

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

May 14, 2023

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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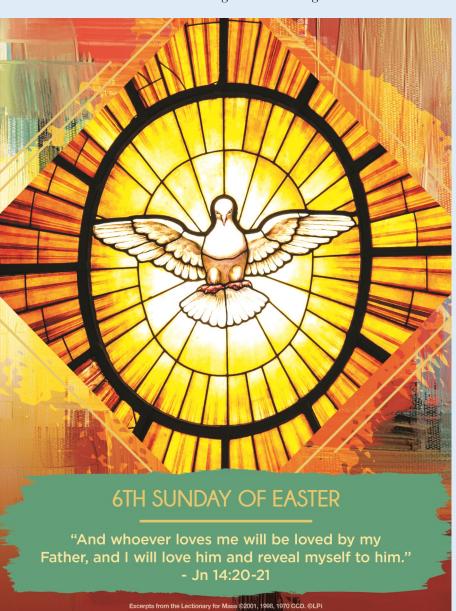
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Parish Activities					
Sunday, May 14	No Religious 9:15 a.m.	Education or Youth Group Classes—Happy Mother's Day! Forgiven Study (Conference Room—PLC)			
Monday, May 15	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) Columbiettes Officers Meeting (Small Classroom—PLC)			
Tuesday, May 16	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Catechism Discussion Group (Large Classroom—PLC) Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) Schneider Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC)			
Wednesday, May 17	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	n. Children's Choir (Large Classroom—PLC) n. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)			
Thursday, May 18	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Evangelization Committee Mtg. (Small Classroom—PLC) RCIA—Mystagogy (Large Classroom Room—PLC) Youth Bible Study (RBB)			
Friday, May 19	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)			
Saturday, May 20	5:00 p.m.	Forgiven Study (Large Classroom—PLC)			
Sunday, May 21	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4—5th Grade (Tan Bldg & Blue Bldg.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Forgiven Study (Conference Room—PLC) Youth Group Grades 6-12th (RBB) Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (PLC)			

Parish Directory

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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



Catechism in a Year Discussion Groups

Last Week's Highlight:

The vocation of lay people

898 "By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will...It pertains to them in a special way so to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are closely associated that these may always be effected and grow according to Christ and may be to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer."

899 The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life of the Church:

Lay believers are in the front line of Church life; for them the Church is the animating principle of human society. Therefore, they in particular ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of being the Church, that is to say, the community of the faithful on earth under the leadership of the Pope, the common Head, and of the bishops in communion with him.

They are the Church. --Pope Pius XII, Discourse, February 20, 1946

Join your fellow parishioners as we read the Catechism and discuss what we are learning. You can jump in at any time. Here are our upcoming meetings:

9:00 am, Tuesday, May 16 - Paragraphs 934-996 6:40 pm, Wednesday, May 17 - Paragraphs 946-1004 6:30 am, Friday, May 19 - Paragraphs 963-1019

Calling All Present & Future Altar Servers!

Deacon David Shinn requests the honor of your presence after Mass the weekend of May 27-28. This will be a quick meeting to answer questions about al-



tar serving, confirm contact information for current servers, and get input from parents and servers on future training sessions and scheduling.

He will be available after every Mass and would deeply appreciate your participation. If you can't make one of the three meetings, please contact him at DShinn@CharlestonDiocese.org.

Any person who has made their first communion is welcome to serve at the altar.

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for May 7	\$11,504.47
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,400.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$379,633.18
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$378,000.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	\$1,633.18
Second Collect	ion
Catholic Communications	\$878.00

Next week's Second Collection will support: Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Vocations Chalice — This program is for everyone!

This is an invitation to all parishioners to participate in the Vocations Chalice Program by taking the Chalice home with you for a week of prayer. Having the Vocations Chalice in your home is a powerful, visual reminder of our faith. The prayer booklet is a helpful guide of prayers for all vocations and our personal, spiritual journey. The journal is an opportunity to share your experience with others. Please choose to sign up now! You may sign up on the SignUpGenius.com website, using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44aeab2aabfe3-vocations1, or please ask the sacristan or an usher before or after Mass to sign you up. You can also scan the QR code below. This program is for everyone. You should return the Chalice, booklet and journal in the case the following week at the same Mass time as when you received it. If you have questions, please contact Bob Wagner, 803-629-2978, rswag1971@gmail.com; or Kathy Cunningham, 847-691-5899,

kathy.cunningham@pm.me

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Weekend	4:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
May 6/7	White Family	Rudell Family	Rusch Family
May 13/14	Family Needed	Family Needed	Family Needed



The Columbiettes Corner

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





May Crowning

Thank you to Jennell Torbit for organizing our May Crowning this year. It was a lovely ceremony to honor Mary with flowers, song, and prayer.

