



September **Devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary**

*Encounter
Your Faith*

September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta, better known as Mother Teresa, was a nun, missionary, and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, with their main goal being care of the poor and the sick. She quickly grew her order into an international organization. Although she passed away in 1997, she left behind a lasting legacy. Her order has grown to more than 5,000 religious sisters and they are present in 139 countries.

September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On September 8, the Catholic Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This sacred day invites us to contemplate the humble beginning of the Mother of God, and to recognize how God's plan of salvation unfolds through the most ordinary and extraordinary moments of human life.

September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary dates back to the early 16th century, first instituted in 1513 in Cuenca, Spain. Initially, it was assigned to September 15, which is the octave day of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. This connection reflects a deep association between the feast of Mary's birth and the reverence for her holy name. After the siege of Vienna in 1683, in which the Catholic King of Poland was victorious over the Ottoman Turks, Pope Innocent XI extended the feast to the universal Church and designated it to be celebrated on the Sunday following the Nativity of Mary. This decision underscored the belief that Mary played a pivotal role in the victory and is a testament to her powerful intercessory role.

September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated on September 15. This day commemorates the seven sorrows that the Virgin Mary experienced: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, the meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taking down of the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. Our Lady of Sorrows reminds Catholics that Mary is not just the mother of Jesus but also the mother of all believers, including you and me. She walks with us on our journey to God and understands our struggles and pains. When we turn to her in prayer, she intercedes for us and brings our petitions to God.

September 23 - Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, southern Italy. Ordained a priest in 1910, on September 20, 1918 the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body. Countless persons were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence. His whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. His letters to his spiritual directors reveal the ineffable suffering, physical and spiritual, which accompanied him all through his life. They also reveal his deep union with God, his burning love for the Blessed Eucharist and Our Blessed Lady. St. Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968.

September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

The feast of the three archangels- Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael- is commemorated on September 29. Saint Michael whose name means "Who is like God" was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Saint Gabriel which means "Strength of God" announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Saint Raphael meaning "Medicine of God" is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.





Spend time with Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration

Sept. 4th

Every First Friday of the Month
we have Extended Adoration from
2:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

You can help ensure that our Lord
is never alone during this special
time. [Sign-up](#) for one
hour or more using the
QR code.



*“You will find all in the Eucharist—the warm
words you want to hear, the knowledge and mira-
cles you need, yes, even the miracles.”*
-Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for August 23	\$7,332.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,137.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$69,920.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$81,096.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date	-\$11,175.18
Second Collection	
Catholic Miscellany	\$ 767.85
Next Week's 2nd Collection will be for The Catholic University of America	

Trivia Night #22 – Another Success! Saturday, August 22, ten teams competed during Trivia Night #22. Ten categories with 10 questions in each - Science & Nature, Sports & Leisure, History, Entertainment, Geography, America 250, Current Events, Art & Literature, and two Potpourri categories – made for an interesting evening!

Strong competition between Teams 1, 2, 3, and 6 continued all night, but when it was all said and done, Team 6 took home the prize! Team 6 members were Sean & Jennifer Germann, Larry & Nita Eberlin, Laura Stephens, Jen Nocella, and Joe & Emily Eberlin.

Another competition was the “Best Table Theme/Decorations.” The theme for all tables was America 250, and Team 7 took home the honors. Team members were Jackie, Alex, Haley, and Zachary Buzzetti, Bethany Berry, Jess & Nicholas Dorman, and Thomas Gunter.

Don’t miss our next Trivia Night to be held Saturday, January 23, 2027!



Please submit Bulletin Articles by Monday for publication in the upcoming weekend’s bulletin.
Send text and pictures to DRudell@CharlestonDiocese.org.



The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org



August Columbiette of the Month

In reflecting on the remarkable faithfulness of this Columbiette for the Month of August, we are reminded of the three patronesses of the Columbiettes, each of whom embodies a virtue that we so clearly see in her life.

Like St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, she understands that true holiness is found not only in extraordinary acts, but in the ordinary moments carried out with extraordinary love. Her kindness is constant and unassuming, extended to every person she encounters, without distinction or hesitation. In these quiet, faithful acts, she reflects a spirit of charity that is both genuine and enduring.

