

# TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

#### February 18, 2024

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco Deacon David Shinn

#### **Sunday Mass:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays
3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

#### Infant Baptism, RCIA, Funerals, Weddings:

Call the Office-(803) 735-0512

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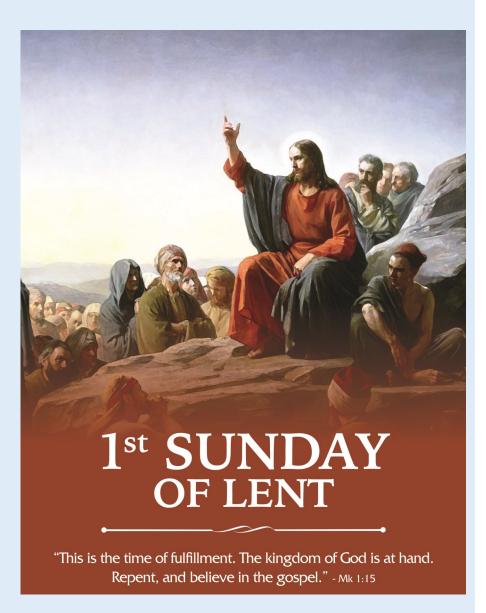
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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Parish Activities				
Sunday, February 18	No Religious Education Classes, Confirmation Class, or Youth Group 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Wine & Dine Ticket Sales (Gathering Space—PLC) 11:30 a.m. RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)			
Monday, February 19	6:30 p.m.	Layer Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC)		
Tuesday, February 20	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)  I Thirst—Adult Education Study (Large Classroom Room—PLC) Care Team Meeting (Conference Room—PLC)		
Wednesday, February 21	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Columbiettes Audit (Large Classroom—PLC) Columbiettes Ladies Tea Committee Mtg. (Large Classroom—PLC) Children's Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) Knights of Columbus Rosary & Social (PLC)		
Thursday, February 22	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study (RBB)		
Friday, February 23	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)		
Saturday, February 24				
Sunday, February 25	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg ClassrmPLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Youth Group Grades 6th-12 (RBB) RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)		

#### **Parish Directory**

Adult Faith Formation	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
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Evangelization	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
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Music	Denise Rudell	(803) 735-0512
Religious Education (K4-5th)	Patty Evans	(803) 729-4625

Respect for Life	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
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Safe Environment Coordinator	Jane Richter	(803) 606-1391
Service Committee	Sam McDonald	(803) 429-2643
Ushers	Kevin Cunningham	(847) 691-5897
Youth Ministry (6th-12th)	Mary Beth Vernau	(803) 814-6214

#### **Our Pastoral Council**

Our Pastoral Council advises Father and works with him to develop the overall goals and priorities of the parish. It also seeks to help maintain healthy communication within the parish. Members are appointed by Father Jim and currently include:

Greg Arling	Tracy Hair	Gary Matthews
Patty Evans	Karen Hanson	Deacon John Tempesco
Russ Foss	Ed Hogue	Mary Beth Vernau

#### **Share Your Talent!**





#### Join Us Every Friday During Lent!

As you strive to get closer to Jesus this Lent, please join us for:

Friday, February 23rd

5:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m.
Daily Mass

Friday, March 1st

2:00 p.m.\*
Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m.
Daily Mass

\*Use SignUp Genius to schedule your visit-Click Here

#### PARISH WORKDAY MARCH 9TH

There will be a Parish Workday on Saturday, March 9th to spiffy our grounds up for Easter. We need 20-30 people to spread pine straw and take care of a few other small items.





#### **Embrace Your Faith!**

(Week 7 of ordinary time) Feb. 19-25 Week 13

#### **Exhortation/Encouragement**

Anticipate the needs of your neighbor,
especially the ones closest to you,
such as your family
and parish community.

Doctor of the Church: Saint Peter Damian (Feb. 21)

"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."— St. Peter Damian

#### **Virtue for February—Humility**

Hold thyself as vile; rejoice to be so held by others; never exalt thyself by reason of the gifts of God, and thou shalt be perfectly humble.

