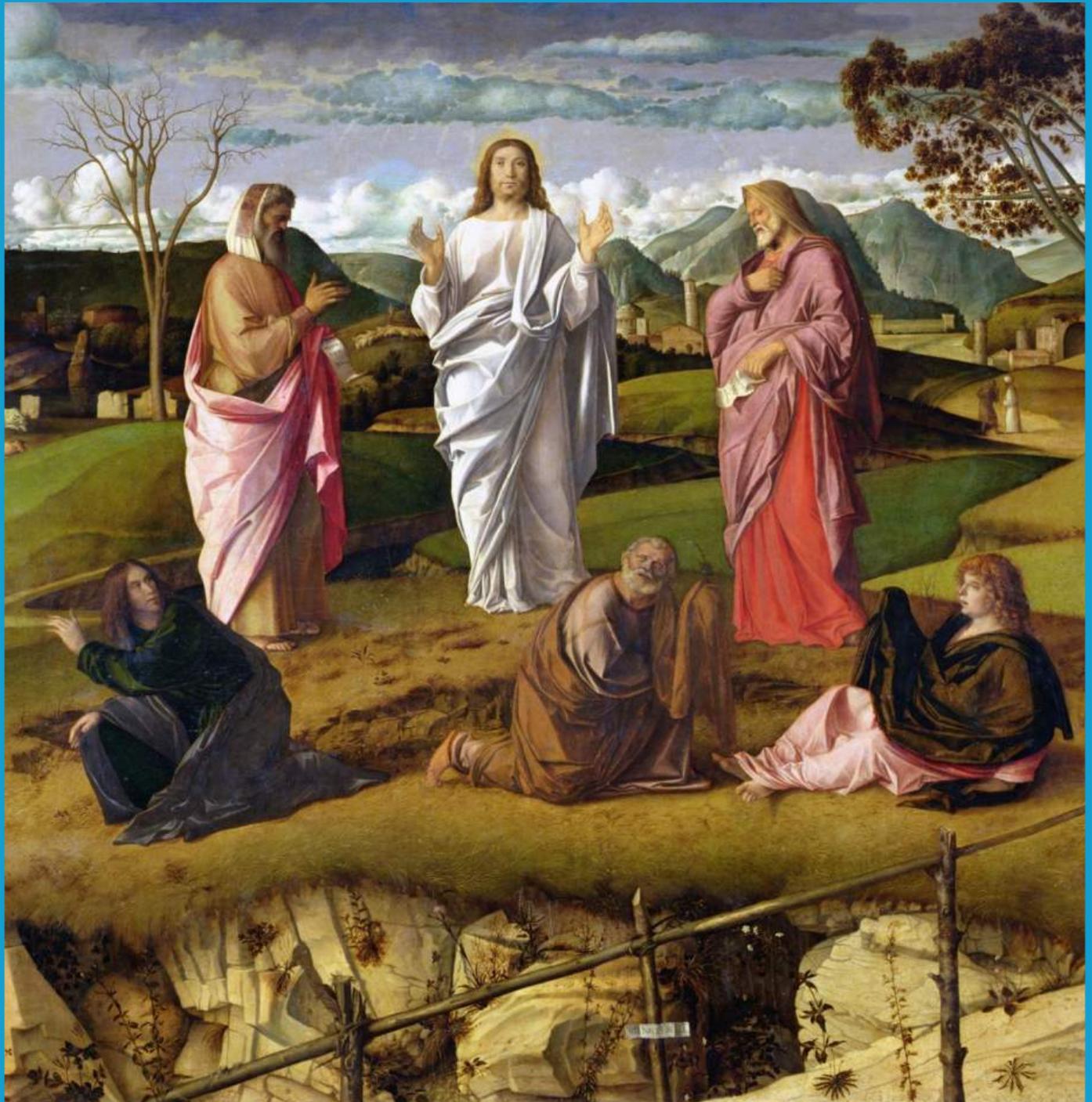


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
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**Confession**  
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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**Mass for the holy day  
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on August 15th  
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and 7 pm.**

The pantry is almost empty! **St. Marianne Cope Outreach**  
program will hold their next Food Drive on Saturday, September  
2nd, 9-11 am. See the parish website for needed items.  
Questions? Email John at outreach@stmariannecope.com.

