

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6 AUGUST 2023

Readings for Sunday, August 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9.

Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.

Readings for Sunday, August 13: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
7 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Marie B. Miner	Tony Vitacco
8 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
9 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	George & Helen Koren	Son & Daughter
10 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Michael A. Dulisse	Tony Vitacco
12 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Joan Roncase	John Roncase Family
13 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on August 7 & 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian Devotions.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) 2023-2024 - New families with school age children Pre-K to Grade 8, are encouraged to register their children for PREP. **Registration for new students is taking place now.** Please contact Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org.



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DEPOSIT FOR JULY 30, 2023. \$3,457
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$18,591
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$19,426

THANK YOU FROM CRS RICE BOWL: Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for making CRS Rice Bowl such an important part of your Lenten journey this year. Keep in mind that 25% of your donations remain in the Archdiocese and help Nutritional Development Services to buy and share a variety of healthy food with 50 area food cupboards and soup kitchens in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Your compassion and generosity bring hope to so many neighbors near and far. May God continue to bless you with His finest blessings!



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET
 based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening

Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

July 24 - #678 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00
 July 25 - #633 - unsold
 July 26 - #390 - unsold
 July 27 - #552 - unsold
 July 28 - #765 - unsold
 July 29 - #234 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00
 July 30 - #611 - Cathy Salkowski - \$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 29/30:

4:00 PM Mass - 91
 9:00 AM Mass - 102
 Total Attendance - 193

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Call the Parish Office for more details.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME

610-326-1510

August 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please consider a generous gift to the upcoming second collection in support of The Catholic University of America (CUA). Located in our nation's capital, it was founded by a pontifical charter in 1887 as *the* research university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Your gift to this second collection, the only national one for Catholic higher education in the United States, will not only support students, but also helps the University better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs.

A prime example is The Catholic Project, an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges faced by the domestic Church, the family. CUA also provides excellence in education, formation, research, events, and media; a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

Our contributions are vital to a successful academic year and to the important work undertaken by the University on behalf of the Church and the faithful. You can make a contribution to the mission of Catholic University at your parish, or online through its dedicated site on the #igivecatholictogether platform.

Please be as generous as you can in supporting this important collection. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

The collection for The Catholic University will be taken up next weekend, August 12 and 13.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Cost for one year is \$39.00. Subscription begins with November 2023 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office. Deadline to sign up is August 18.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 12/13

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro & Tamaro; Choir, Bracaglia

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Francis & Nagel

Greeter - Neiman



APPAREL ALERT! We are launching our apparel this month:

T-shirt (full front logo) - \$10

T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10

Hoodies - (full front logo) - \$25

1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) - \$35

Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25

Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available just add \$2 and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY is always accepting new members. To join, you need to be 18 years old and Catholic. New meetings will begin in September at the Knights of Columbus Lodge on Constitution Avenue in Stowe. If interested contact Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030) or Marie Hildebrand (610-326-3763).

MASS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Clement on Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 AM at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us so that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

The Corner

We are all familiar with the Gospel story of The Transfiguration of The Lord which we celebrate today. But did you pay attention to the first reading? The Catechism tells us that the two readings are always connected. ***"The unity of the two testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and His Revelation. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God."*** —Catechism of the Catholic Church 140

Look again at this part of the first reading from the Old Testament to see the connection: ***"...Thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head like pure wool..."*** Daniel 7:9

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

JOSEPH GIERCHICK from Kathy & Ron Bernhard, Bonnie Stankunas, Marlin & Katherine Seyler.

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. For more information, visit the Be Encouraged website at www.archphila.org/support.

THE RETOUVAILE MARRIAGE PROGRAM is designed to address the hurts in your marriage - both large and small. The next Retrouvaile program begins August 18-20 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information or to register visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

CALLING ALL ROMAN AND HALLAHAN ALUMNI! Please join us for Day At The Bay 1993-2023 - The Party with a Purpose! Saturday, August 12 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Seaport Pier, North Wildwood, NJ. Cost is \$30 per person in advance; \$40 at the door. Includes beer specials, food and music - must be 21 to attend. Visit www.romancatholics.com/dayatthebay.



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And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his cloths became white as light. (Mt. 17:2) When we hear these words of the Gospel this weekend or the words of the Prophet Daniel who speaks of *flames of fire, wheels of fire, and a surging stream of fire*, we might find our minds drifting from

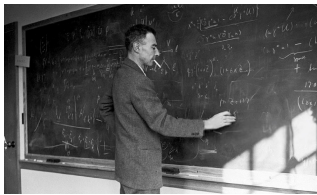


contemplation of the ineffable joy and mystery of Our Lord's Transfiguration to contemplation of something far, far less joyful. This weekend marks the 78th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan. It would precipitate an end to the Second World War and literally in a flash, forever change the history of mankind. The nuclear age with all of its potential benefits as well as its horrific

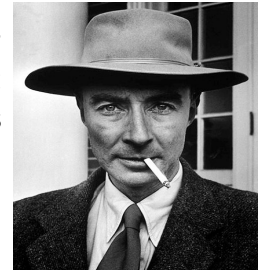
destructive power had been dropped upon all of us from a plane, perhaps ironically, named after a pilot's dear mother. At the same time on this



weekend, the film, *Oppenheimer*, continues to draw crowds into theaters. This film is a dramatic presentation of the life of the physicist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as the "Father of the Atomic Bomb."



I haven't seen the Hollywood film yet, but I did watch an online documentary on his life. Oppenheimer was certainly a high IQ individual, but he had his flaws at times dealing with loneliness seemingly having more books than friends. Although a loyal American of Jewish ancestry, the tentacles of communism had a certain hold on him at times throwing shade on his reputation. His lifelong smoking habit caught up with him in 1967 at age 62 when he died of throat cancer in Princeton. I think that he would



very much caution us today – not merely on the health effects of smoking, but on the very real danger of being smoked. The atomic bomb of 1945 is but a sparkler compared to the power and plethora of nuclear weapons today. We're told that the "Doomsday Clock" is but 90 seconds until midnight. We hear reports daily of nuclear powers inching ever closer to a direct confrontation. This need not be



and must not be. Prayer is efficacious as is Transfiguration. Today, we need to contemplate another "atomic bomb" that forever changed the history of mankind. Today, more than ever, we need to contemplate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. His change on the mountain that day foreshadowed most importantly *our* change. That dramatic change takes place not on the mountaintop, but in the streams, valleys and lowlands at its base. Our Transfiguration begins today when we proclaim a message of peace anew to a world sorely in lack of it. You and I have the very power to prevent war. You and I have the very power to prevent catastrophe. It happens in the Transfiguration of Our Lord, which is the very Transfiguration to which we're all called. Pray for peace! Pray for an end to war! Pray for sanity! Pray for Transfiguration!



Peace!
Fr. Wilson