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Summer Office Hours:

Mon-Fri from 9:00am-12:00pm, or by appointment

Find us at: 527 Bairdford Road, Bairdford

Saint Victor Campus ~ Bairdford, PA

Transfiguration Campus ~ Russellton, PA

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00pm	Saint Victor Church	
	6:00pm	Transfiguration Church	
Sunday	9:00am	Transfiguration Church	
	11:00am	Saint Victor Church	

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church	
Tuesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church	
Wednesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church	
Thursday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church	
Friday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church	
Saturday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00pm, or by Appointment.

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Submit items to be considered for our parish bulletin to bulletin@ollakes.org.

Deadline for submission is Monday at 4:00pm.

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SACRAMENTS

<u>Baptism</u>: Call the office to schedule. Must attend a Baptism Seminar (preferably **before** the birth of the child) once.

Marriage: Contact parish at least 6 months prior to wedding.

<u>RCIA</u>: Are you 18+ and want to become a Catholic Christian? Call the Admin Center at 724-265-2070 for more info.

<u>Priesthood / Vocations</u>: Call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 412-456-3123.

<u>Anointing of the Sick / Ministry to the Homebound</u>: Call the office if you have a serious illness or injury and need a special anointing or to receive communion. If someone is in need of Last Rites, or for a sacramental emergency, please contact Father Holland directly on his cell phone at 412-977-6589.

Safe Environment Clearances: Every volunteer role in the parish, even if it does not involve children, requires clearances to be obtained before participating in ministry or volunteering. We are happy to help. Clearance applications can be completed easily on-line at home. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-265-2070x504 or via email at safeoll@ollakes.org with any questions.

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PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger

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AUGUST 24, 2025

Saint Victor Campus 527 Bairdford Road, Bairdford, PA 15006

Noon to 4:00pm



FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS 🔶 DJ



► BASKET RAFFLE → BAKE SALE

(Rain Date August 31st)

We need your help to make this event successful!

- Pop, Water, and fully assembled Gift Baskets
- Cash donations can be placed in the collection basket in a separate envelope marked 'Car Cruise'
- · All above items are requested to be turned in no later than Saturday, August 16th
- Baked Goods will be needed! Please plan to drop off items on the day of the event

We also need volunteers to work at the car cruise. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Contact Glenn at 724-272-5171 with any questions and for more information.



The Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 14th 4:00pm at Transfiguration Church

Friday, August 15th

8:00am at Transfiguration Church 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church

Please note: There will be no 8:00am Daily Morning Mass on Thursday, August 14th.

Mission Co-op Appeal Weekend ~ As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Reverend James Okoye, CSSp, will visit Our Lady of the Lakes Parish this weekend to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at www.spiritans.org. The Spiritans are an international religious order engaged in a wide range of missionary activities in over 60 countries throughout the world and across in the United States. This weekend's missionary, Fr. James, is a missionary priest from Nigeria. If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Hearing Aid Found ~ A hearing aid was found in the handicapped parking area at the STV Campus on Monday, August 4th. Please call the office for more information.

Contemporary Choir Practice ~ The Our Lady of the Lakes Contemporary Choir will practice at Transfiguration Church on Monday, August 11, from 7:00-8:30pm. The choir will be singing at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, August 17. New members are always welcome! Any questions, please call 724-265-2070 x102, or send an email to music@ollakes.org.

The Monthly Rosary, which is normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month, will be on the 4th Saturday for August, which will be the 23rd of August. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please join us in one of the greatest prayers we can pray, the Holy Rosary.



We remember those who have passed from this life, especially:

> Susan Corbett Frank Gaus

Please remember our recently deceased and their families in your prayers.

Transfiguration Church

St. Victor Church

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9 Weekday/Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cros		
8:00am Marie Pazak by Justin Mazzanti & Dannje	an Colley Transfiguration Church	
4:00pm Helen Shurina by the Ron Mennow Family	Saint Victor Church	
6:00pm Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of Pe	eter & Dorothy Catanese	
by Helen, Tracy, & Annie Catanese-Un	capher Transfiguration Church	
Sunday, August 10 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00am Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady	of the Lakes Parish Transfiguration Church	
11:00am Living & Deceased Members of Constanting	ne Vitale Family	
by William & Lorraine Murphy	St. Victor Church	
1:00pm Health of Leo Hinterlang by Pete & Mary K	Kanaitis Deer Lakes Park	
Monday, August 11 Saint Cla		
8:00am Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for J	im Kotchey by Family St. Victor Church	
Tuesday, August 12 Weekday/Saint Jane Frances de Chantal		
8:00am Marla Piccolino by the Patrizio Family	St. Victor Church	
Wednesday, August 13 Weekday/Saints Pontian and Hippolyto		
8:00am Tom Finn by John & Arlene Rakar	St. Victor Church	
Thursday, August 14	Saint Maximillian Kolbe	



