

2017 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSFIGURATION PARISHIONERS

OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL
HOLIDAY PROJECT
(items needed by Dec. 4)

Soft covered bibles
Candy canes
Prayer cards
Playing cards
White socks
Bar soap
Pads of paper
Shampoo

Stamped Christmas cards for inmates to
send to children & families

MOTHER & UNBORN
BABY CARE
(items needed by Dec. 11)

Diapers

LAHSER HILLS
NURSING HOME
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Dec. 21st 2:30-4:30pm

Gifts for 150 residents

Party Volunteers
needed.

(all Lahser Hills gifts
are due no later than
Dec. 18th)

ST. ALOYSIOUS
(items needed by Dec. 11)

Socks
Towels
Hats, scarves, & gloves (adult)
Thermal undergarments
Hot cocoa mix

WEE CARE

Newborn to 12 months
Clothing
(items needed by Dec. 11)

SO MANY PEOPLE IN NEED, WE
CAN FIND A HOME FOR JUST
ABOUT ANYTHING.
SO DO NOT FEAR BRINGING IN
SOMETHING NOT ON A LIST,
WE WILL FIND SOMEONE WHO
NEEDS IT.

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Paula

FRANCISCAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Mittens, hats & scarves (children)
Toys & games of all kinds (ages 0-13)
(items needed by Dec. 11)

SS PETER & PAUL WARMING CENTER

Coffee, tea, peanut butter, jam, sample size soap,
shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, socks, underwear,
hand-warmers, hats, gloves & scarves
(items needed by Dec. 11)



**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
20 November 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Cybulski at 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer was done by Wilhelmina Keeling. Bill read the Parish mission statement and Roll Call was done by Suzanne Grden.

Present: Father Dennet Jung (Pastor), Father Jeremy Harrington (Associate Pastor), Bill Cybulski (Chair), Tom Bassett (Vice-chair), Debbie Eagenwest, Wilhelmina Keeling, (At-large members), Barb Lopiccolo (Christian Service), Nancy Peterson (Discipleship), John Grden (Worship), Mesfin Belay (Education), Clyde Bostick (Vicariate Rep.), Jon Fox (Finance), Sharon Myers (Business Manager).

Excused: Joyce Fox, Celestine Aguwa (At-large members).

Absent: Grace Bostic (Vicariate Rep.).

The approval of the October 2017 minutes was confirmed.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Christian Service: Minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Barb confirmed that no one has stepped forward to take over as chair of SOS. Sister Francesca from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will be contacted to see if they have anyone willing to chair this program.

Discipleship: Minutes from the October 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Nancy noted that the Evangelization Committee has been officially formed, with nine members – one person from each Commission and five other parishioners, who have all attended all three sessions of the ChristLife program.

Education: Minutes from the November 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mesfin added that there will be an “Unleash the Gospel” Lenten program. The newly formed Evangelization Committee will take this on as their first project. Also, there is a booklet of Advent Gospel Reflections available at wordonfire.org. The booklet is free, but there is a cost for shipping.

Worship: No meeting in November; therefore, no report.

Vicariate: Clyde reported that the meeting was held on October 17. Group discussions were had on how each Parish can follow the guidelines of the Apostolic letter. Next meeting will focus on how the Vicariate can do the same.

Finance: No meeting, no report.

OLD BUSINESS: The Pastoral Council is still in need of two alternates for this term. If interested, please contact Bill Cybulski.

NEW BUSINESS: Installation of Father Jeff as our Pastor will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Pastoral Council members and Finance Council members need to attend. Bill noted that this past July 1, 2017 was the tenth anniversary of Transfiguration Parish.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS: Father Dennet spoke about the consolidation of the four Parishes, and congratulated Transfiguration for coming together as one so successfully. He thanked the Council and Parish for welcoming him these past five months, and said it was a privilege to be here. His last weekend with us will be November 25/26.

UPCOMING EVENTS: See the church bulletin and our website and Facebook for details of these upcoming events:

Franciscan Outreach Program closed from November 22 to December 3.

First Sunday of Advent is December 3.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8.

Breakfast with Santa – Sunday, December 10 after 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

Women's Christmas Dinner – Friday, December 15 at 5:30.

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Duns Scotus room. Closing prayer was done by Barb. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Grden



Small acts of Mercy Can change the world.

Many people have visited family or friends in a nursing home. Patients look forward to visitors with joy.

Here at Transfiguration, we happen to have a small group of the most extraordinary people who take turns visiting five local nursing homes, Lahser Hills, Lakeland Center, Franklin Terrace, Brookdale & Evergreen. These wonderful parishioners have been doing this faithfully for years without complaint. Week after week, every Saturday, without fail, they arrive at 9 am to pick up the Holy Eucharist, and proceed onto their assigned nursing home.

When these Extraordinary Ministers arrive, Catholic patients are excited to receive Holy Communion and truly appreciate the visit.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have a couple of our volunteers on medical leave for an unknown length of time, so we are recruiting people to join in this weekly ministry.

We will match you up with one of our currently active ministers for training. Please contact Paula at transfigpaula@att.net or 248-356-9261.

This ministry is another way you can show love to others.



Support the Transfiguration Men's Club
by purchasing your
Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias
from them.
Order Forms can be found on the Welcome Table
in the Gathering Room.



Breakfast with Santa

Hosted by the Men's Club

Sunday, December 10, 2017
serving from 9:00am until 12:00 noon
in the Parish Hall
noon Mass attendees, please
join us before Mass



ALL THE PANCAKES YOU CAN EAT

scrambled eggs, sausages,
juice & coffee

\$5.00 - 11 and older

FREE - under 11

Santa will be here between 9-10 and 11-12

Come eat, greet Santa, and
Mingle & Jingle with your fellow parishioners

Volunteers are welcome to come help out, if interested,
please call John Grden @ 248-355-3953



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU for being a member of our parish family.

