

# Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6, 2017



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Mt 17: 1-9)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1641.50  
'Host a Family..' \$ 55.00  
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 131.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events

Golf & Dinner -Sept. 17th

### Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Grocery Store BBQ - August  
Garage Sale - September  
(Save & donate your spring cleaning treasures!)  
Pie Sale - October  
Prosciutto Raffle - November  
Winery Wine Sale - November

*Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.*

### Mothers' Prayer gathering

We are planning to have the next gathering of all ladies/mothers on Wednesday August 9th at 3.00PM, here in our church. A time to chat with each other and to the Lord; a time to discuss things that matters to all. Rev. Sr. Araceley SOLI will join you to help in this faith journey.



### Mass Schedule & Intentions from August 5, 2017 to August 13, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM † Peter Camposarcone by Wife & family Franco Sdao by Teresa Fucile Giulio Lostracco by family
Sunday	9:00AM † Gabriel & Filomena Di Gaetano by Maria Magazzeni In Thanksgiving to God & all the Saints by Lea Locco & family
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	<b>7:00PM</b> † Jimmy DiGioia by Sister in Law
Wednesday	9:00AM † Rita Booth by Annie Silvestri <b>3:00PM Mothers' Prayer Gathering</b>
Thursday	9:00AM † Eleanor Addario by Maria Fazzalari
Friday	9:00AM † Giulio Lostracco by Nick & Teresa Albano
Saturday	5:00PM † Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by family Franco Sdao by Guiseppe Mauro
Sunday	9:00AM † Salvatore Giovinazzo by wife Ippolito Mauro by Wife Ines & family Mark Bankes by Maria Magazzeni Albert Currie by Immacolata Giovinazzo
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formal program of catechetical instruction and liturgies whereby adults, those unbaptized and those baptized in other Christian denominations, are formally admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism (for those not already baptized) Confirmation and Eucharist. During RCIA, individuals follow a spiritual journey of 'steps' accomplished through defined periods punctuated with liturgical rites.

Read more on: <http://www.saintcd.com/2016/04/rcia-a-spiritualjourney-of-faith/>

This program will be starting on **Wednesday September 20, 2017**. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.



### In Memoriam

Albert Currie, a long time parishioner, passed away on July

22, 2017 at the age of 86. A private service was held for him. Our condolences go out to his family. We thank the family for choosing St. Andrew Church for memorial donations. We pray that God may grant eternal rest to Albert.

# Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



### POPE FRANCIS

General Audience—August 2, 2017



### "It is good for us to be here"

by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now consider the sacrament of baptism as the gate to eternal life. In the early Church, those about to be baptized made their profession of faith facing eastward, seeing the rising sun as a symbol of Christ. Even if our modern world has lost contact with such cosmic imagery, this symbolism retains its power. For what does it mean to be Christian, but to confess our faith in the light, a light that casts out gloom and darkness? In putting on Christ at baptism we become children of light. This light gives us new hope, helps us to know God as Father, and enables us to recognize Jesus in the weakest and poorest. When we were baptized we received a candle that was lit from the Paschal Candle, as a sign of Christ's victory over the darkness of sin and death. This is also a sign of the life of the Church: to be ablaze with this new light! As Christians, let us remind each other that we have been reborn as children of the light, and, faithful to our baptismal calling, let us share the new hope that Jesus brings.

### Catholic Missions in Canada

Next week's shared collection will benefit Catholic Missions in Canada and the Diocese of St. Catharine's Canadian Mission partner, the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay in Nunavut.

Catholic Missions in Canada provides over \$3 Million in financial support to missionaries working in 24 Mission Dioceses in Canada: support of missionaries (\$2 million); religious education (\$1 million); repair & maintenance of churches (\$550,000). Read more on [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info)

### Golf and Dinner - fund raising Program



Our annual Golf and Dinner fund raising will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2PM at Whisky Run Golf Club (631 Lorraine Rd, Port Colborne). The dinner will begin here in our hall at 5PM. Golf and dinner ticket will be \$60, and dinner only ticket will be \$20. It is to add to our building fund and support our 'Host a Family Program'. Please join.

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: Lord, it is good for us to be here. It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here for ever. What greater happiness or higher honour could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: It is good for us to be here – here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.