

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 28, 2025

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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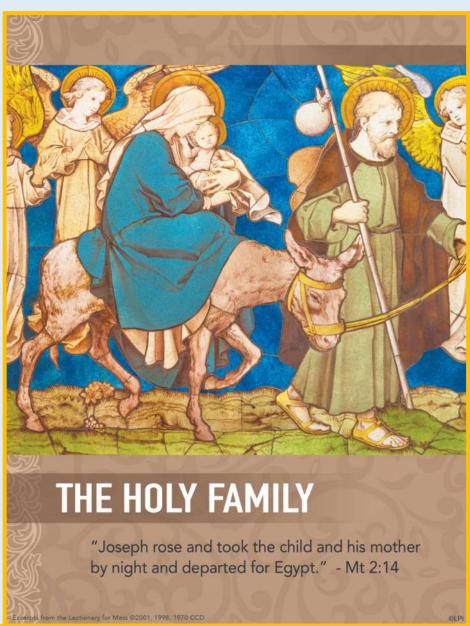
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Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd. Blythewood, SC 29016 • Phone (803) 735-0512 www.TransfigurationSC.org



Parish Activities

Sunday, December 28	10:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Monday, December 29		
Tuesday, December 30	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, December 31		
Thursday, January 1		Parish Office Closed
Friday, January 2	6:00 a.m.	Parish Office Closed Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room —PLC)
Saturday, January 3	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat (PLC) Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Sunday, January 4	10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC)



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This Christmas Season the Poinsettias were given In Honor of...

The Gardiner Family, The Rail Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Gardiner

Gabe Lewis by Mr. & Mrs. John Buzzetti

In Memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Agustin by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin
Gregorio & Mario Nario by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin
Amparo Vizcarra by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin
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Mom, Levina & Dad, Donald by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Husson

Milton Johnson Sr. by Mrs. Judy Johnson

Rastapari Hailstock Sr. by Mrs. Judy Johnson

Sylvia Capasco by Mrs. Judy Johnson

Eunice Coleman by Mrs. Judy Johnson

All Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Rich Lavecchia

In Memory of...

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Mrs. Gayle Casey

Ms. Karen Hicks

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Mr. & Mrs. Earl Sale

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generosity for Bags for Badges. This is the time of year that we reflect on all our blessings at Thanksgiving and enjoy the Season of Advent filled with miracles and kindness. It is a perfect time to thank our First Responders for their protection and service. We made 72 Bags for Badges filled with notebooks, pens, candy, snacks, first aid kits, and hand sanitizer. The children in the Religious Education classes PreK-5 wrote thank you notes that went in each bag. I am especially grateful to Frances Glenn, Gaye Guerre, Linda Oliver and Denise Rudell that helped organize the assembly line of goodies and helped stuff the Bags for Badges.

Again, thank you for your generosity and kindness. May you and your families enjoy beautiful Christmas season.

Patty Evans, DRE



Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory Amount
Sunday Collection for Dec. 21 \$13,710.30
Weekly Budget Needs \$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total \$232,432.88
Year-to-Date Budget \$237,350.00
Needs
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date (\$4,917.12)

Second Collection

Catholic Appeal of SC \$1,224.00

Next Week's Second Collection:
Church in Latin America

New Bible Study Coming January 2026!

An Apologetics course: Learn to communicate the faith with confidence, respect, and honesty.



Thank you! parishioners of Transfiguration Catholic Church for all the wonderful donations that came to Birthright through your Christmas Giving Tree. I can see the smiles on our moms' faces when they open their layette and health care items. Thank you for being Christ to our moms!



All Bulletin Articles must be received by the end of the day on Monday, for publication in the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Send text and pictures to DRudell@CharlestonDiocese.org.

Proudly Pro-life Weekend

JANUARY 9, 2026

Proudly Pro-Life Dinner
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, SC

JANUARY 10, 2026

Stand Up for Life March and Rally March - 11:00 am Russell House Rally - 12:00 pm SC State House



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Meet Our Speaker

Raymond Arroyo | 2026 Featured Speaker

Lead anchor of EWTN News and Fox News contributor, regularly appearing on The Ingraham Angle. Internationally known, award winning journalist, producer, Billboard Chart topping vocalist and NY Times Bestselling author.





Dear Transfiguration Parish,

On December 14, the children, including some of our youth (Tyler, Wyatt and Isabelle), of the Parish took a journey back more than 2,000 years ago with a young couple searching for a place to stay in Bethlehem to await the birth of our Savior.

