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HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM
& 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MON & WED

6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI

6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM

(during Adoration)

SATURDAY 9 AM

To schedule an appointment for Confession with one of the priests, please call the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 AM-4 PM

(closed 12-1 PM)

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*Feast of the
Transfiguration
of the Lord*



LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MON	Optional Memorial of Ss. Sixtus II and Companions
TUES	Memorial of St Dominic
WED	Optional Memorial of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
THUR	Feast of St Lawrence
FRI	Memorial of St Clare of Assisi
SAT	Optional Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal
SUN	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS AUG 7-13

MON	6:30 AM	Intention of Clarice Pineda
	5:30 PM	Robert Berger
TUES	6:30 AM	Peggy Wert
	8:00 AM	America Cobb
WED	6:30 AM	Mark Cobb
	5:30 PM	John Cobb
THUR	6:30 AM	Louis & Maria Csetri
	8:00 AM	Patricia Bohn
FRI	6:30 AM	John Bohn
	8:00 AM	David O'Dell
SAT	8:00 AM	Jerry Martin
	5:30 PM	Father Rod DiPietro
SUN	7:15 AM	William Lalli
	8:45 AM	Eugenio Family
	10:45 AM	The Guernica & Hoge Families
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Summer Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-6 PM (also open during Adoration, evening Mass, and during scheduled events/meetings)

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272

Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing

Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaQ account to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

Returns
Aug 9!

ANCHORED
IN ADORATION

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

ANCHORED IS NEXT WEDNESDAY!

Join us next Wednesday, August 9, at 6 PM in the Church as Anchored in Adoration returns! This month includes elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith from Patricia Mason, and our prayer team will be ready to pray one-on-one with you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES 9 AM–10 PM

WED 7 AM–5 PM

Holy Hour 6–7 PM

Confessions available

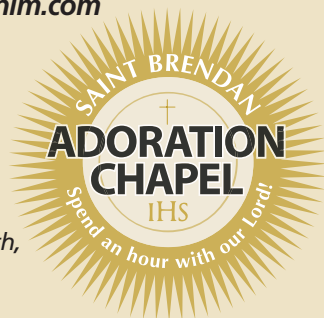
THUR 9 AM–10 PM

FRI 9 AM–10 PM

First Friday of the month,

9 AM–Saturday 1 PM

SAT 9 AM–1 PM





SPECIAL ELECTION IS THIS WEEK, AUG 8

The Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Earl Fernandes, encourages Catholics to vote "YES" on Issue 1. Voters can do so at the special election taking place on Tuesday, August 8 (early voting is currently underway). Issue 1 asks if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at

least sixty percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." Passing Issue 1 would strengthen safeguards that protect human dignity from conception until natural death in future ballots, which for us is a moral good to be encouraged. As Catholics, we are committed to confronting threats to human life and passionately promote the dignity of preborn children and their mothers. For this reason, Bishop Fernandes asks you to vote "Yes" on Issue 1.

Issue 1 language is available to read at <https://tinyurl.com/issue-one> and details about the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution on the November ballot can be found at www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment

LIFE-SIZE NATIVITY WAS DONATED TO THE DIOCESE'S CATHOLIC MUSEUM

The historic life-size Nativity display at what became known as State Auto's Christmas Corner, 518 E Broad St in downtown Columbus, is relocating to the lawn of St Joseph Cathedral, 212 E Broad St. The donation to the diocese's Museum of Catholic Art and History from State Auto includes 80 pieces depicting the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, and includes an additional \$250,000 from the insurer to assist in preserving the tradition for years to come.

"This is a joyous moment for our Catholic museum," Bishop Earl Fernandes said. "Receiving this beautiful Christian artwork that is so historic and meaningful to the Columbus community is a genuine honor, and we rejoice at the opportunity to preserve this display and bring it to the people of Central Ohio for generations to come." "Such a momentous display of a vital part of the chronicle of God's love for all people, when He humbled Himself to share in our humanity so we can share in His divinity, visibly invites us into a deeper relationship with our Lord."

The Christmas exhibit spanned almost a century, bringing visitors and Central Ohio residents of all backgrounds downtown by the thousands during the holiday season to drive past or stop with their families.



