

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

Matthew 17:1

TIME SPENT IN PRAYER IS LIFE-CHANGING

*Matthew Kelly
Resisting Happiness
2016*

A few years ago, I was doing some consulting work at a large hospital. The hospital was implementing the Dream Manager program for the nurses. The program helps people identify why they do what they do, what is important to them, and what their dreams are for the future. It has been incredibly successful in hundreds of companies, because sadly, most people have never been asked, "What are your dreams?" and most people spend more time planning their annual vacation than they spend planning their lives.

During the project I spend quite a bit of time with a group of hospice nurses. I remember wondering over and over again to myself, "How do they do it?" One day at lunch, I was sitting with five or six of them, and I asked them, "When people are dying, what do they talk about?" They told me that people who are dying very often talk to the nurses about how they wish they had lived their lives differently. Here is a sampling of what those nurses shared with me, twenty-four things dying people wished that had done differently.

- I wish I'd had the courage to just be myself.
- I wish I had spent more time with the people I love.
- I wish I had made spirituality more of a priority.
- I wish I hadn't spent so much time working.
- I wish I had discovered my purpose earlier.
- I wish I had learned to express my feelings more.
- I wish I hadn't spent so much time worrying about things that never happened.
- I wish I had taken more risks.
- I wish I had cared less about what other people thought.
- I wish I had realized earlier that happiness is a choice.
- I wish I had loved more.
- I wish I had taken better care of myself.
- I wish I had been a better spouse.

- I wish I had paid less attention to other people's expectations.
- I wish I had quit my job and found something I really enjoyed doing.
- I wish I had stayed in touch with old friends.
- I wish I had spoken my mind more.
- I wish I hadn't spent so much time chasing the wrong things.
- I wish I'd had more children.
- I wish I had touched more lives.
- I wish I had thought about life's big questions earlier.
- I wish I had traveled more.
- I wish I had lived more in the moment.
- I wish I had pursued more of my dreams.

These are the regrets of dying people, people who were out of time. Each of them contains a powerful lesson for those of us who are still living.

When I was in middle school I sang in the school choir. One of our duties was singing at funerals, and we sang at a lot of funerals. I remember thinking a lot about life and death as we sat there in church for all those funerals. Even at that age it struck me that life really is fleeting.

It is good and healthy to think about death from time to time. It puts things in perspective and reminds us what really matters. The perspective that death is inevitable reminds us to get busy living.

ACTION STEP

If you died today, what would you wish you had done differently? Reflect.



MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."

THE MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **August 14th** in Cerullo Hall at 6:30 PM.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **August 8th and 22nd** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip's Prime Timers holds regular meetings on the first Friday of every month, September through June. Atlantic City bus trips to Resorts Casino will be held on **Aug. 10, Sept. 20th, Oct. 12th and Nov. 8th**. The cost is \$27 per person per trip and bus leaves at 9:30 AM. Contact Sylvia at 973-742-9286 for tickets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration is now open!

- Online by going to the parish website www.stphilip.org. The Religious Education section is at the bottom of the page. Payment is required at the time you register.
- Download the forms and mail them to the Molloy Center with your payment.
- In person at the Molloy Center **by calling for an appointment** at (973) 779-1439.

Ms. Sirvidio can be emailed at dsirvidio@st.philip.org.

Confirmation and Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 17th with the 8:00 AM Mass.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip's Preparatory School is seeking *Certified Substitute Teachers*. Please e-mail name, resume and certification to principalzito@gmail.com.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Hosted by Father Julio A. Barrios

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 6 – 16, 2018

- Visiting LISBON * FATIMA * SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SALAMANCA * MADRID * LOURDES
- \$2799 per person from NEWARK (Air/land tour price is \$2399 plus \$400 government taxes/airline surcharges)
- For brochure and additional information contact Barbara Salzer at 973-779-6200

