The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

Peter said,

“Lord, it is good that we are here.
If you wish, I will make three tents here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Matthew 17:4
Save the Date
Our 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Youth Race
August 26, 2017

Registration for 5K is $30.00 pre-race
$35.00 day of race
Registration for Youth Race is $15.00
Online registration opens up on July 13, 2017

How can you help?
Consider being a sponsor for the event and/or volunteering. Contact Christine Collins at: christinecollins@yahoo.com for more information.
Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration on Mount Tabor is a truly amazing story. It is a story about what happens to the Lord, to be sure, but it is also about what happens to the apostles, and, therefore, it says something about us as well, about the human soul created in eternal openness to God. In transfiguration, we see a glimpse of the glory of God, but we also see “reality” in a new way. Moses and Elijah were there to symbolize what the Law and the Prophets teach us about God, the Christ—God’s anointed—and the sacred tradition entrusted to us. Transfiguration allows Peter, John, and James to grasp a forgotten truth about themselves: the human vocation to behold the splendor of God!

Most—if not all—believers experience transfigurations, but most often we don’t see them as such. They may take place in darkness rather than in dazzling white light, and in loneliness rather than in a comforting vision of Moses and Elijah. Still, we know that our humanity has somehow been translated into something new, a new insight of who we are.

Like Peter, we want to grab hold of that, stay in it. “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here,” says Peter. What he is really saying resonates in each of us: “This is good company, far from the divisive, exasperating, and inexplicable problems of the ordinary, messy human life we’re accustomed to.” But we can’t stay on the mountain; we are not yet ready for such permanence of vision. Jesus knows that our salvation needs to be worked out elsewhere, in the midst of what appears like darkness, poverty, and loneliness.

He takes us down the mountain of Transfiguration so that we may see the ones he spoke about on the Mount of Beatitude—those whom we pretend not to see, would rather not see, but need to see: the poor, sorrowful, meek, peacemakers, etc. Like Peter, we would rather keep looking up the mountain, to spend time with the saints and the prophets of old. Christianity is about walking down the mountain and seeing the ones Jesus called blessed—saints and prophets—and with whom he shared fate.

What does this have to do with seeing the glory and splendor of God? God descends all mountains to show us the incredible dignity and hope with which we are loved and revered. It is the scandal and unfathomable mystery of the Incarnation: “The glory of God is humanity fully alive!” (Saint Irenaeus of Lyon).

Hans Christoffersen

A special one-time diocesan wide collection will be taken in the Diocese of Joliet next weekend, August 12/13 to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the “crowning jewel” of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, D.C.

The mosaic will depict the Trinity, Mary and 13 saints associated with the United States or the national shrine, the four evangelists and words from the Nicene Creed.

The finished dome also will mark the completion of the national shrine, according to the original architectural plans for the church set to mark its centennial in 2020 -- the 100th anniversary of the placement of its foundational stone.

An envelope can be found in your bi-monthly mailed envelopes and placed in the second collection next weekend.

Thank You.
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today’s Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today’s second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter’s apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme. Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Donna Skinner dropped off a large donation of cookies and crackers.

July Adage: A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we do without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. Pantry hours are 8-11am every Wednesday.
More with Music:
Where Words Fail, Music Speaks.

In the changes and challenges of caring for another, it can be difficult to find words to express our deep feelings, or even to simply communicate. Music helps to bridge the gap, providing connection and hope in the midst of struggles. God gives us beautiful music to connect and share experiences. Be nourished.

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More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygosyn.org Ministries Nourish tab.

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Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging or ailing parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides you with a faith perspective as well as practical and emotional supports, tools and shared experiences.

Every Third Thursday
August 17
7:00 pm Parish Center
Drop in - all are welcome
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Janie Hennessy req. Shirley Gallagher
8:00 AM - Joseph Kowalkowski req. Family
             Michael F. Toth req. Toth & Madonia Families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017
6:15 AM - George Drenth req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Ron Rodi req. Steve & Mary Spencer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017
6:15 AM - Aida Sambo
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Marie Spiegl

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Elizabeth Mayhall
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Steve & Mary Spencer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017
6:15 AM - Ruth Bumblauskas
8:00 AM - Jennifer Ann Sullivan req. Jim & Dolores Sullivan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017
8:00 AM - Sharon Allard req. Mike & Mary Signer
4:30 PM - Thomas & Ruth Quinn req. Thomas Quinn Jr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017
8:00 AM - Chuck Blaney req. Rita Blaney
          Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family
10:00 AM - Lorraine Stephenson req. Brad Luecke
12:00 PM - Rosanne Witriechner req. Patricia Stephens
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

**THE HEAVENS PROCLAIM HIS JUSTICE, AND ALL PEOPLES SEE HIS GLORY**

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).
Psalm - The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).
Second Reading - Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).
Gospel - Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

READING FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 83:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Planned Giving

“For where your treasure is there will be your heart also.”
Matthew 6:21

The ancient Egyptians buried their treasure with the dead thinking they could use it in the next life. As Christians we know that we take nothing with us when we die; so we can decide how our earthly possessions can provide for good when we are gone.