The museum, originally founded by Columbus Holy Family Church as the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center in 1998, opened at its current location on November 9, 2021. In preparation for the Jubilee year of 2000, Pope John Paul II requested that dioceses across the world dedicate space to preserving the historical heritage of the Church and their dioceses. In response to the Holy Father's request, the museum was started as a parish project for Holy Family in their former parish school.

For more information about the Columbus Museum of Catholic Art and History, which is open year-round, visit www.catholicmuseum.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



To the families of
Marilyn Braun, Bob Kienle
and Connie Toland



MARRIAGE BANNS

August 19, 2023

Brandan Le and Amber Clark



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Ava Anne Miller

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PARISH FESTIVAL
August 11 & 12

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
September 23

BLESSING OF ANIMALS
October 8

TRUNK OR TREAT
October 23

CRAFT SHOW
November 4

*Look for further details
in upcoming bulletins.*

CLOSING EARLY FRIDAY, AUG 11

Adoration will be ending early on Friday, August 11 due to the Parish Festival going on that day, so the adjusted Adoration hours are 9 AM-2 PM. The Church will be locked at 2 PM.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:30 PM	RCIA Team Meeting	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:15 PM	Anchored in Adoration	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	KofC: Men's Ministries Planning Meeting	Wellnitz, Mtng Rm 1 (w/Patio)
7:00 PM	VINE: Worship Night	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

PARISH FESTIVAL: Adoration ends 2 PM / Church closes 2PM

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM-11:30 PM	Parish Festival	Indoor & Outdoor Campus

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

PARISH FESTIVAL

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Protecting God's Children Class	Wellnitz, Mtng Rm 1 (w/Patio)
3:00 PM-11:30 PM	Parish Festival	Indoor & Outdoor Campus
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM	Mass	POD Nursery
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM	Mass	Coffee & Donuts
		Childcare Center
		Davidson Rd Mtng Rms A & B



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family **who are hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Frank Kreber
Bill Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jane Lumen
Eugene Chervenak	Jill Markey
Linda Clark	Joe Martin
Patricia Crane	Becky Moyer
Tom Crane	Grant Nuss
Ben Diepenbrock	Tom Speroni
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Don Johnson	Marilyn Wiggins
Doris Kopac	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Grieshop	Alec Moyer
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing the faith, please visit the www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and locate the Prayer Wall to make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk.

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REGISTER FOR DINNER CLUB

Enjoy great food and drink while getting to know fellow parishioners when you join the Dinner Club. Dinner Club members are grouped into "clubs" of 8 people who have 4 dinners together in members' homes over the course of 6 months. You set the dates, the menu, and who brings what dish to share. Register by August 26, then attend the Kickoff Potluck on September 9 at 6:30 PM following the Vigil Mass to find out who is in your Club. For more info or questions, please contact Rhonda Timko at thetimkos@yahoo.com Register now for the Dinner Club by visiting <https://www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club/>

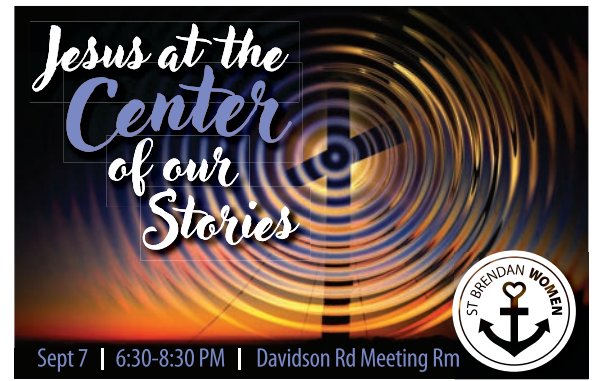


ADOPT A FLOWER BED

Attention all parish and school families! Fr Bob invites you to join him in adopting a flower bed on our St Brendan campus. Build your team, select your flower bed, choose your plants, and get some fresh air. Signing up also means you are willing to water and weed all the flower beds for 1-2 weeks per year. Think of this as our own parish community garden with the option to dedicate your flower bed to a favorite cause, intention, or in memory of a loved one. Spaces are limited and it's first come, first served. Fr Bob will be scheduling a meeting once all the spots are filled to explain more details. Questions? Contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net. If interested in signing up or to learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/adopt-a-flower-bed>

ST BRENDAN WOMEN...