----St. Bonaventure

"May these words from God's holy saints edify us and bring us into more perfect union with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for February 11	\$16,861.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,600.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$294,046.07
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$283,800.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	\$10,246.07
Second Collection	1
Capital Campaign	\$2,905.50

Next week's Second Collection will support:

The Catholic Miscellany Magazine

#### TRANSFIGURATION EVANGELIZATION TEAM INVITES YOU TO OUR THIRD ANNUAL



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 TICKETS: \$25 EACH

#### **OUR WINE AND DINE EVENING**

5:00 PM - GUEST SPEAKER, TIM FRANCIS

6:00 PM - DINNER

Prior to our meal we will have a short presentation by our weekend Eucharistic Miracles speaker, Tim Francis

Presenting: The Power of a Mother's Prayer

Dinner will be Surf & Turf prepared by our very own chef extraordinaire - Doug Phillips & his crew with wait service by our Transfiguration Youth Teens

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses in February

If you have any questions about this Wine & Dine E-Vent, please contact Karen Hanson 803-318-6452 or khanson2@sc.rr.com





## Become a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner!

Become part of a team of Natural Family Planning practitioners providing Natural Procreative Choices to families in our Dio-

The FertilityCare Services Limited Education Programs will host the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program for those interested in teaching others how to use the method.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 13- month program.

#### When:

EPI – April 20 – 27, 2024 EPII – October 18 – 23, 2024

#### Where:

St. Francis Bon Secours Emergency Center in Simpsonville, SC

**DEADLINE of Application:** March 20

Contact Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE,

Program Director, at <u>mphow-ard.cfce@protonmail.com</u> or 402.320.9268

This Lent...not only walk with Jesus, but VOLUNTEER and come walk with the children Ages 4-11 of the Parish.

The Third Annual Children's Lenten Workshop is planned for Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

We need 4-6 Adults and 5 Teens to volunteer to lead activities and help the children grow closer to Jesus in their faith journey during Lent.





If you are interested, please contact Patty Evans,

DRE at pevans@charlestondiocese.org or call 803 -729-4625.

# EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

March 3 - March 17, 2024

The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history. It is based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

This version of the exhibit features an **audio-visual guide** to walk you through the tour. Be sure to bring a mobile device and headphones to access the guide.

The display panels are in both English and Spanish and the AV guide is in English with Spanish subtitles.



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# DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

Signs from God Miracles and Their Meaning Friday, March 1st 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

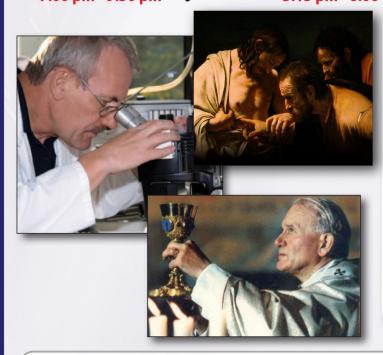
The Power of a Mothers Prayer

How my mother prayed me back in the Church

Saturday, March 2nd

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Signs from God Miracles
 and Their Meaning
 Sunday, March 3rd
 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm



## Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? What does science have to say?
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

Transfiguration Catholic Church is hosting an **EVENT** for everyone in the area. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!

"Put it this way-this is either the biggest hoax of the 20th Century, in which case it would have to be a fairly huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, if not the whole millennium."

Alastair Thompson New Zealand journalist

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For detailed information go to www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/SC

\*\*\*Friday and Sunday are the Same Presentation\*\*\*

#### The Columbiettes Corner



The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiettes Website – <a href="https://columbiettes13713.org">https://columbiettes13713.org</a>



#### **Priests Deanery Luncheon**

Transfiguration hosted the monthly Columbia Deanery meeting of priests on Tuesday, February 6th. The Columbiettes provided a wonderful meal and congenial service for this event. Special thanks to Kelly Scott and Lois Thomas for organizing, all who prepared and donated food, and to those who set up and cleaned up afterwards. Father Jim and the deanery guests were thankful for all the hospitality.





#### The Valentine Shoppe — A Lovely Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone in the parish who participated in the Valentine Shoppe. Your purchases have a ripple affect not only spreading love to your special someone, but also to charities in need. Many thanks to Michelle Ludlow and Julie Rowland for organizing this sweet event.

