



[Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

The Gift of Mystery

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was “of God.” While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles’ experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today. ●

Reflect

Have you had an experience of the transcendent that changed you?

August 5 & 6, 2023
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

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Upcoming Events:

Sun, Aug 13, 9:45 am RCIA Information session

Tue, Aug 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation – Mass is at 6 pm.

7:10 pm Parish Council Meeting (Discuss Parish Picnic)

Sun, Aug 20, Back to School Blessing after Mass

Tues, Aug 22, 6:30 pm Pastoral Care for Sick and Homebound training

Sun, Aug 27, Parish Picnic after Mass

Tue, Aug 29, Amy's House of Hope (YM)

Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Sun, Sep 17, After Mass Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug 5, 4pm - Fr. **Greg Lyttle** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Aug 6, 11am - † **Richard Johnson** by Sharon, Barb, & Cindy Albert

Tuesday, Aug 8, 6pm - **Available**

Thursday, Aug 10, Noon - † **Mary Mathieux** by Loretta & Jim Lintz

Saturday, Aug 12, 4pm - † **Jacob Santon** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Aug 13, 11am - **Tara Wyatt (birthday)** by Laura & Rick Wyatt

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Beginning the second week of August the **last pew** on the Holy Family side of the church will be **modified** to be ADA accessible .

RCIA information session Sunday, Aug 13 at 9:45 am
If you have questions please join us.

Seminarian,
Dr. Michael Tupta
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

What is the significance of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord?

The Feast of the Transfiguration commemorates the event where Jesus Christ revealed His divine glory to three of His disciples: Peter, James, and John. The transfiguration emphasizes Jesus' divine nature and affirms His identity as the Son of God. It is a pivotal moment in the Gospels, revealing Jesus' glory before His crucifixion and resurrection.

Back to School Blessing
and final summer social

Sunday August 20th

Please plan to stay after Mass for lunch and fellowship!

Food trucks, door prizes, & more!



We are excited to inform you that there will be an upcoming Back to School Blessing and registration for your children. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the catechist and get to know them better.

Additionally, **we invite parishioners** to stay after Mass to show support for our catechist and youth. Your presence will be greatly appreciated and will help create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone. **Thank you** for your continued support and we hope to see you there!

Sacred Heart, Princeton
Please Join us

LITURGY + PICNIC = LITNIC

Sacred Heart Princeton invites you to share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. *Please bring your favorite dish.*

Date	Host/Location
August 8, 2023 @ 06:00 pm	Sacred Heart Prayer Garden

Please sign up or contact the Church office.

Save the Date!!!

Parish Picnic on August 27.

More details to come

Buds & Blossoms Garden Committee

Calling all gardeners!
If you are interested in CULTIVATING a new ministry, WEED through your calendar and join us for a good MANICURE! It won't take MULCH of your time. It will be fun...alot of CUTTING up! I promise you will DIG it and we will be PERENNIALY grateful. call Gina @ 304-920-7047

Faith Formation

Schedule
9:30 am - 10:45 am

Aug 6 -
Registration starts



Partners in Faith,
We are thrilled to announce that **registration** for our upcoming Religious Education year will begin this weekend! We offer various options for you to sign up, including online, paper registration forms, and scanning a QR code. We also want to remind

you to save the date for our Back to School Blessing on August 20th. This event is open to everyone, and we hope that you will join us for a time of celebration and fellowship.

Lastly, we are looking for volunteers to help with our religious education program. Any amount of

time you can commit, whether it's just an hour or two or something more long-term, would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to reach out to the church office if you are interested in lending a hand.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Youth.

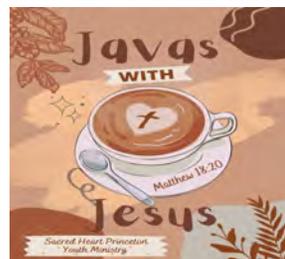
Youth Ministry

YM Schedule
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug 16
Javas w/Jesus

Aug 20
Back to School Blessing

Aug 29
Amy's House of Hope



Bible study nights with our Teens
August 16 @ Dunkin Donuts
RSVP to Lorin : 540-529-6495.



Feeding the Homeless
One Meal at a Time



If you would like to volunteer on **August 29** to help feed the homeless please let us know. I think it's a great way to give back to the community and make a positive impact on someone's life. Whether

you have experience or not, any help is appreciated and welcomed. Let's work together to make a difference!

Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP: 540-529-6495.

Youth Sunday

Sep 10
Oct 15
Nov 19
Dec 17
Jan 21
Feb 18
Mar 17
Apr 21

Young Catholics

The Transfiguration of the Lord Reflection Questions

- The voice from heaven instructed the disciples to "listen to Him" (referring to Jesus). How can we actively listen to Jesus in our daily lives and follow His teachings more closely?

- The Transfiguration revealed Jesus' divine nature and affirmed His identity as the Son of God. How does this revelation impact your understanding of Jesus' role in your life and the world?

- God the Father proclaims Jesus as His beloved Son. How does this declaration influence your relationship with God and your perception of Jesus as a Savior?