Join us as we kick off our St Brendan Women season in our Eucharistic Year: To Know Him Is to Love Him! Our first event features a witness talk by Angel Fox, whose story of healing with



Jesus at the center is sure to inspire you. Refreshments, reflection, and our prayer teams will be available. RSVP through ParishStaq events or visit our webpage at <https://www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups/>

THE APPEAL

Thank you to the more than **550 families** who have pledged just under **\$300,000** to The Appeal! While money pledged does not equal money received at this point, this number substantially exceeds our goal and we so appreciate your tremendous generosity! If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so. All dollars received above goal will be applied to renovating our lighting system here in the church. On behalf of Bishop Fernandes and Fr Bob, we can't thank you enough!



RCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 29

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, stems from the early Church and allows adults (14+) to learn about developing a personal relationship with Jesus, what it means to be Catholic, and how the graces of the sacraments and the community of the faithful give us direction to put our faith into action. St Brendan's RCIA group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, August 29, 2023 through April 16, 2024, 7-8:30 PM in the McCurdy Learning Center. If schedule is a factor, contact us to discuss alternative paths. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia/

Seniors **NOW**  **ANCHORED IN FAITH**
NAVIGATING OUR WAY
A St Brendan parish social group for age 60+

AUGUST 14, 12 PM
Luncheon at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring a lunch, drink and chair.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to each of the adorers who participated in another successful First Friday Perpetual Adoration! We are thrilled to be able to celebrate and venerate the Most Blessed Sacrament as much as we do here at St Brendan. The ability to adore Him after hours is made possible by a generous grant from The Catholic Foundation. Their gift has enabled the required security updates and PIN-access for overnight visitation. If you'd like to keep vigil or join in weekly adoration, sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? All are welcome at lunch where we listen, laugh, cry and help one another through this grief journey. Our next monthly grief luncheon is on Thursday, August 17, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge Street) Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

The next Protecting God's Children class at St Brendan will be next Saturday, August 12 at 9 AM in Wellnitz Hall. There are still spaces available! Sign up now at <https://www.virtusonline.org/>



THE PARISH FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEEKEND!

DISCOUNTED PRESALE RIDE WRISTBANDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

\$46 for two bands (\$50 at the event) or \$23 for one (\$25 at the event). Save by purchasing in advance! Presale Ride Wristbands are good for only one night and can be redeemed in the Ride Wristband line at the Festival. Purchase them online now on the Festival web page or by visiting <https://stbrendanchurch.square.site>

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Sign up to help out at this year's Festival by visiting www.stbrendans.net/festival or scan the QR code. The Diocese would like everyone to fill out a *Volunteer Code of Conduct Form* which is available at www.stbrendans.net/safe-environment/



CARE & CONSOLATION

We are in need of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to join our nursing facility teams Sunday mornings and during the week for Communion services or visiting rooms. Training is provided and you do not need to be an EMHC already. Commitment is monthly, quarterly or as a sub. To help, contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS... THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

ST MONICA PRAYER



*Dear St Monica,
Troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine.*

Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St Monica, for (mention your petition here) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

"And remember: you and I alone cannot open people's hearts. Only the Holy Spirit can open people's hearts. God loves the people for whom we pray, even more than we do. We may not see results today or tomorrow, or even in our lifetimes. But seeing results isn't up to us. Praying with trust and perseverance, as St Monica did, is up to us. The rest is in the hands of God. And there is no better or safer place to be than in the hands of the God who is love." ~ Fr Joseph Marcello



PRAYER SERVICE, AUG 27

Join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry at the **St Monica Prayer Service**, August 27 at 3 PM in the Church, to pray for all those no longer active or practicing our Faith. Learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back into the Fold through St Monica's example. Join us in praying a Novena that begins August 18, found at www.stbrendans.net/ich