#### Columbiettes Birthright Baby Shower and Fundraiser

During Lent, the Columbiettes will host a Birthright Baby Shower and Fundraiser. During this special time, we invite parishioners to stand up for the right to life by joining us in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for unborn babies and mothers in



need. In the Gathering Space, you'll find a baby crib with a list of essential baby items inside. Beginning Saturday, February 24th through Palm Sunday, March 24th, the crib will be available to fill with baby items. Transfiguration also has a generous donor who is willing to match all financial contributions for the Birthright fundraiser, up to \$1,000.00. For example, your \$20.00 donation becomes a \$40.00 contribution. \$2,000.00 can make a significant impact. These funds enable Birthright to provide pregnancy tests, GED courses, and other vital services free of charge. Look for the donation box where you can make your contribution. Alternatively, if you prefer to donate gift items online, there are two places you can do so.

- 1. **Amazon** At the Birthright website under the Donate tab: https://birthrightofcolumbia.org/donate/
- 2. Walmart -Transfiguration Church Baby Registry (First Name: Transfiguration; Last Name: Church) https://www.walmart.com/registry/ (To ensure the secure delivery of packages during non-business hours, all items are shipped to Anita Campanelli, Program Director, Birthright of Columbia)

Let's come together this Lenten season and support Birthright's mission in providing an alternative to abortion and giving women facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies the opportunity to choose life.

#### Baskets, Baskets - The Ladies Luncheon is Coming!



The Columbiettes are busy planning for the April 21st Ladies Luncheon. It is going to be another amazing event and we need your help. If you have any baskets that you are not using, please consider donating them to us to use to help create our raffle baskets. Also, if you would like to create and donate a basket for the raffle, or provide items for us to build a basket (gift cards to local businesses come to mind) we'd be happy to accept! This event is our biggest fundraiser for local charities. The more baskets we have, the more money we are able to donate, and the more people we can help. If you

are able to donate or have questions, contact Patty Evans at patevanscody@yahoo.com or call 803-729-4625.

#### The Fish Fry is On!!

Join us this year for three Friday evening Fish Frys—March 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Each Fry will begin at 5:30 p.m. preceded by Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. and Daily Mass at 4:00 p.m. As always we need lots of helpers to make these events successful so use this SignUp Genius link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA622A4F5C43-47838021-fish">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA622A4F5C43-47838021-fish</a> to volunteer or contact Brenda Mulero via text or phone call—803-549-7166.



Our Fish Frys are always fun and a great way to serve our parish and the community. For those of you new to the parish, we are famous for our Fish Frys—you don't want to miss them!!

#### Join The Knights of Columbus & the Service Committee For 40 Cans For Lent Beginning Ash Wednesday—February 14, 2024

Lent is a time of giving. The 40 Cans For Lent program asks each of us to give one can of food for each day of Lent. This food drive will help The Christian Assistance Bridge (CAB) with their mission to support local families in need. Their current needs include:



- Canned Meat—Stew, SPAM, Vienna Sausages, Chicken, Tuna, etc.
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Fruit

Donations can be placed in the marked bins in the PLC beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Easter Sunday, March 31st. If you have any questions about this food drive, please contact Ed Hogue at 803-348-1260. Thank you for your support!



Pictured L-R: Cathy Hogue, Cheri Shinn, Tom Weber, Mike Mozdzierz, Grady Bardon, Bradley Bardon, James Derrick, Evan Ruffing, Matthew Rusch, Deacon David Shinn, and Gavin Zamora. Not pictured Ed Hogue & Paul Richter.



You can't miss our Adopt-A-Highway team sporting their orange finery! This past Saturday they worked hard gathering 26 bags of trash, a tire, rug, roads signs, and big pillow! Thanks to everyone who came out!

#### Mass Intentions

The Mass Intentions Calendar for 2024 is now open. While you may request a Mass any time throughout the year, if you would like a specific date in 2024, consider scheduling it now as weekend Mass intentions fill up months in advance. Intentions may be requested for birthdays, anniversaries, or special concerns, in addition to the traditional memorial intentions. You may call-(803)735-0512 or email the church office-vshealy@charlestondiocese.org and we will be happy to serve you.



#### **LENT - The Basics**

#### What is Lent?

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance--calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

#### What must I do?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Fasting is a bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God.

#### The three basic Lenten Disciplines

**Fasting:** Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the obit of Christ's love.

**Prayer:** Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.









This past weekend 8 of our young parishioners were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Masses were held at both St. Joseph's & St.
John Neumann. <u>Congratulations to Julian (Luke)</u>,
<u>Omo (Joseph)</u>, <u>Elizabeth (Mary Magdalene)</u>,
<u>Clara (Pio)</u>, <u>Hannah (John Baptiste de la Salle)</u>,
<u>Zayla (Christina the Astonishing)</u>, <u>Ashton</u>
(<u>Cecilia)</u> & <u>Rhyan (Elizabeth)</u>. Many blessings!