Friday, Au	gust 15	he Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the La	kes Parish Transfiguration Church
7:00pm	Teresa Knechtel by Dave Knechtel	Transfiguration Church
Saturday,	August 16	Weekday/Saint Stephen of Hungary
8:00am	Greg Janicki by John & Arlene Rakar	Transfiguration Church
4:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the La	ikes Parish Saint Victor Church
6:00pm	6th Anniversary of Death of Dorothy Neibar by Far	nily Transfiguration Church
Sunday, August 17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Tir		Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am	Richard Cesaretti by Cesaretti Family	Transfiguration Church

4:00pm Anniversary of Death of Filomena Carassanesi by Clara Salvi

11:00am In Memory of Bertram & Dolores Michler by David & Karen Michler

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PRAY FOR OUR SICK ~ Christine Ahlin, Eileen Ahlin, Christine Bechtold, Robert Bodnar, Diane Colizza, Joseph Colizza, Nicholas Damon, Priscilla Demosky, Steve Demosky, John Dickun, Bob Eckenrod, Amy Ellwood, Mary Rose Farr, Pam Gaurich, Dian Geyer, Jason Godek, Helen Goodhart, Hannah Grunden, Joseph M. Grunden, Carol Hill, Mary Ann Hudak, Nancy Hughes, Calvin Ingle, Lincoln Ingle, Linda Kapinskis, Gary Kelly, Valerie Komoroski, Donna Lauterbach, Dominic Lettrich, Alexander Lloyd, Renee Lukehart, Robert Madar, Daniel Maines, Judy McBride, William McKinley, Carol Meador, Dan Momberger, Janet Mondron, Jackie Mueller, Melanie Murray, Tom Nagy, Mary Jo O'Rourke, John Rakar, Jesse Rodgers, Silvano Rossini, Joe Smagala, Martin Stephan, Jack Sumrok, David Veschi, Katie Wessel, Veronica Whitico, Margaret Wilson, the recipients of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and all those who prefer to remain anonymous.



Active Parish Membership Means:

- Registration (18+ required) in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the offertory envelope system or electronic giving in support of the parish
- ₱ Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days
- Volunteer and participate in parish activities

Parish News & Notes

This Week at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Location Key:

TRC - Transfiguration Campus STV - Saint Victor Campus

Saturday, August 9

Spiritan Mission Co-op Appeal, at all Masses - STV & TRC Churches

Sunday, August 10

Spiritan Mission Co-op Appeal, at all Masses - TRC & STV Churches Parish Feast Day Mass & Picnic, 1:00pm - Deer Lakes Park (Pike Pavilion)

Monday, August 11

Contemporary Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30pm - TRC Church

Tuesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 13

Eucharistic Adoration, 2:00pm - STV Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00pm - STV Church

Thursday, August 14

Assumption Holy Day Vigil Mass, 4:00pm - TRC Church Parish Bingo, 7:00pm - STV Activity Building

Friday, August 15

Assumption Holy Day Mass, 8:00am - TRC Church Assumption Holy Day Mass, 7:00pm - TRC Church

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

Contemporary Choir Mass, 9:00am - TRC Church Blessing of Backpacks, at Sunday Masses - TRC & STV Church



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Sanctuary Lamp is lit beginning August 10th

Saint Victor Church

"Living & Deceased Members of the Constantine Vitale Family" by William & Lorraine Murphy

Collection Report

Week of July 20, 2025

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$ 9,000
This Week	\$ 6,536
Budget Year to Date	\$ 27,000
Actual Year to Date	\$ 22,531
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,469)

Parish Assessments*

Weekly Goal This Week	\$ \$	2,470 684
Budget Year to Date	\$	7,410
Actual Year to Date	\$	3,191
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(4,219)

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Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14 4:00pm at Transfiguration Church Lector: Bill Burdett EMHC: Joe Smagala Altar Servers: Joanne Draskovich

Friday, August 15 8:00am at Transfiguration Church Lectors: Morning Lector Volunteer EMHC: Shelia Hanlon Altar Servers: Dave Knechtel

Friday, August 15 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church Lector: Pat Connell EMHC: Lindsay Strishock Altar Servers: Makenzie Cypher

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 16 4:00pm at St. Victor Church Lector: Vicki Mlinarcik EMHC: Cheryl Finn Altar Servers: Alex Godinez

6:00pm at Transfiguration Church Saturday, August 16 Lector: MaryEtta Filotei EMHC: Joanne Draskovich Altar Servers: Stephen & Taylor Strishock

9:00am at Transfiguration Church Sunday, August 17 Lectors: Al Fletcher EMHC: Judi Damon Altar Servers: Elaina Dietrich: Lauren Micale

Sunday, August 17 Lectors: Raymond O'Rourke, Sr. Altar Servers: William Geraci; Giovanni Zottola 11:00am at St. Victor Church EMHC: Annie Catanese

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Save the Date for the Blessing of the Backpacks! ~ All K-12th grade students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks and join us during Masses on Sunday, August 17, at 9:00am at Transfiguration Church and 11:00am at Saint Victor Church. Get the perfect start for a new school year!