Like St. Joan of Arc, this Columbiette demonstrates a faith that is not passive, but active and steadfast. She answers the call to serve with courage and commitment. Her leadership in organizing and overseeing the Transfiguration Fish Fry is not simply a task accomplished, but a testament to her dedication, her sense of responsibility, and her willingness to serve the good of the community with excellence.

Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, she exemplifies a spirit of humble and faithful “yes.” Her devotion is not for recognition, but for service. Time and again, she brings people together—whether through parish events or gatherings like the January Ladies Night Out that she hosted—creating opportunities for fellowship, joy, and unity. In doing so, she reflects a heart that is deeply rooted in faith and guided by love.

This sweet lady’s faithfulness is not marked by a single moment, but by a lifetime of consistent, generous service. It is found in her quiet strength, her unwavering commitment, and the grace with which she lives out her calling each day. The Columbiette for the Month of August is **Brenda Mulero**!





Knights Notes—News and Happenings from Council #13713



Welcome New Member - The Knights of Columbus at Transfiguration would like to welcome the newest member to our council, Ron Falter. Ron and his wife Ruth are longtime Parishioners. You'll see their smiling faces after our Masses or during our monthly social, bible study groups or many other Parish events. Ron and Ruth have been married for 67 years. They raised seven wonderful children and have 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Two of whom were born within this last month. What a legacy! Pictured are Ron and Ruth (centered) along with members of KofC Council #13713. Congratulations Ron! *Vivat Jesus!*



Family of the Month - Congratulations to Scott and MaryAnn Adams and their three children as our Family of the Month for August. Scott is a Fourth Degree Knight and a member of our Council here at Transfiguration. Mary Ann is Columbiette and operates and cultivates her own flower farm, uniquely named One Hubcap Farm. At times you'll see her colorful flowers on display beautifying our Sanctuary or arranged for many Columbiette or Church events. She also pens a column in the Voice of Blythewood titled "In the Garden" for all your gardening enthusiasts. Their children are altar servers, a master server, part of Lifeteen and engaged in religious education. Scott, Mary Ann and their children are a big part of our

Transfiguration family and their recognition is well deserved.

Knight of the Month - Let's have a big round of applause for our August Knight of the Month, Jim Kolkowski. Jim was recently presented with his Honorary Life Membership, which recognizes his 25 years of consecutive and dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus. However, it must be noted that Jim first joined the KofC over 43 years ago. Jim is always there lending a hand when it is time to collect and deliver all of our donated items to the many charities we support throughout the year. Jim is also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, a national veteran's service organization serving the needs of all veterans throughout the nation and elsewhere. Next time you see Jim, shake his hand and offer him a big Thank You for all he does.



Guest Speaker - What an honor it was to have Father John be our speaker at this month's social. He presented an educational, insightful and very humorous talk on the Salesian Order, his past ministries and background. Father John's quick wit and stand-up routine gave us all a good chuckle and put us in a very good mood. He took a few questions and it was rewarding to get to know Father John a little better. There is no doubt that we will have many good years ahead with Father John at the

helm. We're all looking forward to Transfiguration's bright future.

Let the Children
COME TO ME
MATTHEW 19:14



Last call for Faith Formation Registration.... Classes begin in September.

Please go to the parish website and use the PDF online [form](#) to register.

Classes Start September 13

Grades PreK – 5th Will Meet in Large Classroom with Parents

Grades 6 – 12 Will Meet in Brick Building

Please drop off/mail the form to the Parish Office (9720 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, 29016) or put in the collection basket this weekend.

Any questions, please contact Patty Evans at pevans@charlestandiocese.org or call 803-735-0512

Join the Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the assembly of the faithful.

-Ps 149:1



Serve the Lord with your time and talents. The church needs you to help build up our Music Ministry and teach the faithful to sing their praise along with the angels!

- *Lead congregational hymns*
- *Sing psalms and acclamations*
- *Lift your voice in worship*

Choir meets twice a month on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the small classroom. Contact Dr. Denise: drudell@charlestandiocese.org or (803)731-0512

"A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love." - Saint Augustine



"Cor is meant to transform us, by drawing us closer to Christ and each other."

— Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

Cor

Men need authentic brotherhood.

Families need holy husbands and fathers.

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Open to All Men.

Next Session: September 12th

October 10th

November 21st

Schedule on Parish Calendar:

October 24th

December 5th

September 26th

November 7th

December 19th

Cor meets every other Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m. in the Large Classroom—PLC.



★ Free Entry ★

September 20, 2026 (3 pm)

Transfiguration Catholic Church
Presents...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,

America

An afternoon of nostalgic USO-themed American
music celebrating our country, the Armed
Services, and First Responders

FEATURING

***TAMARA & CHRIS WATERS * DENISE
RUDELL * LAURA KANE * DEBBIE KEEGAN**



Children of the parish have
an opportunity to sing at
the patriotic concert!

This is a great way to try
out Children's Choir.

Come to practice on Sep-
tember 9th at 5:30 in the
Small Classroom—PLC.

Contact Dr. Denise Rudell:
(803)735-0512
drudell@charlestondioocese.org

Remember to send your photos for
the tribute slideshow! The photos can
be any person, family member, friend
who is a first responder, or military,
past or present. The deadline is August
31, 2026 and they can be sent to Deb-
bie Keegan:

Dkkeegan84@gmail.com.



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Two Confirmation Teachers Needed

Please let the Holy Spirit pour fortitude into your heart. Take courage, and meet the challenge to be part of a Team to Teach Confirmation. I am still searching for TWO teachers. Please take the Leap of Faith. God is not going to bring you to this decision then abandon you. He will clear your path and walk with you. Please consider what St. Augustine meant when he prayed, "That I may know you Lord, and may I know myself."

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened.

May God Bless You in Your Discernment.

Patty Evans, DRE

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(803) 735-0512



Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Father, lead my steps today and help me walk in Your wisdom. Give me a heart that trusts you completely and the courage to follow wherever You lead.

HELP US FIND



Our Lost Walkie -Talkies. Last seen on the back table in the Gathering Space (under the bulletin board).

If found, please return to the PLC.

Questions? Clues? Call the office at

(803) 735 - 0512

Orders will be taken until August 30!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
— COUNCIL 13713 —

BOSTON BUTT BBQ SALE

★ **WHOLE BUTTS** ★
\$50
Pulled Quarts **\$15**



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGH CHARITY & SERVICE



★ **Church Pick Up** ★
SEPTEMBER 5TH

— **GREAT BBQ. ★ GREATER PURPOSE.** —

Contact: Trey Hair - Volunteers needed
Mobile: 803-467-8034 **e-mail:** treyhair@live.com

Transfiguration Kids Corner

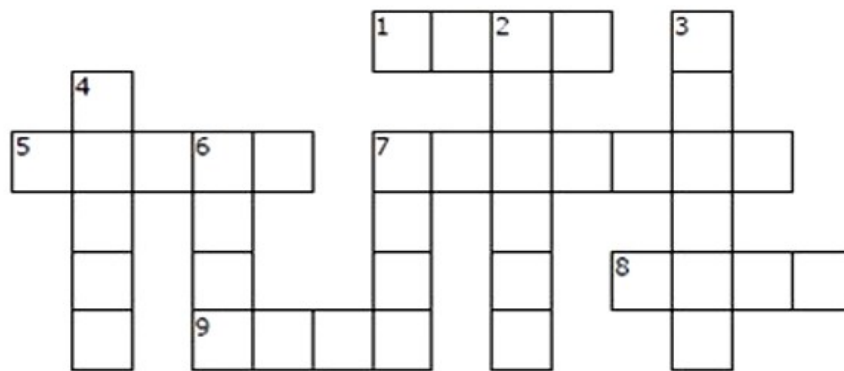
Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world,
yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37



AND FOLLOW ME



ACROSS

1. The period between birth and death
5. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
7. To care about what you want without thinking of others
8. To refuse to allow yourself something
9. To no longer have something because it has been taken away

DOWN

2. To be guided by someone else; to go behind
3. The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
4. A large number of people gathered together
6. The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
7. To keep someone or something safe from harm

FOLLOW
GOSPEL

CROWD
LOSE

SELFISH
SAVE

LIFE
CROSS

SOUL
DENY