May they each continue to grow in their faith & be filled with His Spirit!

## Children's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Ages 4 - 11 \$6.00/Child + 1 Can for Lenten Food Drive



Ash Wednesday - Palm Sunday - Holy Week - He is Risen

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Address:(Street)		(Town/City)	(Zipcode)
Telephone: <u>()</u>			(2.pcode)

**Registration Form** 

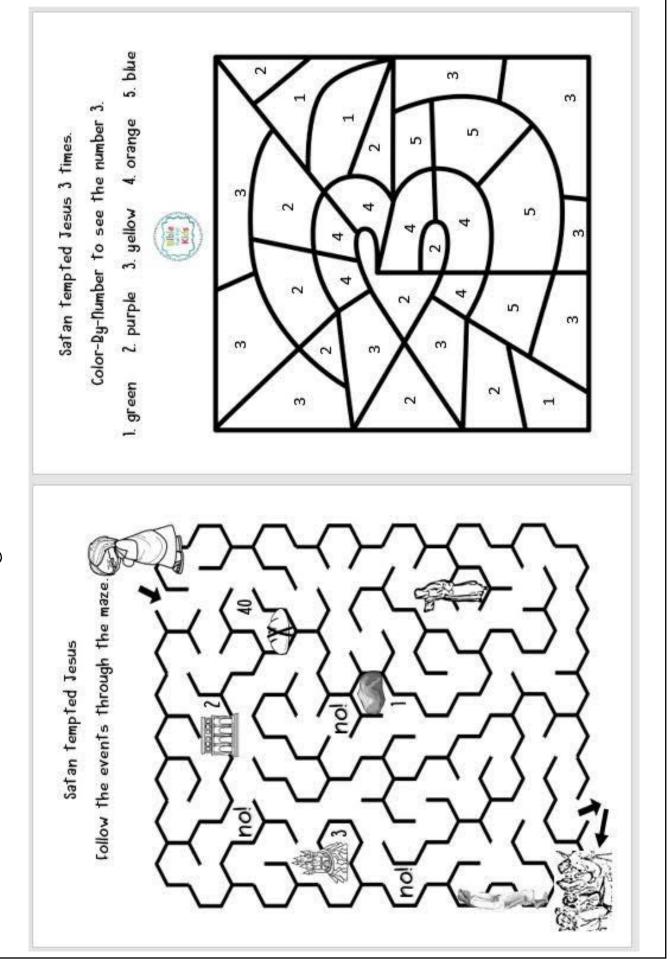
All Registration Forms must be to the Church Office by Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Cost \$6.00 per child + 1 Can of Food for the Lenten Food Drive

Enclosed cash/check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, contact Patty Evans at pevans@charlestondiocese.org or 803-729-4625

# Transfiguration Kids Corner



#### **Worship, Intentions & Prayers**

#### The First Sunday of Lent



8:00 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Mass Christina Neh Ngufor<sup>+</sup>

by Lum Azeh

#### Monday, February 19

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass

#### Tuesday, February 20

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass

#### Wednesday, February 21—Saint Peter Damian

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass Delphine Hanten<sup>+</sup> by the Wagner Family

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

#### Thursday, February 22—The Chair of Saint Peter

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Fung Sau Wang<sup>+</sup> by the Paxton Family

#### Friday, February 23—Saint Polycarp

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass

#### Saturday, February 24

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass CJ Cotter<sup>+</sup> by the Cotter Family

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's

#### The Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-18; Ps 116:10-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Sunday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Kimberly Wagner Picciuolo<sup>+</sup>

imberly Wagner Picciuolo by the Wagner Family

#### Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

### Prayer for Service & Safety

Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely.

Amen



For the healing of...Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Fred Branham, Moses Branham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Michael Cannon, Mary Causey, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Sherry Haggerty, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Debbie & Ward Johnson, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Amy Leonard, Rosie & Robert Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, Travis Spires, Pat Von Plinsky, & the Wallick Family.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, Danika Verna, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families serving at home and in hazardous locations around the world.





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