On Sunday, August 13th, **St. Therese Classical Academy** will  
have an information table set up after Mass. Stop by to meet with  
some of the faculty and parents from St. Therese Classical  
Academy to learn more about their school.

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**Did you register your child for 2023-24 Faith Formation  
Classes?!** Classes begin in first grade. For information, email  
Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

**Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)  
and Teens (RCIT):** Classes begin in the fall. Questions? Email  
Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

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On Saturday, August 12, the Salesians of Don Bosco will hold the  
**2023 Rise Up Festival**, 2-10 pm, at the Marian Shrine in Stony  
Point, to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary.  
There will be an open-air concert, worship (Mass and Adoration),  
games, exhibitions, food for purchase, a gift shop, and fireworks.  
Free will donations will be accepted. For details, visit  
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**Join us for adoration on  
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# THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## THUS SHALL WE BE, WITH HIM

Pope Francis' address at the Angelus, St. Peter's Square, 6 August 2017

**D**EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, *Good morning!*

This Sunday, the liturgy celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Today's Gospel passage recounts that the Apostles Peter, James and John were witnesses to this extraordinary event. Jesus took them with him "and led them up a high mountain apart" (Mt 17:1) and, while he prayed, his face changed in appearance, "shone like the sun", and "his garments became white as light". Then Moses and Elijah appeared, and began a dialogue with Him. At this point, Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" (v. 4). He had not yet finished speaking when a bright cloud enveloped them.

The event of the Lord's Transfiguration offers us a message of hope — thus shall we be, with Him —: it invites us to *encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.*

The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters, in order to make a journey toward heaven and to contemplate Jesus. It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendour and joy. When we meditate in this way, with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the Word of God engenders in us. In this perspective, the summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period,

students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey.

At the end of the stunning experience of the Transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain (cf. v. 9) with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make. The ever more vibrant rediscovery of Jesus is not the aim in itself, but spurs us to "come down the mountain", energized by the power of the divine Spirit, so as to decide on new paths of conversion and to constantly witness to charity, as the law of daily life. Transformed by Christ's presence and by the ardour of his Word, we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those who are suffering, for those who are lonely and neglected, for the sick and for the multitude of men and women who, in different parts of the world, are humiliated by injustice, abuse and violence.

In the Transfiguration, the voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" (v. 5). Let us look to Mary, the *Virgin of listening*, ever ready to welcome and keep in her heart every word of the Divine Son (cf. Lk 2:51).

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.

## 2023 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Close to Goal

Through the generous sacrifice of 141 families, St. Marianne Cope Parish is so close to fulfilling our Appeal goal. This is a tremendous accomplishment we have achieved as a community of faith.

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8:30 +Elizabeth Cathcart Santoro by Santoro family

**Tues, Aug 8:** *St Dominic*

8:30 +Kelly and Horan families by Kathy Kelly

**Wed, Aug 9:** *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

8:30 +Theresa Crispo by Louise and David Carnright

**Thurs, Aug 10:** *St Lawrence*

8:30 +Fr Bernard Heter by Grabe family

**Fri, Aug 11:** *St Clare*

8:30 +Ruben Rivera Jr by Harris family

**Sat, Aug 12:** *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

8:30 +Edward Flynn by a friend

4:30 +Howard and Kathleen Kane by Kathy Kissel;

+Mary Geiger by Mr and Mrs Peter Rogers

**Sun, Aug 13:** *19th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:00 +Robert Schwarzler by family

10:00 +Dec Mbrs of the Rogan and Pelella families  
by family

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

### READINGS FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**Reading I — Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

The celestial court convenes before the "Ancient One". Then the Son of Man (Jesus) is given full dominion over the universe.

**Reading II — 2 Peter 1:16-19**

Peter offers his experience of the Transfiguration, Jesus in full glory along with the divine proclamation: "This is my beloved Son."

**The Gospel — Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus becomes a being of light, luminous and transparent. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets respectively.

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