



Parish of the

August 20, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH | ST. DOROTHY OF THE CAPPADOCIA CHURCH



20TH

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CANAANITE WOMAN'S FAITH

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Matthew 15:22,28

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Please contact the Parish Office. or You can also register by going to our parish website.

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AUGUST 20

SECOND COLLECTION PARISH MONTHLY



Online Giving

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to www.parityofthetransfiguration.org and click the Online Giving link - it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

A Mass is shown on Wilmington TV Ch 9 & 37: Sundays at 10AM & 4PM, and Tues at 10AM



Sat August 26	3:15 –3:45pm Confession	St. Dorothy	Fr. Chris Snyder
	4:00pm	St. Dorothy	Fr. Walter Carreiro
Sun August 27	8:00am	St. Thomas	Fr Chris Snyder
	10:00am	St. Dorothy	Fr. Walter Carreiro
	12noon	St. Thomas	Fr. Chris Snyder



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Dorothy's Church

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Thomas Church

10:00 AM at St. Dorothy's Church

12 NOON at St. Thomas Church.

Daily Mass

9AM ST. DOROTHY CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Everyone welcome. It is a wonderful way to begin your day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15 to 3:45pm Saturday, before the 4pm Mass at St. Dorothy or by appointment

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Congratulations on the birth of your child! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism.

The instruction for families is offered in St. Thomas Church the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

Baptisms are held in St. Thomas Church the first Sunday at 1:30 PM and at St. Dorothy Church on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

POVERTY IS A PLAGUE AGAINST WHICH HUMANITY MUST FIGHT WITHOUT CEASE.
POPE BENEDICT XVI

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

A CORI FORM must be completed EVERY YEAR BY ALL VOLUNTEERS,

The new year began July 1, 2023 and will continue through June 30, 2024

NEW (FY) 24 CORI FORMS are available in the sacristy of both churches and at the Parish Office.

A Code of Conduct will be given to All New volunteers when the Cori is returned to be verified.

Again all volunteers must complete a CORI background screening prior to beginning ministry and annually after that.

All Adult Volunteers who may be around youth, including all those in worship ministry, must complete a Protecting God's Children training.. The training class is only needed to be taken once.

A Class will be held **AFTER THE 9:00AM MASS Wednesday, Sept 6th in The Downstairs of St. Dorothy Church.**

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church or by going online at www.VIRTUSonline.org
Any questions please call either one of the Offices.

The Women's Club meeting on Monday, Sept., 11 at 7pm in the downstairs of St. Thomas Church. All are welcome.

Adult Bible Study Group meets every Tues 5:45PM to 7:30PM in St. Dorothy's Church Hall. All are welcome! Regardless of your knowledge of Scripture, Contact Sylvia Maio 978-207-0359.

Men's Group meet Saturday morning 7am—8am in Sr. Thomas Lower Church. For more information please contact Frederick.j.obrien@verizon.com



Have some doubts about your faith journey? Looking to grow closer to God? Please contact Sr. Mildred (978-658-9363) for more information about beginning or continuing with spiritual direction

Be one with Jesus in

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration

In St. Dorothy Church
First Friday 2pm to 5pm

Pope Francis says "One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring Him in the silence of Adoration" Contact Jean Jordan 339.933.0967



If you love to knit or crochet and would like to join our ministry call Sharon Keefe @ 978.697.1909

About Our Parish

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Saturday, August 19	
4:00pm	Carol Oakleaf Fr. John Harrington Concetta Joyce
Sunday, August 20	
8:00 am	Pat & Nellie Moschetto Sam D'Agata Joao Liberato Mary Ciampa
10:00 am	Frank and Agnes Romano Stephen Gorski
Noon	Mary Pratt The Craven and Cooley Families Concetta Joyce
Monday, August 21	
9:00 am	Mel Harrington
Tuesday, August 22	
9:00 am	Special Intentions of Erin Capotostos & family
Wednesday, August 23	
9:00 am	Elizabeth (Betty) McGrath
Thursday, August 24	
9:00 am	The people of the Parish
Friday, August 25	
9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday, August 26	
4:00pm	Phyllis O'Brien Flaherty
Sunday, August 27	
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:00 am	Robert J. Bovio Giussepe E. Rosaria Bellino
Noon	Judy Foehrenbach



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 10th
1pm-4pm

on the grounds of St. Thomas Church

RAIN DATE SUNDAY SEPT 17th

A NOTE FROM FR. WALTER

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Greetings,

It's hard to comprehend how it happened! It is already the middle of August and summer is quickly coming to a close. At least, that is, regarding the beginning of school and other such events that indicate an end of summer. But let's not fritter away the time that is left and enjoy the precious days that remain.

