

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

March 3, 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

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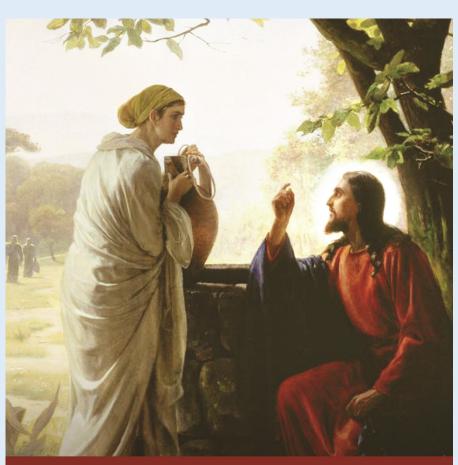
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

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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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Parish Activities					
Sunday, March 3	March 3—17 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	7th—Eucharistic Miracle Display (Gaithering Space—PLC) Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg ClassrmPLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Youth Group Grades 6th-12 (RBB) RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC) Signs from God-Miracles & Their Meaning-Tim Francis (Sanctuary)			
Monday, March 4	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Layer Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) Columbiettes Rosary & Business Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)			
Tuesday, March 5	5:00 p.m. 5:00 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)			
Wednesday, March 6	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) Knights of Columbus Rosary & Business Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)			
Thursday, March 7	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wine & Dine Set-up (Large Classroom—PLC) Youth Bible Study (RBB)			
Friday, March 8	6:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC) Fish Fry! (PLC)			
Saturday, March 9	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Parish Workday (Outside PLC) Children's Lenten Retreat (PLC)			
Sunday, March 10	9:00 a.m. No Youth Gr 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg ClassrmPLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) roup—Diocesan High School Youth Conference RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)			

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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!



Lenten Penance Service Wednesday, March 6th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1709 Lyttleton Street Camden, SC 29020





Join Us Every Friday During Lent!

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

Friday,
March 8th, 15th, &
22nd
3:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
4:00 p.m.
Daily Mass

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 2 of Lent) Mar. 5-11 Week 15 Exhortation/Encouragement

Obey the 10 Commandments:

I, the Lord, am your God.

You shall not have other gods besides me.

You shall not take the name
of the Lord God in vain
Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
Honor your father and your mother
You shall not kill

You shall not commit adultery
You shall not steal
You shall not bear false witness

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife and You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Saint of the Church: Catherine of Bologna (Mar. 9)

"Whoever wishes to carry the cross for His sake, must take up the proper weapons for the contest, especially those mentioned here. First, diligence; second, distrust of self; third, confidence in God; fourth, remembrance of His Passion; fifth, mindfulness of one's own death; sixth, remembrance of God's glory; seventh, the injunctions of Sacred Scripture following the example of Jesus Christ in the desert." –St. Catherine of Bologna

Virtue for March - Mortification

The more one mortifies his natural inclinations, the more he becomes capable of receiving the Divine inspirations, and the more he gains in virtue.---St. Francis de Sales

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for February 25	\$7,376.86
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,600.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$306,896.03
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$301,000.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	\$5,896.03
Second Collection	n
Miscellany Catholic Magazine	\$576.00

Next week's Second Collection will support: Capital Campaign

Calling all Men!

You're invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Group every Friday Morning 6:00 a.m.— 7:30 a.m. (Or anytime in between!)



Coffee is normally provided and at times, we even have pastries/cookies. Currently, we are discussing the Catechism in a Year program. Previous discussions have centered around Catholic books like *Imitation of Christ* and *Into His Likeness*, and also the Gospel readings.

If you are looking to increase your faith and love of Jesus and your neighbor, please consider coming and sharing your thoughts and questions with other men journeying toward eternal life. If you have any questions, please see any of our current attendees listed below or call the office: Bo Bowman, Russ Foss, Robert Leonard, Ed Hogue, Mike Anderson, Leon Wolinski, John Paxton, Mike Mozdzeirz, Tom Watson, Deacon Dave Shinn, Deacon John Tempesco, or Bob Underwood



Give Him just 5 Hours on a Saturday morning to be with God's Children at the Lenten Workshop.

