

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Transfiguration of the Lord

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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



This scene in the Gospels this Sunday is one of magnificence. It reminds us of the great scene in the movie "The Ten Commandments," where Moses is on the mountains with God surrounded by lightning, fire, and thunder. In this transfiguration story today, Jesus shines like the light of the world. Jesus is Divinity! But afterwards Peter chastises Jesus. Not only that, but James and John are pushing Jesus to give them the top spots in the Kingdom. It seems like Peter, James, and John needed to go back up into the mountain and be transformed into kinder versions of themselves! Our lives are also about transformation. We are challenged to be about seeking the divinity which is the core of our beings and allowing that divinity to shine on others. Can we be transformed into kinder, more loving, and more peaceful versions of ourselves? Isn't that the reason we come to church week after week? Lord, help me let my divinity shine like the sun!

Fr. Paul Coury

Grief Group-On Thursday, September 7th we will begin our 5th season of the bereavement support group. Those who have lost a loved one, and feel the devastating pain of separation and loneliness, will find comfort and even hope in this 13-week series called: *Grief Share*. Many who have completed the series are renewed in spirit and can eventually move from mourning to acceptance and peace.

Some have even returned for the second season to continue the support that the compassionate group gives. The class will be moderated by Dr. Stan and June Wood. Please sign in at the office if you wish to attend. Call June-219-2919 , if you have any further questions.

Ice Cream Social On August 27 from 2-4 in the afternoon we will have an ice-cream social and reunion of the past members of the Grief Share group. It will be a great time to get together and share what is happening in each other's lives since our first meeting. We'll meet in Room #5-St. Alphonsus kitchen
Call : June 219-2919

Library Help Needed-Mary L Siebert needs an assistant to help volunteer in the library. Her phone number is 520.850.5719. The library also has enough books for another book giveaway in September....watch the bulletin for more information!

Sunday Flowers-Our church relies on you to decorate the Sunday Altar with flowers. Please stop by the office and offer a donation for the Sunday flowers in the name of someone you love! We will include their name in our bulletin.

ICS-The food bank of ICS is being overwhelmed this summer with a double-digit increase of people needing food and help. The five most needed items are: spaghetti sauce in cans, peanut butter, chili, ravioli, and spaghetti, canned meat and tuna, and canned fruits. You can place those items in the container outside of Church. ICS is always needing more volunteers to help. Find out more ways that you can help at www.icstucson.org. Or talk with Mila, Lidia, or Fran in our community, who are involved at ICS. We bless their outreach to the poor and needy!

Please remember in your prayers



OUR SICK

Barbara Bartels
Virginia Brown
Bob Curran
Carolyn Hasenoehrl
Barbara Kyes
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
Ann Ramsey
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo

Barbara Bartels-Please continue to pray for her healing, she is now at home and in hospice care with her sister Patricia McCalister .

Carolyn Hasenoehrl - She is now at Crossroads Adult Care Home. (5825 North Escondido Lane)

Ann Ramsey-who is quite sick and is under home hospice care. Pray for Ann's family: Chris and Bob Francis, and Bonnie. Ann would love to have visitors, just call in advance: 579-8288 or my cell 490-4189.

Jim Oliver-who was recently hospitalized and is now home.

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers:

Mrs. Ann Bumby Fallon, the mother in law to Deacon Ken McNealy and mother to his wife, Margaret, was buried from our Church on Saturday, July 29. We bless Ann and her many generations of family!

Karen Bahill (2/17)
John Cieslinski (11/16)
Ann Fallon (7/17)
Judy Filirecki (11/16)
Ken Hasenoehrl (11/16)
Tom Johnson (10/16)
Nancy Long (5/17)
Robert Marshall (12/16)
Teri McGuinness (12/16)
Bob Medina (5/17)
Frank Randaisi (1/17)
Bob Scheffel (2/17)
Patricia Thibodeaux (4/17)
Virginia Thompson (4/17)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

THIS AND THAT

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be a place where the contemplative spirit of the human person may be discovered, fed and nourished. It is a place, an oasis in the Sonoran Desert, where individuals encounter God and "feel the burn" of the Holy Spirit.

