

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH 2024
PORTSMOUTH, RI

Transfigured
by Grace

Parish
Mission

February
26th-28th

Featuring Fr. Henry Bodah

Fr. Henry Bodah will give this year's Lenten mission, "*Transfigured by Grace*" during the second week of Lent. Fr. Bodah was raised in St. Anthony's parish and attended the parish school on West Main Road. After graduating from the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence in Warwick, he was assigned to the American College in Leuven, Belgium, while studying theology at the Catholic University of Louvain.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1978 and spent his ministry in parish work until 1997 when Bishop Gelineau assigned him as chaplain to the Catholic community of Brown University and the RI School of Design. After 17 years in that assignment, he became pastor of St. Francis parish in South Kingstown for 7 years, from which he retired in 2021.

Fr. Bodah will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of February 24-25. **Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm of that week.** Fr. Bodah will be preaching the mission during each Mass. He will also be available for confession on Saturday the 24th at 3:30 and again at 6pm on Tuesday the 27th.

About the mission theme:

Why do I think I might go to heaven? What is the key that might unlock the celestial gates to me? You might be surprised to hear the answer that many Catholics give to such questions. A hint at an answer: neither Pelagianism nor Quietism got it right. If you've never heard of those things, you might want to attend this year's mission. Although you might learn something interesting about the development of doctrine in the Catholic tradition, the focus will be on the practical application of what the Bible and the example and writings of the Saints have to teach us.