3 Adults and 5 Teen volunteers are still NEEDED to lead activities and help the children grow closer to Jesus in their Faith Journey.

Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

If you are interested, please contact Patty Evans, DRE at pevans@charlestondiocese.org or call 803-729-4625.

Are You a Catholic Medical Professional or Student?

Come join a new forum for fellowship, mentorship, and discussion surrounding ethical challenges in medical practice, as we work to foster growth in one another and strive to faithfully serve God and our community.

Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. The March 21st meeting will be held at St. Peter's Basilica in Columbia beginning at 7:30 pm.

Email CathMedMidlands@gmail.com for more information.



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.



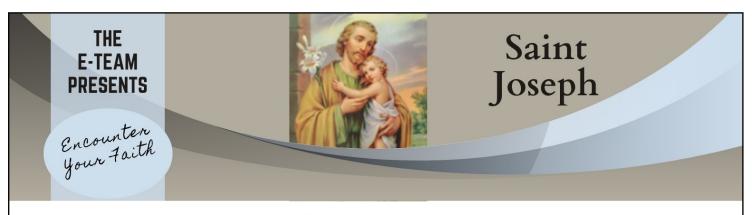
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Displayed in the Parish Life Center before and after all Masses

For more information, contact the Parish Office at (803) 735-0512

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The Month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection.

March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day

March 17 is the Feast Day of Saint Patrick, one of the Church's great evangelizing saints. Although he is the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick was actually born in Roman Britain in the fifth century. When he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. It was during this time, that he discovered his own faith, finding strength through his relationship with God. He is believed to have used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and the shamrock remains associated with the saint and the Trinity to this day. The prayer "Breastplate" is attributed to Saint Patrick. It reads in part: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger." Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461. He is now the patron saint of Ireland and is known as the Apostle of Ireland.

March 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.

March 24 Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are: Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

The Columbiettes Corner



The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713 Visit the Columbiettes Website – https://columbiettes13713.org





Congratulations Kathy Paxton – February Columbiette of the Month

This month's Columbiette of the Month is truly one of a kind. She's a long-standing, dedicated parishioner at Transfiguration. This special lady has been a Columbiette since its founding in 2014. She strategically guides her family to strengthen the love of Jesus as she shares with them the Catholic traditions, sacred prayers, and divine wisdom that she has received from our Heavenly Father. She is a dedicated grandmother, Columbiette officer, and friend to everyone. As a Columbiette Officer, she shares her skills in finance and budgets to keep the auxiliary on track with spending. We are thankful to call her not only our friend, but our trustworthy confidant. She is always available to listen, be a friend, and

bring a friend to God. Her wise advice is filled with love. She is a prayer warrior, one of her strongest charisms. Her door is always open to help others and bring that peace that she portrays and fills her heart to friends in need. She is caring, loving, and an example to follow. After various meetings before leaving the church, she is regularly seen visiting with our Lord and Savior just for a bit of quiet time and reflection. She is a humble and fervent servant of our Father.

Columbiettes Birthright Baby Shower and Fundraiser — Let's Fill the Baby Bottle! Donation Match up to \$1,000!

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.

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 Veggies—NO Green Beans, Corn, or Green Peas
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Spaghetti Sauce

Ready to eat meals—Chef Boyardee Raviolis, Spaghetti O's, Soups, Ramen Noodles.



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!

Join Us at the Fish Fry!

Our Fish Frys begin Friday, March 8th and will continue Friday, March 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. If you would like to be part of the Fish Fry Team and lend your talents to making this event special, use this SignUp Genius link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA622A4F5C43-47838021-fish to volunteer or contact Brenda Mulero via text or phone call—803-549-7166.

