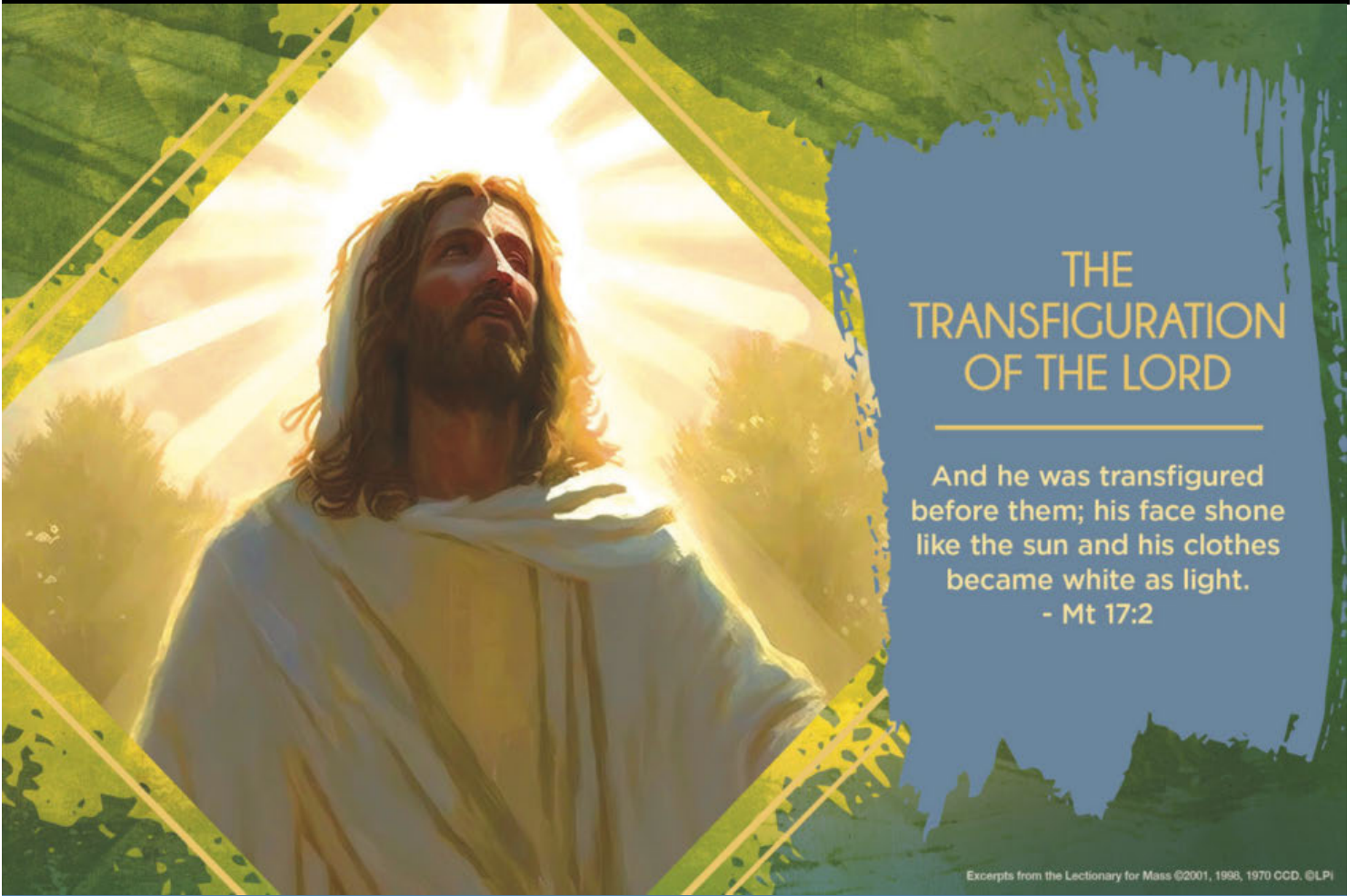


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THE  
TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured  
before them; his face shone  
like the sun and his clothes  
became white as light.  
- Mt 17:2

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**COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

*JULY 29 & 30, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:*

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>SH</b>	<b>SC</b>
WEEKLY COLLECTION	701.00	846.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
PETERS PENCE	104.00	174.00
FUNDRAISING	68.90	719.00

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*OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES*

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** For this holy day of obligation, there will be a 6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart on Monday, August 14th and Mass as Saint Cecilia will be Tuesday, August 15th at 8:00 am. (Monday morning Mass will be canceled at St. Cecilia).



**Sat. Aug. 5, 4:00 pm (SH)** - †In memory of Brooke Caraco, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

**Sun. Aug. 6, 8:30 am (SC)** - †In memory Karen Ford, requested by Mary Reich.

**Mon. Aug. 7 thru Sun. August 13, 2023**

**Mon. Aug. 7, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Tue. Aug. 8, 8:00 am (SC)** - †In memory of Sal Furnare, requested by Pat & Gerald Grandy.

**Fri. Aug. 11, 8:00 am (SC)** - No intention requested.

**Sat. Aug. 12, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In memory of Dick English, requested by Tonya, Eric & Mary Clare Brownell.

**2.)** †In memory of Beverly Chartier, requested by The Healy family.

**Sun. Aug. 13, 8:30 am (SC)** - †In memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.

**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Aug 5 (SH)</b>	Mark Caffrey Theresa Kovian	<b>Aug 12 (SH)</b>	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing
<b>Aug 6 (SC)</b>	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn	<b>Aug 13 (SC)</b>	James Wray Dave Marcais

**Counters Schedule**

<b>Aug 9 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Chris Caffrey	<b>Aug 16 (SH)</b>	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
<b>Aug 7 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne	<b>Aug 14 (SC)</b>	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

**Food Pantry**

<b>Aug 23 (SC)</b>	Bette Papa Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie
<b>Sept 6 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**August 6, 2023 - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

~Father John Muir

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## ***Transfiguration of the Lord*** **August 6 (1st. Century)**

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

***One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.***



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mass at Sacred Heart in Fr Juanito's Absence:** At this time we are unable to find a temporary replacement for Fr. Juanito during his vacation. Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart will be canceled during this time (Aug 26 through Sept 30). We will alert you if this should change. There is a 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's in Amsterdam as well as a 4pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville.

**Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser:** Volunteers are needed for our parking lot fundraiser on Saturday, **Sept. 16**. Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

**Sacred Heart Ice Cream Social:** Our Ice Cream Social will be held on **Thurs. August 17th from 6-8 pm**. We could certainly use some of your wonderful baked goods and a few volunteers for scooping and serving would be awesome as well. Tell your friends and spread the word. This is a community outreach.

**Saint Cecilia Rummage Sale:** The annual Rummage Sale will be held on October 13-14, 2023. Carry ins accepted until Oct. 9th, set-up throughout the week.

**Step Up Men's Conference:** The Step Up Men's Conference will be held on August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine - Auriesville, NY. Registration is \$50 (college age and younger are free). To register, go to <https://bohmdesigns.com/StepUp/> For questions contact Tom LaBruzzo at [tlabco@gmail.com](mailto:tlabco@gmail.com) or Tom Cronin at [Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org](mailto:Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org)

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