For me it's great to finally be back! I recently returned from some time away with four other priest friends for a cruise to Alaska. I must admit that I felt guilty having made the plans prior to thinking of the impact of having had the knee replacement surgery and being away right after that. The cruise was great, and we saw many marvelous examples of the Majesty and Glory of God's creation in the mountains and glaciers of that northwest area. A high point for all of us was the White Pass Summit Train ride from sea level to nearly 3,000 feet above sea level. Although we didn't see any bears or moose, we did see a Bald Eagle perched in a tree, plenty of salmon, an orca frolicking in Glacier Bay, and a school of dolphins playfully swimming in and out of the wake behind the ship. Fr. Paul said he saw the tail of a whale. I asked if he was sure the story wasn't a whale of a tale. With all the wonderful experiences of the cruise, for me the best part was the after the conclusion of the cruise, which ended in Vancouver, British Columbia. I have two cousins who live there, daughters of a 1st cousin of my mom, who I haven't seen in many years. One I saw 10 or so years ago, and the other about 45 years ago. It was a great reunion, and while it was only a three-day visit, they packed a lot into each day, and I was able to enjoy that beautiful area and meet their adult children and grandchildren. I know our moms were smiling down upon us as we enjoyed each other's company.

As you know the parish has two groups of and for women. Each was founded at the original parishes, the Women's Club at St. Thomas, and the Ladies' Sodality at St. Dorothy. While each group has their own distinct make-up, the Sodality of Our Lady has a bit more structure. For many years the leader or head of the sodality has been Carol Dwyer. Recently, after serving faithfully for these past years, Carol has stepped down from her leadership role. We thank her for her devoted and faithful service to this parish group created to instill a devotion to the Blessed Mother through prayer and service to others. She has led the group through experiences of prayer and many activities of bake sales, luncheons, scholarships to students to assist their college education. **Sincere thanks Carol** for your leadership in the Sodality and its service to the parish! We wish you well, and always the best and I certainly pray that you continue to be involved in its activities. As Carol steps down Diane Garrity has volunteered to come forward to assume the role of leadership of the group and together with the Woman's Club leaders of Kathy Catanzano and Diane Ward will strive to offer opportunities and activities for the women of the parish.

As summer comes to an end, plans are being made for fall activities, Religious Education, training of Altar Server, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality to welcome all who enter our doors for Mass. There is one parishioner out there who, though I don't yet know who the person is, that is destined to be a Sacristan at St. Thomas church. We are sorely in need of someone who can take care of things before and after the 8:00 and 12:00 Masses, and check in occasionally during the week to clean out flowers, decorations, etc. If you are that person, please identify yourself to me, nevertheless, I'll be looking for you. There are so many things, we as a parish and as individuals could be doing. If you have an idea, please share it with me.

If you haven't had a chance to meet Fr. Chris, you will. I think you'll agree with me that he is a great addition to the staff and the parish. I hope and pray that you continue to enjoy all remaining summer activities. Please mark on your calendar Sunday, September 10th for our Parish Picnic. It will take place at St. Thomas grounds after the 12:00 Noon Mass. Plan to join us!

Peace & Blessings! Fr. Walter

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Parish Goal: \$59,177.00

pledged: \$55,911.00

donors: 280

Total needed: \$3,266.00

Please give today to help us reach goal Gifts can be made using the QR code or by returning an in-pew envelope available at the Church exits. Thank you!



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2023 WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

*Jesus answered, "I say to you,
not seven times but seventy-seven times."
-Matt 18: 21-35*

When: September 14-17, 2023
Where: St. Thecla Retreat Center, Billerica
Cost: \$260
Contact: Beth, Chris or Jessica at
 womensactsretreat2023@gmail.com

Registration forms can
 requested via the above email,
 in each of our churches
 or downloaded from
<https://theholyrood.org/acts>.