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors and make plans to attend. We have "To Go" and "Eat in" options from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Adult meals are \$15.00 and children are only \$9.00. All Volunteer plates are \$5.00. The menu includes—Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Cole Slaw, and Dessert! Drinks include coffee, tea, water and lemonade.

So come on out— We hope to see you at the Fry!



The 2024
Belonging
Catholic
Conference for
Women was
Amazing!

This yearly conference is for Catholic women of all ages! 15 women from Transfiguration attended this year along with 500+ additional Catholic women from around our state. This event is a full day of fellowship, workshops, Mass with the Bishop, lunch, confession, adoration, and a host of wonderful vendors. It is a time of enlightenment, fun, and fellowship and we hope next year more of you will join us!

Books for the Library

Because of our limited shelf space, please do not randomly add books to the Parish Library. Bring your book offering to the church office so we can be sure they are properly displayed.

Thank you!

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

	<u>(age</u>)		<u>(age</u>		
	<u>(age</u>)		(age		
Contact Information Parent/Grandparent/Legal Guardian:					
Name:					
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

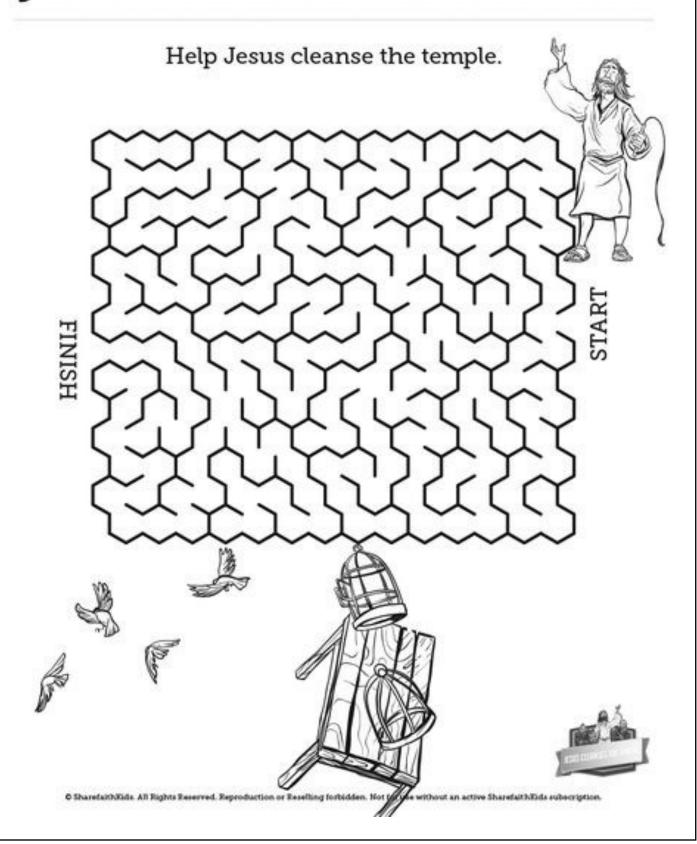
Cost \$6.00 per child + 1 Can of Food for the Lenten Food Drive

Enclosed cash/check \$ _____

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

Transfiguration Kids Corner

JESUS CLEANSES THE TEMPLE



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Worship, Intentions & Prayers

The Third Sunday of Lent



8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish

Monday, March 4—Saint Casimir

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Carl & Shirley Faircloth by the Cotter Family

Tuesday, March 5

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Chris Hales by the Paxton Family

Wednesday, March 6

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass The Safety of Law Enforcement by Elaine Slan

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, March 7—Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Antoni Zurek⁺ by Rose Presutti

Friday, March 8—Saint John of God

3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass Maria Major by Lenny & Pat Brunette

Saturday, March 9

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Margaret Moser by the Cotter Family

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mass Kimberly Kay 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, Robert Roof, Linda Roush, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Travis Spires, & the Wallick Family.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, 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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