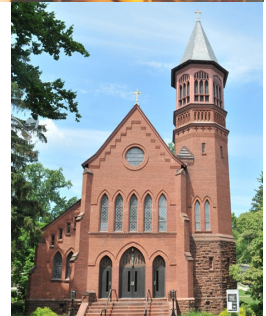




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♦♦ ST. PAUL ♦♦		♦♦ ST. ANN ♦♦
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Dominic</b> Buonocore, Parish Manager <b>Mark</b> Czerwinski, Director RCIA	<b>Luke</b> Conroy, Director RCIA <b>Charles</b> DeGroat <b>Gerald</b> Fenton, Liturgy Coordinator
<b>Parish Office Hours</b>	9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Friday	11:00 am-12:00 pm Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs.
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<b>St. Paul Regional School</b>	<b>Mrs. Michelle Pitot</b> (845-268-6506)	
<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>James</b> Russell	<b>Vincent</b> Green
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm <b>Sunday</b> 7:30 & 10 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of month: Spanish mass at 7:30 pm (July, August, September)	<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 pm <b>Sunday</b> 8:45, 11:30 am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday—Friday 6:30 & 8:30 am Saturday 7:30 am & 8:30 am	Monday—Friday 7:30 am & 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Monday—Saturday 8:45 am	
<b>Rosary</b>	Following Weekday 9 am Mass	Before 12:10 Mass
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm Anytime by request.	Saturdays 4:30-5:15 pm Anytime by request.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are normally celebrated at St. Ann's Church on the first and third Sundays of the month and at St. Paul's Church on the second & fourth Sundays. For a Baptism at St. Paul's contact Deacon Dominic at the Rectory (845-268-4464); at St. Ann's, call Deacon Luke (845-323-5669). First-time parents of child to be baptized must register for a Baptismal instruction class, held in the Rectory, normally on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please direct all inquiries to Deacon Dominic.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance in order to arrange for their participation in the marriage preparation program. Please email assistantpastor@spasaparish.org.

#### Anointing of the Sick

If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please notify the Rectory. Arrangements can be made for the sick person to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound by our Ministers of Holy Communion.

*August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord*

<b><u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u></b>		<b><u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Aug. 5, 2017	<b>Saturday</b>	Aug. 5, 2017
5:00 PM	Robert J. Cifuni — 20th Anniversary	5:30 PM	Albert & Pauline McKinley
<b>Sunday</b>	Aug. 6, 2017	<b>Sunday</b>	Aug. 6, 2017
7:30 AM	Philip Naclerio	8:45 AM	Marie Veillard — Birthday (Living)
10:00 AM	Alfred Leteria	11:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Gerald Camasto		
6:00 PM	John Kopp		
	<i>2nd Collection — Capital Projects</i>		<i>2nd Collection — Capital Projects</i>
<b>Monday</b>	Aug. 7, 2017	<b>Monday</b>	Aug. 7, 2017
6:30 AM	Thomas Olsen	7:30 AM	Margaret Furey
8:30 AM	Ann & James Donovan and Sarah & John Carroll	12:10 PM	Muriel Marie Perreau
<b>Tuesday</b>	Aug. 8, 2017	<b>Tuesday</b>	Aug. 8, 2017
6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	7:30 AM	Senorita
8:30 AM	Jeffrey Sharfman	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday</b>	Aug. 9, 2017	<b>Wednesday</b>	Aug. 9, 2017
6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	7:30 AM	Senorita
8:30 AM	Christopher Mazzella	12:10 PM	Hoenberger Family
<b>Thursday</b>	Aug. 10, 2017	<b>Thursday</b>	Aug. 10, 2017
6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	7:30 AM	Denise, Regie LaRose (Living)
8:30 AM	Edward Reynolds	12:10 PM	George Bryant
<b>Friday</b>	Aug. 11, 2017	<b>Friday</b>	Aug. 11, 2017
6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	7:30 AM	Margaret Furey
8:30 AM	Steven Rugierre	12:10 PM	Stephen J. Hnat
<b>Saturday</b>	Aug. 12, 2017	<b>Saturday</b>	Aug. 12, 2017
7:30 AM	Catherine Gonzales	9:00 AM	Josephine Dellolio Felice
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	5:30 PM	Herman Durand
5:00 PM	Josephine & Joseph Vidovich		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Aug. 13, 2017	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Aug. 13, 2017
7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish	8:45 AM	Robert J. Giacobbe
10:00 AM	Joyce Higgins-Edwards	11:30 AM	Kevin Russell
12:00 PM	Manuel Antonio Rodriguez Sr.		
6:00 PM	Nicholas Pham Birthday/Thanksgiving (Living)		
7:30 PM	Maura Gonzalez de Rivera's health, Repose of the soul of Eric Zayas, Ernesto Perez's freedom and repose of the soul of his grandmother, Margarita Tejeda		
	<i>2nd Collection — Education</i>		<i>2nd Collection — Education</i>
These masses are still available. If you would like to schedule a mass to be said for your special intention, please call the Rectory. St. Paul — Sept. 6 (6:30), Sept. 7 (6:30), Sept. 8 (6:30), Sept. 11 (6:30), Sept. 18 (6:30), Sept. 19 (6:30), Sept. 20 (6:30) St. Ann — Aug. 14 (7:30 pm), Aug. 26 (9:00 & 5:30), Aug. 28 (12:10), Aug. 29 (7:30), Aug. 30 (7:30), Aug. 31 (7:30)			

# PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Dear Parishioners,

Please do not park in the fire emergency zone of our parking lot or block the entrances/exits with your vehicle. The Fire Department continues to speak to us about such violations.

Some people may feel that because our church is private property, it's not as serious to disregard parking regulations.

However, if you stop to think about it, the reason these rules are in place is to allow the fire department and other emergency responders quick access to the building in case of a problem. These may be rare occurrences, but, for example, we have many elderly parishioners and, at any time, it's possible an emergency may arise where every second counts.

Please think of your fellow brothers and sisters when parking your vehicle.

Also, may I please ask that you never use the entrance to the parking lot as an exit and never use the exit as an entrance. Please obey all posted signs and refrain from disrupting the traffic flow.

I trust that you will help us by complying in this very serious matter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping us all safe.

*Fr. Vladimír*

**Next Sunday, Aug. 13**  
**Spanish Mass**  
**at St. Paul's Church at 7:30 pm**

For July, August, and September we are adding a Spanish mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 7:30 pm.

## **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS THE NEW YORK ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI**

It was on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29 in 2007, that the Holy Father Benedict XVI approved the foundation of the New York Oratory of Saint Philip Neri.

We invited His Eminence Cardinal Dolan to preside at a solemn liturgy in celebration of this anniversary.

Cardinal Dolan can come to us only on **Aug. 22, the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**We invite you to please join us in this celebration which will take place in the parish church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Tappan. The Mass will begin at 7:30 pm.**

We invite all our parishioners, not only parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, but also of Saint Paul and Saint Ann of Congers and Nyack, and from St. John the Baptist in Piermont.

Please come so that together we may thank God for the many blessings we received in these ten short years of our existence.

Your presence will also confirm your love for us and our loyalty to you.

After the Mass there will be an opportunity to greet the Cardinal, and light refreshments will be served.

**Fr. George Torok, C.O., Provost**

## **Come Help EVANGELIZE at the NYACK STREET FAIR!**

We are getting a booth at the next Nyack Street Fair to spread the Word and invite people into the St. Paul & St. Ann Parish Community.

We are looking for volunteers to help man our table on Sunday, Sept. 10. There will be sign-up sheets for blocks of time for as little as one hour, in the back of each Church.

We will have giveaways, information about the parish and each church, and some fun activities for children.

If you have questions feel free to call Ed at 914-447-6527, Julie at 845-480-5142, or leave your name in the Rectory and someone will call you back.

**SeptemberFest 2017**

# FROM the RECTORY

## MASS BOOK & MEMORIALS

The **Mass Book** is open at both churches. Please stop by the St. Paul's Parish Office or St. Ann's Rectory to reserve a mass through December 2017.

If you'd like to bring up the Gifts at a mass for which you've scheduled an announced intention, please tell the usher.

You may also request that the '**Sanctuary Lamp**' in either church or the St. Ann's Chapel be lit for your special intention or in memory of a loved one. The lamp is a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle. The candle burns for 1 week. Donation is \$25.