[The Transfiguration of the Lord - Young Catholics \(young-catholics.com\)](http://www.sacredheartofwashington.org)

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex

Greetings to all! I hope this message finds you in good spirits. Our team is currently in search of volunteers who share our passion for adult faith formation. We're looking for individuals who are interested in moderating our adult formation programs and helping others along their spiritual journeys. If this resonates with you, please pray on it and consider joining us if you feel this is your calling. Your decision to serve would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org



OCIA formally RCIA

Are you or someone you know searching for.....

A deeper relationship with God?

A sense of belonging in a faith community?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith and are not Catholic?

Are you a Christian who wants to learn more about Catholicism?

Has God been calling you to consider the Catholic Christian Faith?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions please join us!

Sunday, August 13 @ 9:45 am

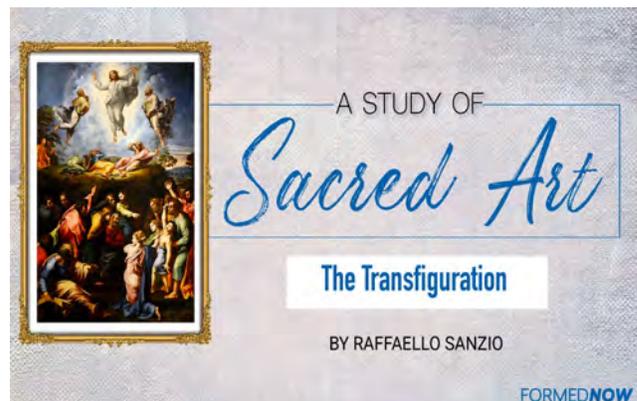
Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org



This Week on Formed

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-the-transfiguration>





Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord
Music for
August 5 & 6, 2023

Celtic Mass
Mass Readings on pg. 812
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G520
“This is the Feast of
Victory”

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is King, the most
high over all the earth.

Presentation of Gifts: G593
“I Want to Walk as a Child
of the Light ”

Communion: G949
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Closing Hymn: G593
“Sing with All the Saints in
Glory”

Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman



Collections

	weekend Jul 29-30	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,653.00	101,173.55	98,000.00
Loose Offertory	261.00	5,365.10	3,000.00
Maintenance	75.00	1,312.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,989.00	\$107,850.65	\$102,000.00
Votive Candles	285.51	626.50	300.00
Youth Ministry	200.00	1,110.00	0.00
Attendance:	4pm: 48	11am: 121	

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

August Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
Aug 5 4 pm	M. Gaspersich	<u>K. Bailey</u> V. Manley C Pace	Blankenship	N/A	T. Byron	S. Pace
Aug 6 11 am	A. Dumapit	<u>G Richardson</u> K Suehs Y Suehs	S. Neri	W Picknally	A. Albin J. Holt	
Aug 12 4 pm	B. Schumacher	<u>T. Byron</u> K. Bailey V. Manley	C. Prox	N/A	C. Pace	J. Cosgrove
Aug 13 11 am	D. LaMothe	<u>W. Picknally</u> J. Cosgrove L. Wyatt	Hickman	Hickman	E. Coleman A. Coleman	
Aug 19 4 pm	C. Cofer	<u>T. Settle</u> H. Cofer C. Pace	TBA	N/A	T. Byron	J. Choate
Aug 20 11 am	L. Albin	<u>G. Cosgrove</u> M. Albin D. Richardson	Hillyer	W. Picknally	B. Fanning J. Flanigan	
Aug 26 4 pm	M. Bacho	<u>K. Bailey</u> M. Flanigan T. Byron	F. Bacho	N/A	C. Pace	T. Settle
Aug 27 11 am	J. Cox	<u>A. Heltzel</u> M. Cox G. Boggess	Wyatt	T. Wyatt	A. Rieger M. Rieger	

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dr. David Garcia
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Tanya Marx
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan
Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi

Alan Rieger
Vivian Romano
Deborah Saffell
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Kimiko Fettro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff

Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's (granddaughter)
Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)

Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

Mommy Ministry
If you would like to join please contact Sr. Paula

Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.¹ How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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¹ Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.

There's an exciting event approaching called **Backpack Bash**. **Starting Points Family Support Center is currently collecting donations** to fill backpacks for the kids attending the event. It would be amazing if you could donate school supplies. Remember, this event is open to all families, so if you have kids going back to school, stop by to receive a backpack. Thank you for considering supporting this wonderful cause.

Below are the items needed:

- ◆ The older kids bags will include a **3 ring binder, a note book, loose paper, paper folder, colored pencils, a glue stick, package of note cards, pencils.**
- ◆ The younger kids bags will include a **notebook, crayons, pencil box or pouch, markers, paper folder, scissors, pencils, and glue sticks.**

Please drop off your items in the Narthex by August 14

Starting Points
Family Support Center

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

Backpack
Bash

August 18th 11AM-2PM
Princeton Rec Center

*child must be present to receive backpack

For questions call: 681-282-5169

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 7 Weekday Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	August 8 St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	August 9 Weekday Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	August 11 St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	August 12 Weekday Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	August 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).

ANGELUS, MARCH 8, 2020