We would appreciate it if everyone would take the time to check the parish directory and notify Amy in the parish office if your phone number, address, or email has changed. In the last few weeks, we have tried to contact a few of you only to find the phone numbers were incorrect. (It is very easy to overlook notifying your church when this happens.) Once or twice a year, important mailings are sent out including year end statements. So we kindly ask you to update your information if it has changed.

Amy can be contacted at 248-356-8787 or emailed @ aburgin@transfigsfld.org.

Thank You for your cooperation.

ATTENDING TRANSFIGURATION, BUT NOT REGISTERED

Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Room, just fill it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

We joyfully welcome new members to our parish family.

We have noticed a number of parishioners have still not changed the parish staffs email addresses so, here they are again:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

The parish staff has new e-mail addresses. Please take a minute to change their addresses in your computers.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Sharon Myers: smyers@transfigsfld.org
 Paula Hillman: phillman@transfigsfld.org
 Amy Burgin: aburgin@transfigsfld.org
 Diane Klucka: dklucka@transfigsfld.org
 Joseph Dallo: jdallo@transfigsfld.org

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Main Parish e-mail address: transfigsfld.org

Fr. Dennet's, Fr. Jeremy's, Br. Phil's & Steve Siemion's e-mail addresses will not be changed. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation with this matter.

SOMETHING OF IMPORTANCE TO CONSIDER

You would be surprised how often the priests and staff of Transfiguration will have a conversation starting with 'I haven't seen such & such, has anyone seen them lately?' And quite often, we find out they were taken ill, in an accident, or hospitalized, and we didn't know. A number of us are getting up in age and live alone and we would like to make a suggestion.

You may wish to give your adult children the name of your parish, Transfiguration and the phone number 248-356-8787. This way if anything happens, they can notify the office and if wished, arrangements for a visit from a priest can be arranged.

You may also wish to call the office and leave the name of an adult child and their phone number. This way if we notice you are missing, we would have someone to call and check with.

We worry because we care!

Call the office @ 248-356-8787 to give Amy the information.

All information will be kept private.



To all the parishioners and staff of Transfiguration parish I offer my deepest thanks for your kindness and generosity to me during the past five months. May the Lord bless you with good health and much happiness especially during the coming Christmas season. May God give you peace!

Fr. Dennet



Many Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests serve for years in our Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes, but receive little or no pay. After having given a lifetime, they often face a shortage in retirement savings during their senior years. Hundreds of religious orders struggle to provide for their older members.

Parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit will take up a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend, December 9-10. Contributions will help provide funding for medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Please prayerfully consider contributing generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass next weekend.

For more information about the Retirement Fund for Religious, please visit retiredreligious.org.

Thanksgiving & the Franciscan Outreach Program

It all started Monday morning, Dec. 20th, when numerous volunteers showed up and started packing grocery bags containing all the ingredients to provide a full Thanksgiving meal to 400 families. The turkeys arrived and the clients soon followed. Monday & Tuesday afternoon families in need were provided with not just the all the fixings for their Thanksgiving meal but with lots of smiles from Br. Phil Wilhelm ofm, Tom Bassett, Rick Beauchamp, Al Brankiewicz, Ann Citron, Odette Clegg, Jerry & Kay Dailey, Laura & George Dutton, Mike Dillon, Sheila Fallon, Louise Lewis, Sr. Vincent Louise, Paul Loiselle, Ellen Mardeusz, Vern Newman, Marie Poole, Jerry Rattenbury, Marilyn Schepansky, Br. Ed Gura ofm, & John Grden.



Without complaint everything was done from putting paper bags together to packing food to checking clients in to working outside in the cold to give out the food. All helped in big and small ways. And they will all be back at Christmas to give out the makings for a fantastic Christmas dinner and bags of toys & games for the children, with joy in their hearts & smiles on their faces.

If you would like to be part of this fantastic ministry, call John Grden. The more elves we have the more merri-ment we have.

CSA: Black Catholic Ministry

“Hearing His Call,” an Advent Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection featuring Deacon Hubert Sanders, will be held at the Father Solanus Casey Center next Saturday, December 9.

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the Black Catholic Ministry Office is able to ensure the Archdiocese of Detroit meets the needs of African American Catholics through worship, education, and community services like this. The office also focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers, as well as serves as a resource for other archdiocesan offices.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Please take a minute to sign up for the Christmas Masses. You will find the sign up programs on a board in the Gathering Room. Sign ups are for the Dec. 24th: Children's Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24th: 10:00 p.m. Mass, Dec. 25th: Christmas Day 8:00 a.m., Dec. 25th: 10:00 a.m. Mass.



THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS

GOD GAVE US HIS BEST.

Today... a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:11 (NIV)

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 1:00 pm: December 9th 16th and 23rd

Tuesday at 10:30 am: December 5th 12th and 19th

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th

4:30 pm Mass with Children's Nativity Re-enactment

10:00 pm Vigil Mass with Adult Choir and Brass

Christmas Choral Music will begin at 9:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th

Masses at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

10:00 am Mass with Adult Choir and Brass

Christmas Choral Music will begin at 9:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 am 10:00 am & Noon

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st - Mass at 9:00 am

(This year the Feast of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation)

The Parish offices will be closed the week of December 25th and re-open January 3rd

In case of emergency call 248-356-8788 to reach a priest