### EMAIL FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor@spasaparish.org

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline is Friday, the week before publication  
Send to: Bulletin@spasaparish.org

### PARISH WEBSITES

For more detailed information about our parish:  
Spasaparish.org  
Stann-nyack.org

## JULY 2017 COLLECTIONS

	07/02/17	07/09/17	07/16/17	07/23/17	07/30/17
St. Paul collection	7,884	8,095	8,264	7,889	8,481
St Ann collection	4,919	3,952	3,847	4,911	4,062
St. Paul and St Ann Parish Pay	7,750.98				
St. Ann Capital campaign	685				

Thank you all for your generosity to our parish last month — and a special thank you to our Counting Teams, who tally the donations every week.



## CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

The 2017 **Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal** is at **93% of its \$153,000 goal** in our parish. We have collected **\$143,572, a total of 475 gifts.**

**We are so close!** It is only with **your help** that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. **Answer the call and donate today!** God bless you.

## MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF AUG. 6

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)**  
**In loving memory of Alfred Leteria and Mary Bertolino**

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Ann)**  
**Margaret O'Gorman**

**Chapel (St. Ann)**



Deadlines for Sunday Bulletin announcements:  
(send to bulletin@spasaparish.org)

Aug. 13 bulletin — must be in by Friday, Aug. 4

Aug. 20 bulletin — must be in by Friday, Aug. 11

Aug. 27 bulletin — must be in by Friday, Aug. 18



## WE'D LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. Choose what info you'd like to receive — via email or text message — from various ministries and groups.

To sign up:

Visit our parish at: [www.flocknote.com/STANNYACK](http://www.flocknote.com/STANNYACK)

Or text SACC or STPC to 84576 from your phone

## FORMED



Free Catholic movies, children's content, e-books, audios, and programs. Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and use our parish code **74FWM**

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*We pray that the sick of our parish, our relatives, and friends will experience God's healing love, especially:*

Francois Leglerc Jean-Baptiste,  
Francois Belot, Margaret Orbacz Brock  
Rev. Francis J. Samoylo

Please call the rectory (268-4464) to be placed on the list of those who need prayers in time of illness, or call with the names of any sick family members or friends.

The name will remain on the list for 3 weeks and then be removed unless we hear from you that the person still needs our prayers.

# CHURCH of ST. ANN



## St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for Aug. 13, 2017



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:30 PM		J. Fiore, G. Gebbia	K. Lusaria, B. Vital	Joe Arl, Frank G. Ric A., Nick D.
8:45 AM		C. Kakaki, M. Dely	M. Brosius, I. Cruz	Jack W., Jack B. Jules C. James C.
11:30 AM		M.H. Daghi, V. Leone	J., J., & J. Dangler	Ed T., Ed G. James B., Bill L.

### DEVOTIONS

Rosary  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Rosary & Divine Mercy

Monday through Friday  
Monday through Friday  
Saturday

11:45 am  
after 12:10 pm Mass  
after 9 am Mass

**First Friday** 7:30 am Mass; 8:00 am to 11:50 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 8:15 Morning Prayer, 11:15 Rosary; 11:50 Benediction; 12:10 Mass; 12:40 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Holy Hour, Exposition, Benediction.

### Father Simon Returning to Ghana

After five years of ministering to the people of St. Ann and St Thomas Parishes, Fr. Simon Gyan-Obeng will be returning home to Ghana.

All are invited to join in his farewell mass

11:00 am Mass

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

340 Hudson Street

Cornwall on Hudson 12520

Reception to follow.

This is the church where Fr. Rees Doughty is now pastor.



With great joy and pride, we announce the baptism of the newest member of our parish, Quincy Gordon Rances. Welcome, Quincy. You are forever God's child. He has called you by name.

### St. Ann's Usher Society

*"I came to serve, not to be served." — Jesus*

Join us! Be of Service ..... Be an Usher. We have openings at all masses, especially the 11:30 am mass. Become a part of the distinguished group. It's a wonderful way to serve God, your church, and your fellow parishioners. Men, Women, and High School Students are welcome.



