

Transfiguration – B

- PMO – Project Planning is what I did
 - My wife is a planner – we live by to-do lists
 - We all have OUR plans – well today's readings are all about God's Plans
- 1st Reading is from Daniel
 - People of Israel are suffering horribly in the book of Daniel
 - Syrian King has enslaved them & has a plan - either conform or be destroyed
 - He's put a statue of Zeus in the Holy of Holies of the Temple
 - Anyone who didn't worship Zeus was tortured and killed
 - This is the setting for the book of Daniel
 - In this vision the heavenly court is convened
 - Books of history are opened
 - Daniels sees the Son of Man coming on a cloud
 - In glory, power, dominion and kingship
 - Despite the plan of King of Syria GOD'S IN CONTROL
 - GOD HAS A PLAN
- In the Gospel, Jesus climbs the mountain with disciples & is transfigured
 - His body shines like the sun – Moses & Elijah come to Him
 - THEY DISCUSS GOD'S PLAN
 - A plan laid out in scripture, in the Law, and the prophets
 1. The people of the new covenant would be persecuted
 2. Jesus would be put to death
 3. But nothing, not even death, would defeat God's plan to redeem His people

God's plan would succeed – God is always victorious
REMEMBER THIS – when we're bombarded with negativity of world, we are called to Christian optimism

- SO – We do our best to be good people
 - We do our best and trust in God to do the rest
 - We entrust our lives to God's plan
- The Syrians tried to destroy the People of God
 - God had another plan for His people
- The forces of evil tried to destroy Jesus
 - God had another plan for his people
- God has a plan for you and for me
 - This is why we were born – baptized – confirmed
 - The world will still continue to try to destroy that plan
 - And as the human creatures we are, we will fall – and sin
 - But nothing can or will deter God's plan for reaching fruition
 - We pray, this Sunday – and every Sunday – for faith
 - That we trust God to make His plan a reality in our lives
 - That we may be humble enough to let Him work through us