Thank you, Fr. Jim, Parents, Grandparents, family friends, and parishioners that supported this journey by attending the Children's Christmas Pageant—it was beautiful both in the spirit of the story and the music that filled the Sanctuary.

I want to especially thank Dr. Denise for her direction in guiding the children's choir to lift their voices to give glory to God. Thanks, too Gaye Guerre & Mary Sale for helping with the children during their performance.

I also want to thank Adger Brown and Linda LeGette for constructing and painting the town of Bethlehem; it is a beautiful work of art and truly added so much to our Nativity setting. It is something that will be part of our Christmas pageants for years to come.

Pat & Lenny Brunette, a big thanks for helping with the steaming of all the costumes and preparing a wonderful cast party for after the play. We are always so grateful for your kindness and willingness to provide hospitality to everyone. Thanks also to Mrs. Kroto for all your time and help with the costumes.

May all of you continue to enjoy Christmas and experience the miracles of the season.

Patty Evans, DRE



Early Bird Tickets on sale for

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We can't host a successful event without your help! Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating auction items today.

Scan QR code or visit PBGG2026.givesmart.com for tickets & more info.







Knights Notes—News and Happenings from Council #13713



Knight of the Month - Congratulations to Matt Rusch as our Knight of the Month. You'll find Matt leading the charge in many Knight's and Parish activities. He organizes our highway cleanup program and proudly serves as our council's Family Program Director. As a member of the Adult CORE Team, he leads and mentors our high school aged young men to better understand the importance of living your Catholic Faith. But most noticeably, you'll see Matt and his wonderful family at Mass reverently adoring our Lord. Matt reflects the finest example of what it means to be a Catholic man, husband and father. God bless you, Matt!





Youth of the Month - Tyler is a consistent presence at Sunday's Youth Group and serves as a steady anchor within our Parish's EDGE Program. He attended the middle school youth conference, participates in the music ministry and is always eager to step up when needed. Tyler is always there with a positive attitude and readiness to engage and contribute. An avid guitarist, HS volleyball player and overall sports fan, Tyler is a fine young man growing in his faith. CONGRATS!

Family of the Month - We couldn't have chosen a finer couple who have dedicated to live their marriage vocation in the truest of Catholic Spirit. Ron and Ruth Falter will be married 67 years in January. With seven children, 18 Grandchildren and six Great Grandchildren, Ron and Ruth shared their love, caring nature and Catholic devotion to everyone in their lives. You can hear Ruth's angelic voice during Saturday's Vigil Mass or find them in the many bible studies offered by the Parish. Everyone is a better person for knowing Ron and Ruth. Say hi to them the next time you see them at Mass.



Guest Speaker - It was a pleasure to welcome our dear friend, Marybeth Vernau. Marybeth is the Community Outreach & Marketing Coordinator for Sistercare in Columbia. Sistercare provides crisis planning and short/long term support to men, women and children who are living in an abusive or violent relationship. She thanked the Knights and Columbiettes for providing hearty Thanksgiving meals to their shelters, ensuring the women and children under their care enjoyed a loving Holiday dinner. Thank you, Marybeth, for all you do for our community. Sistercare can be reached, confidentially, 24/7, at (803) 765-9428.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." — Desmond Tutu

Dear Parishioners,

Transfiguration Parish recently sponsored the annual First Responder Holiday Dinner on December 19.

This year, we prepared 74 meals-to-go. In the past we served the First Responders at the Church, but too often the deputies could not attend as they were working/serving & protecting and/or had to cut their meal short to respond to a call.

Deacon John ordered to-go containers and we prepared the meals to be delivered to the deputies at the different regions—thus they could eat during their mealtime and/or when they got back to region head-quarters.

The food the parishioners prepared included: ham, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, cornbread casserole, green bean casserole, and rolls. Each dinner was also accompanied by festive Christmas cookies and a candy cane!

Thank you to the parishioners who provided food, cooked ham & turkey, brought Christmas cookies, filled to-go containers, delivered meals, and/or made monetary donations! All this is possible because of your generosity! Special thank you to:

John & Georgia Tempesco	Ed Hogue	Bob Wagner	Cheri Shinn
Larry & Lois Thomas	Pat Brunette	Patty Evans	Rene Scheuer
Michael & Michele Ludlow	Linda Oliver	Cheryl Corcoran	Robin Sisco
Knights of Columbus	Gary Matthews	Jean Underwood	Kelly Scott
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The Columbiettes Corner



News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org

Columbiette Information Meeting: Ladies, You're Invited!

All ladies are warmly invited to join us for an upcoming Information Meeting on **January 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Classroom**. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our ladies' ministry, connect with other women, and see how you can be involved in this organization.







