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GO ON PILGRIMAGE WITH US

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE | APRIL 3-7

Fr. Casey will lead a pilgrimage from April 3-7 to the heart of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama and Mississippi. Participants will visit Birmingham to see the Civil Rights Institute and explore the Civil Rights District; Montgomery, to see the recently opened Memorial to Peace and Justice, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, and tour the Civil Rights Museum; Selma, to walk historic Pettus Bridge and visit the National Voting Rights Museum; Hayneville, to see the site of Jonathan Daniels’ martyrdom; and Jackson, MS, to see Freedom Corner and the homes of Edgar Rivers. Per person costs will be between $500-700, including transportation, lodging, and admission fees. The undetermined cost is due to the possibility of reserving bus transportation, which will only be possible if we reach a certain minimum registration. Register by contacting Meghan Mau at mmau@transfiguration.net, or email Fr. Casey with questions.

OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE | AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020

Transfiguration will head on pilgrimage to southern Germany in 2020 to see the famed Oberammergau Passion Play. Due to a high level of interest, participants will be divided into two separate trips, one in August and a second in September, each capped at 25 participants. The September trip has 10 remaining spaces, while the August trip needs 12 additional confirmed participants in order to make. The focus of the trip will be an exploration of the themes of death and resurrection through the history of the region. The trip will last nine days and the cost is estimated at $3,000 (plus airfare). Please hold your place by paying a deposit of $250.

UPDATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING

If you use Realm to pay your pledge, please remember to update or set up your recurring monthly gift for 2019. Your 2018 payment schedule may not automatically transfer to 2019. If you need any help setting up your payment, please call or email Sophie Lowrance, Parish Administrator, at slowrance@transfiguration.net.

WORSHIP WITH US

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Holy Eucharist
Church 5:00 p.m.
Youth Eucharist
Church 6:30 p.m.
Transfiguration Choir Rehearsal Performance Hall 7:15 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Daughters of the King Centering Prayer Parlor 11:00 a.m.
Saturdays, the King Centering Prayer Parlor 12:00 p.m.
Nurturing Faithfulness through Fiction Room S-203 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Wedding Rehearsal - Keith/Paulus Church 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Alab muscular 5:00 p.m.
Flower Guild Prep Roper Hall 7:00 p.m.
Keith Paulus Wedding Church 8:00 p.m.
Church 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Hermitage Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.
Church 9:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.
 Approximately 11:15 a.m. *Childcare available for children 6 weeks to age 5.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 20
Barbara Geste, Giovanni Lujan, Charles Thompson
JANUARY 21
Emily Scudder, Anne Ward, Michael Wedge
JANUARY 22
George Petrado, Mary Silverman
JANUARY 23
Dennis Frasier, Marguerite Kaufman, Arthur Sakhalathorn, Kerry Tate
JANUARY 24
Helena Hund, Bonnie Wilson
JANUARY 26
Dre Daniel, Audrey Griffin, Mike Harvey, Beth Schmitz

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Wednesday / 6:00 p.m.
Thursday / 12:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.
Sunday / 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.*
*Childcare available for children 6 weeks to age 5.

North Dallas Shared Ministries
Support our joint outreach project in Roper Hall.

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Welcome!

Our mission is to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and we joyfully welcome all people into our life and fellowship. We are an inclusive community of disciples who love God and follow Jesus through inborn witness, compassionate service, formative education, and sacrificial stewardship. If you’re interested in learning more about our life together at Transfiguration, please fill out a welcome card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate. Someone will be in touch in the coming week to answer your questions. You are also invited to pick up a welcome packet at the Welcome Desk by the front doors. Thank you for sharing our act of worship with us this weekend. We hope you will experience the grace and mercy of God among our community.

Next Sunday, children ages 5 through high school youth will pack soup kits for North Dallas Shared Ministries as a joint outreach project in Roper Hall. For those who would like, the nursery will be open as usual during this time for children ages six weeks through five years.

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Children are always welcome in worship at Transfiguration! Professionally staffed childcare is provided for ages six weeks through five years during Sunday morning services. Children age four years through second grade are invited to attend Chapel during the first half of the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist. This service is designed to introduce children to the traditions of Episcopal worship. Children are invited to follow the wooden cross behind the main procession out of the N.T. Version, and return to the church at the Peace.

### Pastoral Care & Prayer

Clergy, staff, and other ministers in the church provide ongoing pastoral care to a large number of parishioners every week. Through prayer, hospitality, hospital visits, communion visitation, anointing of the sick, and a multitude of other ministries, our pastoral care ministry is there for you and your family. The Prayer Chain distributes prayer requests and pastoral care notifications to volunteers who pray daily for the needs of the parish and our friends. Submit prayer requests at 973-235-1898 ext. 300 or by email at prayers@transfiguration.net. Questions? Contact Rev. Nancy DeStefano, Director of Pastoral Care and Prayer, at ndestefano@transfiguration.net.

### The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King sponsor weekly adult prayer classes. The class meets in Roper Hall. This spring the class will explore the Book of 1 Samuel. This class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Alex Cavanaugh, Director of Youth Ministries, at acavanaugh@transfiguration.net.

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### Ushers

Our Ushers are always available to assist in the worship service. Questions? Contact Ron Damholt at 214-296-2748.

### Altar Guild

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### Centering Prayer

The Daughters of the King sponsor weekly centering prayer on Thursday mornings at 11:25 a.m. for a half hour prior to the noon Eucharist, and Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. for one hour in the Chapel, with lectio divina between 12:30 and 1:50 p.m. All are welcome, no experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Witten at switten@bluehost.net.

### Youth Crossover is Back

January 24

Wednesday evening youth program for students in junior high through high school continues for the spring on January 13. If you have questions or would like to register a child, please contact Director of Youth Ministries, Cindy Hauser, at chauser@transfiguration.net.

### Parish Council Meeting

January 26

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Roper Hall. All leaders of churches are encouraged to attend to learn about important topics and processes for the year. Questions? Email Liz Kerner at dtransfig@transfiguration.net.