

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2017



When I heard that my cancer has gone into remission, I was speechless. Overcome with relief and joy, I sat quietly for about 30 minutes and found myself drifting slowly into prayer for two intentions: first, to thank the Lord for caring for me and granting me the grace of healing, second, to offer a prayer for all of the parishioners of St. Anthony's who were so supportive of and prayerful for me during the eight months of my treatments. The chemotherapy was difficult, but it did its magic. My doctor and his medical team are experts in treating cancer and so sensitive and kind to the many patients that sit "in the chair" each day for their dose of captain chemo. My Oblate confreres have been exceptionally good to me – present, not always physically, but always in prayer and with encouragement.

I am now able to resume full ministry here at the parish and I feel so happy about getting back into the routine of busy life. One thing that cancer and chemotherapy can do to a person is trigger a mental and emotional feeling of isolation, no matter how many people maintain a regular timeline of visits, phone calls, emails and text messages. That can be even more disturbing and painful than the physical effects. I have emerged from those feelings and now feel the connectedness with people that is so necessary for healthy living.

Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your support during the days of my illness. I hope that the remission lasts for a long time. I extend a particular thanks to Father Rinaldi and Father Mealey who both took on the extra work of pastoral ministry that I was unable to fulfill. Thanks also to the parish trustees, Mr. Anthony Albence and Mr. Anthony Frabizzio, and Mr. Robert Shields, the school Vice-principal for overseeing the administrative aspects of the parish. And thanks to the members of the parish staff who so smartly and responsibly keep the parish offices running without a skip-in-the-beat. May God bless you all and may we always strive to "be who we are and be that well."

Fr. Nick

"Some torment themselves in seeking means to discover the art of loving God, and do not know - poor creatures - that there is no art or means of loving Him but to love those who love Him - that is, to begin to practice those thing which are pleasing to Him."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized:

Braden Leonard Peters



In your charity, please pray for all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Monday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	8/7 MICHAEL ANDREOLI FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	8/8 MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN SILIO VOLPE FAMILY FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	8/9
Thursday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	8/10 FR. ROBERTO BALDUCELLI VINCENT PRATA, SR. GIGLIOTTI FAMILY EDNA & VINNIE
Friday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	8/11
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	8/12 ARTHUR PAVONI, JR. NANCY BESTWICK NIECES & NEPHEWS AL
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	8/13 PARISHIONERS REV. ROBERTO BALDUCELLI VINCENT PRATA, SR. ALDO & TERESINA EDNA & VINNIE



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

2nd Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/30/17

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$10,990.60
Avg. Weekend Last Year:	\$11,361.51
Difference:	-\$ 370.91
Percent Difference This Week:	- 3.3%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 3,979.16

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Karen Berman
Roger Chao
Mary T. DiBiasco
Joanne Dover
Bonita Della Rocca Jodz
Grace Marie Mataleno
Isabelle Meredith
Kelly Panella
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.
Nancy Sosnowski
Christopher White, Jr.

Carter Biondi
Anita Dauphin
Attilio DiGiacobbe
Eddie Ellis
Elizabeth Laraway
Bill McNabb
William J. Nardo, Jr.
Jack Paradee
Jimmy Silicato
Albert Vietri

Helene Black
Nicky DeAngelo
Tommy DiVirgilio
James Ganey
Chelsie Marra
Nick Mercantini
Patricia Ogonowski
Kim Resnick
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, August 13th, Father John Solomon, Associate Pastor of Holy Cross Church in Dover and co-chairman of the Diocesan 150th Anniversary Pilgrimage Committee, will discuss the pilgrimage to Rome and Ancecy that will take place in April 2018. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Second Collection

Next weekend, August 12th and 13th, there is no scheduled second collection.

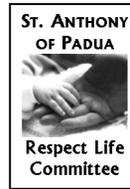
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Ancecy

As you may have seen in *The Dialog*, as part of our 150th anniversary celebration, the Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Ancecy, France, and to Rome. Please consider joining Bishop Malooly for this exciting opportunity. Caravelle Tours has extended the deadline to August 15. Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Information on the trip is available in the vestibules, in the parish office, and on the diocesan website: www.cdow.org

Would You Like to Know How to Bring Your Loved Ones Back to the Catholic Faith?