Call Guy Gebbia 914-953-3370 [gebco@optonline.net](mailto:gebco@optonline.net)

# CHURCH of ST. PAUL



## St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for Aug. 13, 2017



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 PM	R. Aberion	R. Helmer, J. O'Neill	A. Castillo, E. Opiola A. Zil
7:30 AM	J. Cardone	J. Salerno, Sr. S. Gerard	
10:00 AM	J. Diaz	G. Buonocore, L. Diaz	M. Gill, M. Katigbak
12:00 PM	L. Perez	M. & M. Toterio	C. Devers C. & M. Sambveski
6:00 PM	P. Lockhart	D. Zinna, E. Zamparo	R. Adriana, M. Martucci

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Nyack Manor**  
O. Massaro & C. Moreno

**Tolstoy**  
A. & R. Blackwood

**Homebound**  
C. James, J. Ventola, M. Raboy

**USHERS** (5 PM) G. Enriquez, V. Panza, W. Rodriguez, J. Galeta, G. Holland; (7:30 AM) A. Smith, V. Czajkowski, T. Totoria, P. Bencivengo; (10:00 AM) G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak, K. McAleer, R. Bean, S. Reynolds, S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz; (12:00 PM) J. Granata, W. Hartl, W. Kelder, P. Dudgeon, A. Reale, A. Dibianco, R. Vivas, M. Reilly, E. Lockhart, F. Cifuni; (6 PM) C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion

<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Our Lady of Fatima Novena Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Daily Daily Wednesday Wednesday Friday	8:15 am after 8:30 am Mass noon to 6:00 pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm 6:00 pm after 8:30 am Mass
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Early Childhood Programs Offered At

## St. Paul School



### Pre-K 3

3 and 5 day programs  
full and half days available



### Pre-K 4

5 day program  
full and half days available

**Full Day Kindergarten**  
center based classroom  
low student-teacher ratio

**Universal Pre-K**  
half day program with  
optional wrap around full  
day program available

Convenient before & after care programs

Come and see all that SPS has to offer.  
Be a part of our SPS Family!

For further information please contact the school office  
(845) 268-6506 365 Kings Highway, Valley Cottage N.Y.

### 300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners  
of our June Drawing!

#79 Ted Napiorski

#133 Joan Lanzano

#285 Lori DeVito

#287 Betty Whalen

### WEEKLY at ST. PAUL'S

<b>Monday</b>	Prayer Group, 7:45 pm (school) K of C, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th
<b>Tuesday</b>	AA 5:30-9:00 pm (school)
<b>Wednesday</b>	(see 'Devotions' on pg. 6)
<b>Thursday</b>	Shawl making, 10 am (Parish Center)
<b>Saturday</b>	Bible Study, after 9 am mass (school) AA Meeting, 6:30 pm & 8 pm Spanish Prayer Group (Parish Center)
<b>Sunday</b>	AA Meeting, 5 pm, NA Meeting (school)

## MORE PARISH & COUNTY EVENTS



### FOLDING SHOPPING CARTS NEEDED

Many who need our St. Ann's Food Cupboard don't drive. With folding shopping carts they can carry their food home more easily. If you can help by providing one (new or used) please drop it off at the St. Ann's rectory porch.

### CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB MEETING ON AUG. 20

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on Aug. 20 at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine's Church at 140 Maple Avenue, New City (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For additional information, call Janet at 914-661-8599.

### STREAM 'ST. FRANCIS' FILM

Bishop Robert Baron's **CATHOLICISM** series, an epic ten part documentary, took people deep into the Catholic Faith. The series has been seen by millions.

But there is still more of the story to tell — about all the saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who helped shape our Faith over the centuries.

Through our web host eCatholic and Word on Fire, you now have free access to an hour-long episode from Bishop Baron's newest film series, **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players**.

The episode, **ST. FRANCIS**, will be available thru Aug. 31.

Go to [www.stann-nyack.org](http://www.stann-nyack.org). Scroll down the right column and you'll find the video. Watch it for free!

### FREE MEDICAL CARE

If you can't pay for healthcare, the Health Lifeline clinic offers free medical services including the following:

- ☐ Medical evaluations and treatments
- ☐ Complete medical exam
- ☐ Blood tests
- ☐ Wellness guidance

Call today to apply

**HEALTH LIFELINE (845) 358-5433**

Dr. Lloyd Hamilton

150 Third Avenue  
Nyack, NY

**Appointment required**  
Must be 18 years old or older

### MONTHLY PROLIFE MASS — AUG. 7

The Rockland Deanery's monthly prolife mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 7:30 pm.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a candidate to represent their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914-420-6836 or [William.schneider@kofc.org](mailto:William.schneider@kofc.org).