When making or reviewing your will, please remember to include St. Mary of Gostyn Parish endowment fund in your estate plans.

Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for additional members!

Over the years, this committee has served many roles for our Parish and School. They are a group of people with diverse technical backgrounds, with expertise in many different fields. They meeting monthly to review the needs of the facilities on our campus. They make recommendations and assessments of maintenance, repair and replacement projects to help us continue to have our facilities up to date and safe for all of our constituents. They also have made recommendations to our administration throughout our Capital Campaign as each of these projects are in different phases.

We are looking to add one to two new members. We have an immediate need for someone with an Architect and/or a Builder background. Other areas of expertise would also be welcome. For more information, please contact Terri O'Dekirk at 630-737-9621 or todekirk@stmarygostyn.org.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Felicia Bubula
Jessica Davy
Diane Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Robert Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Laine Van Houton
Jim Scales
Leslie Heinz
Linda Hillsman
Lois Bach
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Linda Hillsman

Anna Bandur
Frances Boland
Margaret Corbett
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Joseph Karlinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Joan Taggionia
Loretta Wies
Gertrude Arndt
Frankie Colonna
Cindy Hudson

Gabriella Beime
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Becca Gorman
Hope Hathaway
Kenny Kern
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Mary Ann Papievis
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Tallerico
Ashley Wolman
Mary Featherstone
Katie Main Hwan
Rosa Hudson

Abby Beranek
Bill Brown
Frank Davis
Mark Gowgiel
Robert Hayes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Patti Schmittgens
Vito Ursini
Glen Davis

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Roberto Carvajal
Tom Corsentino, brother-in-law of Charlotte Sholeen
Carl Sholeen, uncle of Charlotte Sholeen

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Jason Weeks
John Svoboda
Bob Lang
Kevin Braasch
Christopher Fountain
Zachary Frana
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Timothy Randazzo
Natalya Brechlin
Josh Cruz
Christopher Randazzo

Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Our Vocation: Responding to Christ’s Call

We all have a vocation. But as Catholics, we often use the word "vocation" narrowly, speaking of vocation to the priesthood or religious life, especially when we speak with children and teens about discerning their vocation. The root of the word "vocation," however, is "vocare," which means, "to call." When considered in this light, discerning one's vocation is about hearing and responding to the call of the Lord with our lives.

Certainly, a life vocation must be discerned prayerfully, yet there is more to consider. The U.S. bishops, in their pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, speak of vocation as the way in which each is called to hear and to respond to God's will as a disciple:

*Reflected through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of Christ: to do God's will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one's sisters and brothers, to give life - life to the full - as Jesus did (SDR, 14).*

Each of us must continually discern how we will hear and respond to Christ's call within the life vocation that is ours, and each will do so differently, in response to our individual gifts and blessings. "Every person should walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of a living faith which arouses hope and works through charity" (LG, 41).

As disciples of Jesus Christ all of us have something to contribute. Each will do so by stewarding his or her gifts and talents, resources, time, and presence - within the faith community and beyond it - at home, work or school, the local city or town, and the world. Our role as stewardship leaders is to help people to recognize the grace and call of God in their lives and to respond to it in their daily decisions and actions. As the bishop’s letter offered: "Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will” (SDR, 15).

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**FOR REGISTERED GR. 8 STUDENTS**

Just a reminder to all families of incoming 8th Graders to get your registration materials in. Our 8th Grade Retreat is open to all students who are registered to attend St. Mary of Gostyn Religious Education and School in the fall. Please be sure you have turned in your Patron Saint Reflection Paper and your Sponsor Information Form. The Retreat is scheduled for

**Monday, August 21**

8:30 am — 4:30 pm  
Meet in the Gathering Place  
Enrollment Mass at 3:45 pm  
Parents encouraged to attend Mass.

### Volunteer Help Needed

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve our parish as Religious Education Catechists again this year. We are still in need of more, and we hope you would consider helping. Men, think about this seriously. It’s so good for young people to see that it’s ok for men to have faith. Here is where we need catechists:

**Wednesday 4:30 - 5:35 pm**

- Grade 1
- Grade 2, 2 classrooms
- Grade 4
- Grade 5, 2 classrooms
- Grade 6
- Grade 7

**Wednesday 6:30—7:35 pm**

- Grade 1

Other opportunities are available for Aides, Hall Monitors, etc. Please pray about how God wants you to respond.
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This Week

Monday / 7
12:00 PM Uniform Exchange School
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM Rosary Church

Tuesday / 8
9:00 AM Uniform Exchange School
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM School Advisory Body L.R.C.
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel

Wednesday / 9
9:00 AM Uniform Exchange School
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM Mission Planning Cmte. Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 10
9:00 AM Uniform Exchange School
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
7:00 PM Gala Cmte. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.

Friday / 11
9:00 AM Uniform Exchange School
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Saturday / 12
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Living Room
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
10:00 AM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
11:30 AM Boy Scouts Church
6:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 13
1:00 PM Volleyball Gym
1:30 PM Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6:00 Choir Church

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The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.
— Psalm 97:6
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, November and April at the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.