to 8 on Fridays from 7 – 9 p.m. until June.

The program engages with the youth through snacks, games, skits, teachings, small group discussions and much more.

Sign up at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please visit transchurch.ca/edge/

Dates:

- December 7 – Christmas Social
- January 18 – The Pursuit of Happiness
- February 1 – The Return
- February 15 – Father vs. Genie

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Held bi-weekly on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month for Grades 9 to 12 on Fridays from 6:30 – 9 p.m. until June. Free registration includes dinner and a Life Teen t-shirt. For more info and to sign up please visit transchurch.ca/life-teen/

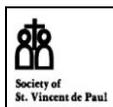
First 4 dates:

- November 30 – December 2 – Winter Retreat @YMCA Cedar Glen
- December 14 – Christmas Social
- January 11 – The Elephant on my Chest
- January 25 – Exam Stress Release Activity

If you would like to get involved or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs, schedule, or volunteering, please contact our

Youth Minister, Ivan Skoko
at transyouthministry@gmail.com
or 416-247-0513.

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If you would like to sponsor a family for Christmas, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and a member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will get in touch with you.