The Columbiettes, an international organization of Catholic women, are dedicated to three primary patronesses who serve as spiritual models for their members.

The Blessed Virgin Mary: Honored as the foundation of true motherhood, members strive to emulate her purity and total devotion.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (The Little Flower): Admired for her "Little Way" and her great zeal in making sacrifices to serve God.

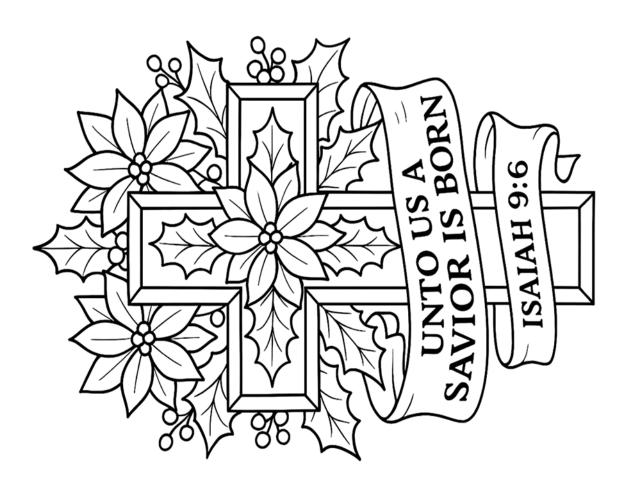
Saint Joan of Arc: Recognized for her unselfish readiness to aid those defending righteous causes.

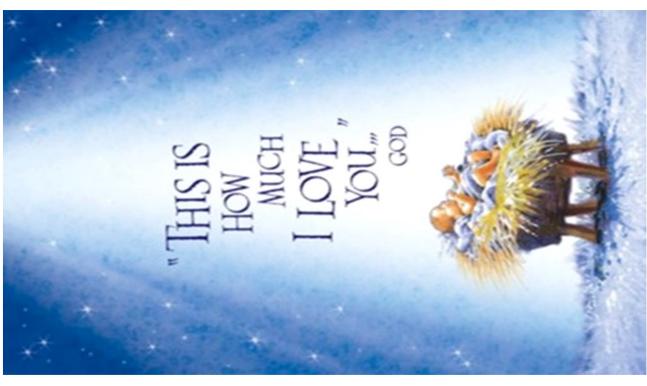
Our group is passionate about supporting church ministries and local ministries, and we love making a difference together. Just as important, we believe fellowship should be joyful—we share lots of laughter, meaningful friendships, and unique events throughout the year. Would you like to join us for a Ladies Night Out? Would you like to share in the cooking of a dinner for the Ronald McDonald House? Would you like to plan an end-of-year celebration for our youth? If you answered, "YES!" to any of these questions, then we need you. While no one does everything, each lady contributes her unique time and talents.

Whether you're new, curious, or have been attending Transfiguration for years, this meeting is for you. Come hear what we're all about, ask questions, and see how you can be part of something special.

Join us on January 12th at 6:30 p.m.—we would love to see you there!

Transfiguration Kids Corner







Worship, Intentions & Prayers



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Deceased Members of the Grindle Family+ by Richard Grindle

10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Mass **Intentions of the Parish**

Monday, December 29—Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

5:40 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass **Intentions of Kathy Cunningham** by Patty Evans

Tuesday, December 30

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

5:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

Daily Mass 6:00 p.m. Philip & Nancy Roth+ by the Cotter Family

Wednesday, December 31

3:40 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

4:00 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass Justin Lemrow+ by Joe & Arlene Bakutes

5:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's

Thursday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God—A Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

5:40 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

6:00 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass Margaret Kowalczyk + by Patty Evans

Friday, January 2—Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

2:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

5:40 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Marris Belnap+ by Sam & Nadine McDonald

Saturday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass by Tina Sinker Ann Sonatore +

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 4

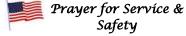
8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass **Intentions of the Parish+** 10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Mass

by Lum Azeh Christina Neh Ngufor+

4:30 p.m. Holy Qurbana St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Church

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

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



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, Larry Avins, Bryan Blaze, Princey Blaze, Fred Branham, Molly Branham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero, Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Marvin Davant, Janice Dillon, Jack Eson, Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Kristyne Hall, Janet Hargrove, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Becky Jones, Zachary Komen, Naomi Lambert, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie Ledo Barone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Jimmy Phillips, Joe Raimondi, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Bob Underwood, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of.... Kayla Francisco, Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Rachel Graham, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Dominick Laibly, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, Gavin Zamora, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.



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