The ACTS Retreat is a three-day Catholic retreat that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes with Sunday morning Mass. It is based on the Gospels and teachings of the Church, and provides retreatants with the opportunity to deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with God, and develop a better understanding of how God is calling them to live their life.

The Retreat Teams, which organize and facilitate the retreat weekend, are made up of lay people from our area.



**WOMEN'S
CURSILLO
WEEKEND**

Coming in September!

- Cursillo is a joyful and jam-packed three day retreat full of learning, faith sharing, praying, and having fun. The goal is to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to bring Christ's love and grace into the world.
- The weekend runs from Thursday 9/21 at 7 p.m. through mid-afternoon Sunday 9/24 at the beautiful Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich.
- Are you curious? Your fellow Parishioners Bob and Cathy Bonin, would love to tell you more! Send an email, to us, -Cathy cabcab27@gmail.com, or Bob rbonin12@yahoo.com and/or please visit the website at www.bostoncursillo.org, or check out @bostoncursillo on Instagram.



Come and worship the Lord

Sunday's Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-7: “Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 67: “O God, let all the nations praise you!”

Second Reading – Romans 11:13-15, 29-32: “For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.”

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28: “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

20 TH SUNDAY Aug 20	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
MONDAY Aug 21	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab+44/ Mt 19:16-22
TUESDAY Aug 22	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY Aug 23	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
THURSDAY Aug 24	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
FRIDAY Aug 25	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
SATURDAY Aug 26	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
21 ST SUNDAY Aug 27	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

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A college graduating class leaves behind the security of school and focuses on the possibilities of the future. It can be a daring adventure as students send out resumes, go to interviews and dream of happiness and great careers. Some have the ability to think big and willingly take on new challenges. An open mind and desire to succeed can lead to great and wonderful things.

The woman who approaches Jesus has an open heart and a great desire for grace. She makes her request of Jesus and is persistent because she knows that she will not be denied. The Lord acknowledges her courage and her faith and grants her request.

Believing in the Gospel means seeing the world through the eyes of the Lord, It means we love others and treat them as we want to be treated. It means that we do not go into the world empty handed, but rather we are armed with confidence. Faith presents us with many challenging opportunities, including feed the hungry, comfort the dying, bury the dead, and admonish the sinner. Giving witness to our beliefs and practicing what we preach are the first steps to living the life of a disciple. Choose God, choose to do what is right and there will be no limit to the great and wonderful things you—and He—can accomplish.

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In pursuit of her son's salvation, Monica prayed and prayed until her prayers were finally answered and Augustine converted to Christianity. Her perseverance and determination paid off and not only did Augustine convert, but he went on to be one of the great thinkers and writers of the faith.

Sin and failure have a way of robbing us of life, deadening our spirit, and depressing our mind. It is so easy to lose hope and believe that there is nothing left, not even God. We cannot give up on each other. When someone is unable to pray for himself, we must pray for him. When someone is too weak to stand on her own, we must support her. When someone is too tired to continue the journey, we must walk with him. It is the way of faith. Along the way, we all need help, grace and strength. If we truly are disciples of Christ, we share with others the gifts He has given us. We help each other as members of one Body, one family, and one people. We cannot give up on ourselves or on each other. So pray, work, plead, offer, and teach. But don't quit. Patience and perseverance are the channels of grace and life. That is God's promise to us.

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FAITH

The woman came and did him homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour. Matthew 15:25-28

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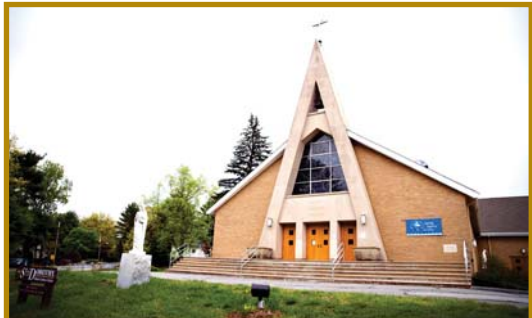


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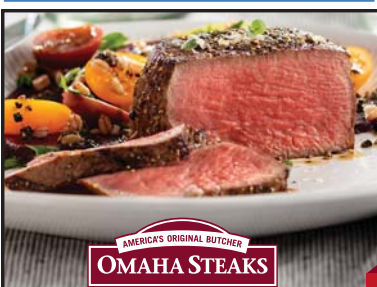


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