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PILGRIMAGE WASHINGTON, DC



OCTOBER 21, 2017

To sign up contact Carol Mahoney at 973-986-2869

OR

Two Day Spiritual Journey

October 20-21, 2017

For information or brochure on this 2-day trip contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at 973-728-8162 or secretary@olgpni.org

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Jim Lacava, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayney, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bruno Marino, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Roger Rossnagel, Fred Van Dwyne, Theresa Buhler, Karen Ambrose, Dave Miller, Gary Diekmann, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc

THE DECEASED: Douglas Jaeger

THE NEWLY MARRIED: Ivan Bobev and Anna Szperlak

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 31, 2016	\$13,507.00
JULY 30, 2017	
Envelopes	\$11,396.00
Cash	\$ 1,276.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,340.00
Total	\$17,012.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: AUGUST 12/13, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Joe	10:00 AM	Fr. Matt
8:00 AM	Fr. Matt	12:00 Noon	Fr. Joe

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Sister Eileen & Sister Jayne Kelly, PBVM
Anthony R. Lipari
Carmen Albino
Frances Iris Figueroa
- 12 :00** Ida Pompeo
Charlie Scancarello

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017

- 9:00** Roy Hibberd

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

- 9:00** Maxine Elmo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

- 9:00** Ronald Gorun

THURSDAY, August 10, 2017

- 9:00** Frank Neceskas

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

- 9:00** Katherine Wilson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

- 9:00** Ceil & Joseph Hopper
- 5:30** Gene Musto
Mel Mullins
Don Muller

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017

- 8:00** Christopher Jeffers
- 10:00** Margaret & George Dikdan
Bill Loftus
Alvera Dakak – 5th Anniversary
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle : In Memory of
Ronald Gorun
From his wife, Charlotte

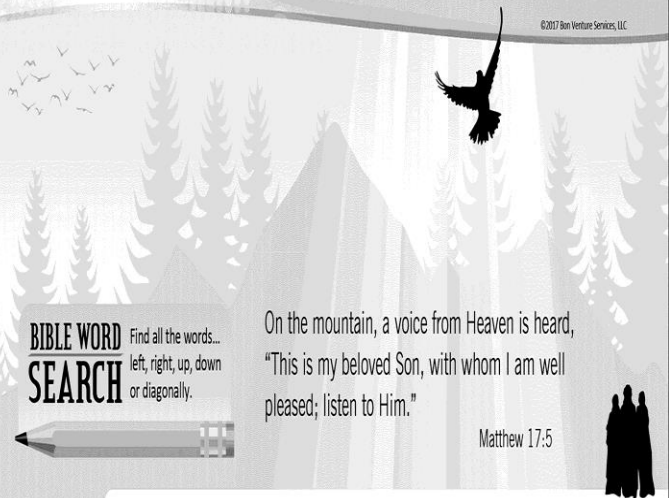
KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to Him."
Matthew 17:5

Transfigured	H	T	R	B	S	P	E	T	E	R	N	E	B
Matthew													
Jesus	A	I	A	P	P	E	A	R	S	S	W	R	C
Mountain													
Peter	J	O	H	N	E	H	M	A	T	T	H	E	W
James													
John	I	M	O	S	E	S	U	N	T	H	I	R	I
Appears													
Shone	L	N	O	Y	E	T	W	S	L	O	T	E	G
Sun													
Clothes	E	T	A	M	C	F	S	F	N	T	E	Y	N
White													
Light	E	N	A	R	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	T	I
Moses													
Elijah	S	J	E	S	U	S	Y	G	L	B	D	H	K
Obey													
God	Y	B	N	I	A	T	N	U	O	M	R	G	A
Believe													
Speaking	S	E	O	O	C	B	E	R	D	O	W	I	E
Cloud													
Son	E	V	H	E	G	O	D	E	S	A	E	L	P
Love													
Well	N	O	S	C	L	O	U	D	T	P	L	A	S
Pleased													
Listen	R	L	H	T	A	S	E	H	T	O	L	C	W