Car Show

Several Columbiettes assisted the Knights of Columbus with their Car Show last Sunday at Doko Meadows Park. A good time was had by all!



Happy Mother's Day from The Columbiettes

A prayer for Mother's Day Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us. For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you. Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story. For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you. Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us. For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you. For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness,

for those women who have lost children.

For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.



JOIN US ON THE PARISH LAWN FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, DANCING & LIVE MUSIC!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

Outdoor Rosary-6:15 p.m.

Join us for an outdoor **Rosary** at our very own Rosary Garden! It's a favorite spring tradition at Transfiguration and we will begin at 6:15 p.m.



Dinner & Live Jazz Music-7:00 p.m.

Enjoy familiar tunes performed by the **Carl Payne Big Band** as you enjoy delicious food and drinks prepared by the Knights starting at 7:00 p.m. Hit the dance floor and show us your moves!

Tips for the band are much appreciated.



Help the Youth go to Steubenville!

Our teens will be your servers for this event and all tips collected will support their trip to the *Steubenville Summer*Youth Conference in Ohio this July! We are so grateful for your generosity and support of our young people!

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FAMILY EVENING - BRING A FRIEND!





We Need Your Powerful Prayers!

1. South Carolina House to take up Heartbeat Bill (\$474)

With one week left in the 2023 session of the General Assembly, the South Carolina House will take up the Heartbeat Bill in hopes of stemming the flood of abortions now occurring in the Palmetto State. Abortion data from the State Department of Health and Environmental Control show that more than 1000 babies a month are dving in the state's three lucrative abortion businesses. Planned Parenthood operates abortion businesses in Columbia and Charleston. The abortion business in Greenville is privately owned. The Heartbeat Bill passed the Senate in February. It protects the unborn child once the fetal heartbeat is detected. Currently abortion in South Carolina is legal up to 20 weeks after fertilization.

Take Action: Pray that our South Carolina House of Representatives pass the Heartbeat Bill (S474) next week. May God enlighten the hearts of the house members to vote to protect the unborn.

2. Pray for those who have fallen away from the church.

As we enter into the month of May, in which we place a special emphasis on the Church's relationship with Mary, Bishop Barron has issued a unique prayer challenge. Join the Bishop in praying 50,000 Rosaries for the intention that those who have fallen away from their faith may return to the Church with a renewed understanding of God's love and mercy.

Take Action: Participate in the Rosary Challenge—Pray the Rosary and *Click here* to log your Rosary on the Word on Fire website so they can track how many Rosaries have been prayed.

Do you like being outdoors and having fun in the summertime?



Volunteer for VBS and Go Camping With God Adult and Teen Volunteers are Needed Vacation Bible School, June 19-23

If you want to experience joy, laughter, love, and helping children on their faith journey, please contact Patty Evans at 803-729-4625 or email pevans@charlestondiocese.org



Shred Event - May 26th - Shred the Word!

Blythewood High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Shred360 are partnering once again to host their second Free Shred Event of the school year. This event will take place on Friday. May 26th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Blythewood High School (North Gate Entrance)

Football Stadium (Visitor's Side).

Although this event is free, donations of any amount are appreciated to support the FBLA. Please limit yourself to 3 boxes of shred items per car. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Garner at agarner@richland2.org or via phone at 803-691-4090 ext 28804.

Birthright of Columbia's Baby Bottle Campaign will kick off soon. On Mother's Day, May 14th, be sure and pick up your baby bottle at the church entrance. Simply fill the bottle with your loose change,





spare cash, or check, and return it to church by Father's Day, June 18th. Monies raised will enable Birthright volunteers to offer help and hope to pregnant girls and women. If you have any questions, contact Terry Hodaly at terry@birthrightofcolumbia.org or 803-403-3391. Thank you for your participation.