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

St Brendan families,

I hope you will join St Brendan's family faith formation program for another great year of growth. Throughout this summer, I have been visiting with families, and they have given positive feedback about both their children's experiences and their own faith formation. I have repeatedly heard that parents feel supported by other parents as they pass on their faith to their children. I hope that you will consider joining this community where both children and parents are encountering Jesus through others, the teachings of the Church, and the Sacraments. **Registration will remain open until August 15.** You can find more information and registration links on the St Brendan Family Faith Formation web page at <https://www.stbrendans.net/familyfaithformation/>

Jacob Doran,
Director of Youth Evangelization & Catechesis

QR codes to register or volunteer for Family Faith Formation are below:



PARENT
Fill out
once.



CHILD
Fill out
once per
child.



VOLUNTEER
Fill out to
receive a
discount!

VOLUNTEERS The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on many who can help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Sign up and receive a discount!

LEAD CATECHISTS (50% discount) coordinate adults in leading children in songs, games, and teachings prepared by our staff. Lead 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

AIDES (50% discount) support the Lead Catechist in managing and leading activities with small groups of elementary-aged kids. Aides assist with 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups. Lead 12 small groups, twice/month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once/month.

SEEKING A FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are currently seeking a full-time Middle School Youth Minister. This position will run a monthly youth night and coordinate family faith formation small groups for grades 6-8. If interested, please contact jdoran@stbrendans.net with resume and cover letter.



FALL SPORTS

Registration is open for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports (football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, soccer.) Register by visiting stbrendans.net/athletics

MARIA STEIN SHRINE TRIP

Our sister parish, St Margaret of Cortona, is hosting a Bus Day Trip to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics on September 5. Cost is \$68 per person and includes transportation, admission, box lunch and snacks. The bus will leave St Margaret's parking lot at 8 AM and return around 5:30 PM. If interested, drop the payment off at their parish office which is located at 1600 N Hague Ave in Columbus, with checks made payable to St Margaret and "Maria Stein" on the memo line. Space is limited! Reserve your spot by Tuesday, August 14. Questions? Contact Elaine Prochak at 614-378-5504 or eaprochak@gmail.com

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This collection provides support for various pastoral projects, including the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please leave your gift in the baskets after Masses or to give online by scanning the QR code or at <https://ppay.co/7Uo6l3QGtC>



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HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 10, at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is now open at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>

CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Join men from across the Diocese August 26, 2023, 9 AM-12:30 PM (Mass at 8:30 AM) at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville. The half-day event is designed for Catholic men, featuring a light breakfast, speakers, and small group discussion. Speakers include: Father David Sizemore, Episcopal Vicar for the Diocese of Columbus and Brad Pierron, the Missionary Program Director for Damascus. For more details and to register, visit: www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

BETHESDA HEALING FUNDRAISER EVENT

Your financial support is vital in order to help those in need of healing after an abortion. Join us Saturday, August 26, for 9 AM Mass followed by 10 AM Brunch and program featuring Keynote speaker Reverend Monsignor James A. Walter. Event is located at St Andrew Parish Hall, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. \$35/person. For post-abortion healing, call 614-718-0277 Register at bethesdahealing.org/events

RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to help us deliver our mission, "...to prevent and alleviate human suffering by mobilizing the power of volunteers..." Many people do not realize that the workforce at the Red Cross is 90% volunteers. This makes each volunteer a vital part of the team. If interested in helping, you can start your volunteer journey at www.redcross.org/volunteer and clicking on the blue "Apply Now" words. If you have questions or want more information, reach out to the Volunteer Recruitment Specialist, Becky, at rebecca.chandler2@redcross.org or 614-395-3924.

August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to "transform into something more beautiful or elevated." This is what we see happening in Matthew's Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed - he is *transfigured* - before them: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God's promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, "Listen to him." That's a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, "You will do well to be attentive to it" and then compares doing so to being "a lamp shining in a dark place." The world today can be a very dark place, but we don't have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus' example and commands, we can bring light - along with hope and joy - to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the "day will dawn." When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God's kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord's Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.

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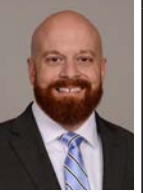
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