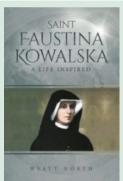


CCD Registration ~ Registration for CCD is available online now! To ensure we can order the necessary books for next year, please register for CCD at your earliest convenience. Feel free to use the QR code provided below to link to the registration form.

Volunteers Needed ~ Our program is made possible by our volunteers. We are currently in need of teachers and high school aides. In particular, Transfiguration's CCD program

needs two teachers for the fall. If you are interested in helping to make Faith Formation possible this year, please contact one of our Faith Formation Directors (MaryEtta Filotei at 724-448-3639/mfilotei@ollakes.org and Kelsey Probst at 724-265-4040/kprobst@ollakes.org).





New Book Club Selection ~ Please join the Catholic Book Club on Sunday, August 24, at 4:00pm in the TRC Meeting Room, to discuss <u>Saint Faustina Kowalska</u>: A <u>Life Inspired</u> by Wyatt North. Born Helena Kowalska on a clear August day in 1905, to a poor Polish family, she was the third of ten children. When Helena turned nineteen, she felt called by Jesus to

go to Warsaw and enter a convent. After arriving, she was turned down by convent after convent, until finally, one accepted her. She took the name Faustina and stayed in the convent until her death in 1938. Little would have been known about her if it had not been for her extraordinary revelations. Sister Faustina's most extraordinary revelation—the one she is famous for—was of Jesus appearing to her with white and red rays protruding from his heart. Jesus told her that he wanted her to have a painting made of the vision and have as its banner, "Jesus, I trust in you."













Your Parish Needs You!

- Lectors serve our faithful community by proclaiming the readings from Scripture during our liturgies, helping to open the hearts and minds of our community to God's Word.
 All parishioners age 16 and over are encouraged to
 - All parishioners age 16 and over are encouraged to prayerfully consider becoming a lector.
- Altar Servers have many duties: preparing for Mass by lighting the candles and preparing the altar, carrying the processional cross and candles, and assisting the priest during Mass.

Boys & girls ages 9 through high school are invited to become members of our altar server team! We are also looking for adult servers for help at weekday Masses, funerals, and other liturgies.

HOW TO JOIN US

- If you are interested in becoming a LECTOR, contact Pete at 724-265-2070x102 or pkanaitis@ollakes.org.
- If you are interested in becoming an ALTAR SERVER, please use the Altar Server Registration Form on our parish website, or contact Joe at jsmagala@ollakes.org.

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Every Thursday ~ 7:00 P.M. St. Victor Activity Building

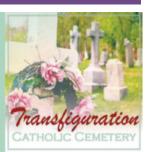
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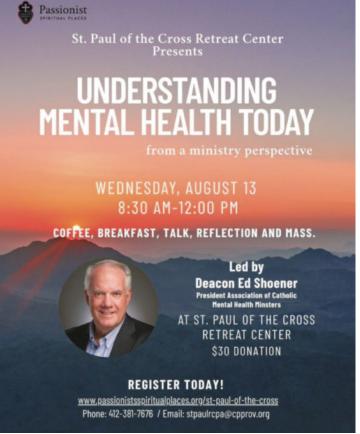
Community News

Unsure of your plans for school this fall? Thinking about transferring? Consider St. Joseph High School! SJHS offers a college preparatory education that encourages spiritual growth and academic excellence, as well as extracurricular participation. There is still time to make the switch for this Fall! Financial aid is still available! Apply online at SaintJosephHS.com/admissions or contact the Admissions Office at 724-226-2819.

Back-to-School Mass & Social ~ St. Joseph High School students and families are invited to attend the 4:00pm Mass at Guardian Angels Parish, Most Blessed Sacrament site on Saturday, August 23. A reception will be held immediately following in the Pope John Paul II Center and school courtyard (weather permitting). RSVP to Amy Haugh at ahaugh@saintjosephhs.com or 724-226-7872.







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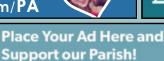
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