Please join us in praying for our families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica, Sunday, August 27, 2017. We will be praying together to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at a special Devotional Event celebrated by Rev. Andrew Molewski, at St Hedwig Church, 408 S. Harrison Street, Wilm, DE. 3:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary, Benediction and 4pm Holy Mass. Come fill out a Tear Drop card for your loved ones and all who have fallen away from the church, All are welcome. For more information email: 12374columbiettes@gmail.com

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Any one of us would consider it a privilege to die tomorrow... to bring an end to abortion." Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hermann, Archdiocese of St. Louis, at the USCCBS' 2008 meeting

Remembering Our Pastors

Again this year, St. Pius X Council, Knights of Columbus is organizing a visit to the cemetery in Childs, MD to pay our respects to our departed but not forgotten Pastors. The event will take place on Saturday, August 19th with a Mass celebrated at 11:00 AM followed by wreath-laying. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Anyone who is planning to attend, please Eugene Dzielak 658-0351 or Felix Spittle 658-2713 so we can determine how many will be attending.

Where Did You Go!?!?

Six times a year, our offertory envelopes go out, and Christmas and Easter add another two times to that. With each mailout, we get a handful of packets returned to the rectory because families have moved and neglected to inform us of their change of address. Re-addressing and reshipping these envelopes is an additional – but unnecessary – cost to the parish. When you move, please remember to contact the parish office with your new address. Thank you!

Jesus House

Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Six Steps in the Journey of Faith with Tom Ashe. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Consider your faith journey as you become familiar with the 6 C's of faith: Call, Conversion, Covenant, Celebrate, Consolations, and Commission. "All life is a journey towards a future goal. Ultimately, it is a journey towards death and life after death. More immediately, it is a journey towards a fuller experience of the Kingdom of God upon earth. Another way of expressing it is that it is a journey toward holiness and wholeness, toward spiritual and psychological maturity." Chester P. Michael. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information or to register.

Monday evenings, Continuing Series on the Second Monday of each month - 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Evenings of Reflection, Common Threads: God and Therapy, Weaving the Wisdom of God into our Daily Lives, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Retreat Leader, Dr. Christopher Hyde, PhD. will discuss techniques to help us enrich our approach to both the difficulties and joys of life. A freewill offering of \$15/evening is suggested but, if you are interested, please come regardless. All offerings go to support the programs of the Jesus House. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information, weekly topics or to register.

Special Collection for the Cathedral of St. Peter

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. The weekend of August 19 & 20, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Father Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org. Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille may be the way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

PREP 2016/2017 Program Year

PREP Classes will begin in September. Parish children who are in non-Catholic grade schools are eligible. If you would like to sign your child up for the class, or you know someone who is interested, please contact Patty Roach at [302-421-3700](tel:302-421-3700) x121 or proach@stanthony.net for registration.

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have given to this year's campaign, please know that your participation is gratefully appreciated. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting this important effort with a pledge or one-time contribution. Annual Appeal pledge cards are available in church.

Vocations

One day, each of us will share the transfigured life of the Lord in the Kingdom of God. Until we get there, though, religious women, religious men, deacons and priests attempt to keep us focused on that new life through lives of holiness and service. Is God calling you to serve the Church in one of these vocations? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Music Notes

Critics are raving that Saint Anthony's Pop Up Concerts are the place to be. Last Sunday's recital boasted 50 in attendance. Our musicians put together a varied program which lasts one hour. It's informal, fun and full of talent. Next Pop Up is August 20 at 3 PM. Complimentary wine is served and Popsicles galore for children and adults.

Our choir season will begin in September, so it's time for a shout out to all those in the parish who would consider singing in our choir. All we ask is a pleasant voice and a willingness to honor the weekly commitment. As age creeps up on us, and some of our established members begin to take retirement, our music program is always in jeopardy. Please take a moment and consider who you may know and speak to them on our behalf. Questions? Simply speak with Louis Perazza, our organist and music director after any Mass. Or call the rectory and ask for extension 119. Let's try to protect our program and grow!

11th Annual Benefit Concert to Fight Human Trafficking

...is happening on Monday, Aug. 14th, at 7:00pm at Skyline Methodist Church, 3100 Skyline Dr., Wilmington, DE. Please come support all of the performers as they share their talents in many genres of music. Free Will donations benefit Shared Hope International, an organization that works to Prevent trafficking and Rescue and Restore victims. This year, donations will also support Zoe Ministries of Delaware. Yolanda Schlabach of Zoe Ministries DE will speak briefly about the Fight against Human Trafficking right here in Delaware. For more information you can contact Kate Regan at [302-738-9989](tel:302-738-9989).