Bicentennial Beholding His Glory - BHG #1 & BHG #2 **Capital Campaign Update** at February 28, 2023 \$1,500,000.00 Our Pledge Goal for BHG #2 (Bicentennial) Campaign \$1,036,210.00 Total Pledged So Far 2/1/2023 Pledges Yet Needed to Reach Our Goal! \$463,790.00 Number of Families Registered 338 Number of Donors 254 Percentage of Families Not Yet Participating 25% TOTAL Gifts Received 2/1/2023 \$984,167.57 Total Gifts Designated to the Diocese's Bicentennial Campaign \$253,125.00 paid in full TOTAL Gifts Designated to our BHG #2 Capital Campaign 2/1/2023 \$731,042.57 TOTAL Gifts Designated to our BHG #1 Capital Campaign 2/1/2023 \$1,498,338.94 2/28/2023 \$80,009.12 Total Interest Earned in Parish Savings 2/1/2023 TOTAL Gifts to BHG #1 + #2 - Diocesan Campaign + Interest \$2,309,390.63 Total Construction Costs Paid from 2017 through 1/21/2021 1,785,269.71 Total Funds Now On Hand in our Parish Savings 2/1/2023 \$524,120.92

We continue to save for a larger, more formal 600-seat sanctuary. We planned the expansion of the PLC in two phases. The first was our classroom and kitchen expansion, which we have accomplished debt-free. Phase 2, the sanctuary, was planned for and is ready for final detailing whenever the growth of the parish indicates the need. When that time comes, we will need another capital campaign. The Diocese of Charleston does not allow construction to begin until 50% of project costs are in hand. Your gifts now will enable us to start construction just that much sooner.

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Pray the Pentecost Novena beginning Friday, May 19th through Saturday, May 27th. You can pick up a copy of the prayers for this novena on the table in the PLC and pray along each day on FORMED.

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thanksyou We are deeply grateful to everyone who ensured our Confirmation celebration was a true gift: Fr. Jim & Deacon John, our Catechists - Mary Beth Vernau & Dan Wallick, our Music Director - Dr. Denise Rudell, The Hospitality Team - Suzanne Fulmer, Pat Brunette, Carmen Nazario, and all of our Teen Volunteers: Matthew, Madelyn, EmilyAnn, Elizabeth, Clara, Eilley, Ella, Carter, Rylan, San, Lennon, Ian, Will, Hannah, Julian, Caiden, Zayla, Kirra, Liam & Kendall.







St. Patrick's Cemetery Work Day-Saturday, June 24, 2023

The Knights have planned their next workday at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia on Saturday, June 24th from 7:00 a.m. until noon. This is the closest Catholic Cemetery to our church—1200 Mason Road. If you haven't had an opportunity to come out and volunteer, we would encourage you to consider spending a few hours as it is a very rewarding experience. Please contact Bob Wagner (803-629-2978) if you have any ques-



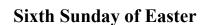
tions or if you are interested in learning about and working on a specific project at the cemetery. Thank you for all your continued help and support!

Transfiguration Kids Corner

Happy Mother's Day!



Worship, Intentions & Prayers



Sunday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Mass Mary Ann Buzzetti & Evelyn Grindle by John & Jackie Buzzetti

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

Monday, May 15—Saint Isidore

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass John McCaskey by Karen Hanson

Tuesday, May 16

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass* Arthur Hicks⁺ by Patty Evans

Wednesday, May 17

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass Faye Lesznar⁺ by the Brunette Family

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, May 18—Saint John I

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Healing of Jim Kolkowski by Sam & Nadine McDonald

Friday, May 19

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Intentions of Larry & Annette Wiley by the Transfiguration Parish

Saturday, May 20

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Michael Sipowicz⁺ by Jane Ward

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 Sunday, May 21

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

10:30 a.m. Mass Kimberly 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, Deacon Gary Atkinson, Fred Branham, Moses Branham, Christina Bretz, Alex Bringle, Enrique Caballero Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Michael Cannon, Mary Causey, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Eileen Dempsey, Sherry Haggerty, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Rosie & Robert Leonard, George Lesznar, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Sherri Nichols, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, Travis Spires, and Bob Wagner.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Rachel Graham, 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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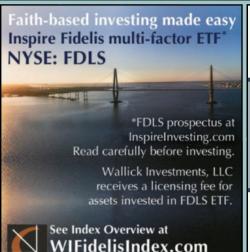
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