### SPARKILL DOMINICAN SISTERS NEED VOLUNTEERS

The sisters are looking for volunteers at the Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY; ages 13 to adult. Share your talents. Play an instrument, sing, dance, visit, read with the Sisters, transport them to activities, play games, organize a party, run an activity. Sign up to volunteer now! Contact Life Enrichment & Volunteer Coordinator Denise Rieser, ADC, 845-359-2112.



### BASKETBALL SIGN-UP

St. Paul's youth basketball program is committed to providing an enjoyable and educational basketball experience for all the players involved. **The goal of the program is to give every child in our parish community the opportunity to play basketball.** St. Paul's offers two youth basketball programs: **St. Paul's Athletic League (SPAL)**, which is a recreational basketball program open to any boy or girl in grades 3 through 8, and **St. Paul's CYO**, a competitive basketball program for which players must try out, and our teams play games against other CYO teams in Rockland.

### REGISTER NOW AT OUR WEBSITE

**[WWW.STPAULSCYO.ORG](http://WWW.STPAULSCYO.ORG)**

If you are interested in coaching CYO, please email Hazel at [stpaulscyodirector@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscyodirector@gmail.com)

If you are interested in coaching SPAL, please email Tim at [spalcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:spalcoordinator@gmail.com)



*Feast of  
St. Ann  
Celebrated  
July 22, 2017  
St. Ann's Church  
Nyack*



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### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

#### A Glimpse of Glory

Today we celebrate Our Lord's transfiguration, the moment where He gave His closest disciples a glimpse of His divinity and glory to help them for the ordeals of His Passion that were about to come.

Today's First Reading recalls the prophet Daniel's vision of one "like a Son of man" receiving a lasting dominion and glory from the "Ancient One," long before the Incarnation.

This prophecy concerned the Messiah appearing before God the Father in glory. Note the nuances of the language. He is "like" a Son of man. In prophetic language "Son of man" refers to human beings, yet this Messiah is "like" a human being. Christ is truly God and truly man: He is "like a Son of man."

The night His Passion begins, standing before the Sanhedrin, He quotes the passage of Scripture to identify Himself as the Messiah, and the Sanhedrin condemns Him for blasphemy, even though He has spoken the truth: "the high priest said to Him, 'I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see *the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.*' Then the high priest tore his robes and said, 'He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?' They said in reply, 'He deserves to die!'" (Matthew 26:63–66).

In today's Second Reading Peter recalls the experience He had on the mountaintop to remind the believers that the wonders of the Lord's earthly life were not just myths, but events.

The first listeners of Peter were familiar with the pagan gods that surrounded them and the myths that tried to fuel their existence in the minds of the pagan believers.

Our Lord was not a myth: He was born in Bethlehem, lived in Galilee, preached the Kingdom throughout Palestine, and died on Calvary.

He was also Transfigured on a mountaintop and raised from the dead. There were eyewitnesses to both the Lord Transfigured and the Lord Risen. All believers are not just repeating myths, but handing on testimony, as the Apostles did.

In today's Gospel, the Lord reveals His divinity and glory to His closest disciples: Peter, James, and John. It's an event recalled in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Matthew's account, the Lord's clothing becomes as white as light. John in the prologue to his Gospel described the Lord as the true light that enlightens every man. Christ is not only illuminated but illuminating.

The Lord is flanked by Moses and by Elijah to show that He is the culmination of the Law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). They converse with Jesus and show their deference to Him.

It's interesting that Peter says something to Jesus in "reply": Jesus doesn't seem to have said anything, but the scene speaks to Peter, and he struggles to formulate an adequate response in the face of so much glory. Maybe a shrine?

This gradually paints the portrait that Our Lord is not only worthy of glory, but divine. His clothes don't just radiate light, but His face as well. The Messiah is not just an incredible man; He is God.

If there was not already enough evidence of His divinity, the voice of the Father booms from Heaven and declares Jesus to be His beloved and pleasing Son, worthy of their attention.

That's too much for the apostles, who fall prostrate in fear. Almost as soon as it happens it is over: Jesus gets them up, tells them not to be afraid, but also makes sure they will recount the vision to the others after He is risen from the dead.

Even the Transfiguration is an event meant for everyone, not just a trusted few.



Painting by Carl-Heinrich Boch, Denmark, 1800s