SoulShine

A Codependents Anonymous Support Group

SoulShine is a 12 Step group designed to meet the needs of recovering addicts. The primary focus is on codependency, but we are open to all persons suffering from any type of addictive behavior. Our meeting format follows that of A.A. and includes recovery readings. Come learn to love yourself better, free yourself from addictive thinking and allow your soul to shine! Every **WEDNESDAY, 7:00- 8:30 pm** in the RRC Office Conference Room. All are welcomed! This group is facilitated by Fr. Charlie Wehrley.

This week's flowers were
donated by
John Rivera
In Loving Memory of
Catalina Rivera

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$5,164.50

July 29-30, 2017

BUILDING FUND

\$142,705.00

YOU MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL ENVELOPES OR
PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, August 5th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Nancy Long (d)

Sunday, August 6th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Catalina Rivera (d)
10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Virginia Thompson (d)

Monday, August 7th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Gerry & Barb Vanderlaske Anniversary

Tuesday, August 8th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Redemptorist Community
Mildred McNeil (d)

Wednesday, August 9th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Lucas True - Birthday

Thursday, August 10th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Christopher Vanderlaske (d)
Larry Cobble

Friday, August 11th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Robert Han - Birthday
Sue Wilson & Larry Cobble - Wedding

Saturday, August 12th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Michael Crose (d)
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Russel Scarbrough - Birthday

Sunday, August 13th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Kathi & Dean Rush
** 10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Deceased Redemptorist
Bill Dalton (d)

** Mass Intention

Monday - Friday

6:45 AM - Silent Contemplative Prayer

7:15 AM - Morning Prayer

Saturday

7:30 AM—Eucharist with devotional prayers of Our Mother of Perpetual

The Surrender Box: Fr. Charlie will lead this class on September 23 from 9 am to 4pm, with lunch included. Come and create your own Surrender Box and learn to begin the daily practice of letting go and letting God be in charge of your life-and the lives of all those you love. If you are interested in attending please contact the front office 520.744.3400.

Seeds of the Word Book Club:

Wednesday, August 23rd @ 2PM, Ironwood Room
My Heart Will Triumph By Mirjana Soldo
Moderated by Diana Davenport

Prayer Series: The prayer group will continue to meet on Thursdays from 10am-11:15am in the front office conference room. All are invited. For questions call Florence 520.975.3883.

A Note from the Prayer Shawl Ministry: I want to encourage everyone to let us know if you know of someone in need of one of these shawls, they can be family or friends who you know are ill. Please call either myself (Terry Linn) at 734-259-9826 or Bob Jones in the church office if you have someone who could benefit from one of these shawls. One more thing, there is an upcoming Gathering of the Circles at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:30 to 12:00 this is where we swap ideas and patterns and share examples of our shawls. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me at 734-259-9826 prior to July 28, 2017.

Our next meeting will be on Monday August 21, 2017. from 4 pm-6pm.

Calendar

Monday

August 7
Weekday
Nm 11:4b–15
Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

August 8
St. Dominic,
Priest
Nm 12:1–13
Mt 14:22–36 or
15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 9
Weekday
Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,
26–29a, 34–35
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Friday

August 11
St. Clare,
Virgin
Dt 4:32–40
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 6:4–13
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 13
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

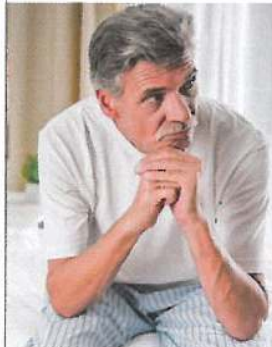
Dear Padre,

Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown I'm feeling directionless. Even my faith life doesn't feel like it used to. How can I recapture a feeling of purposefulness in my faith?

People may long for liberation from their job and for an “empty nest” at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we



recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis



“By [Jesus'] Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven. Perhaps our eyes are a little sick because we see so many things that are not of Jesus, things that are even against Jesus: worldly things, things that do not benefit the light of the soul. And in this way, this light is slowly extinguished, and without knowing it, we end up in interior darkness, in spiritual darkness, in a darkened faith: darkness, because we are unaccustomed to looking and imagining the things of Jesus.”

—Homily, second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014