

*The People of God, called to form  
the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

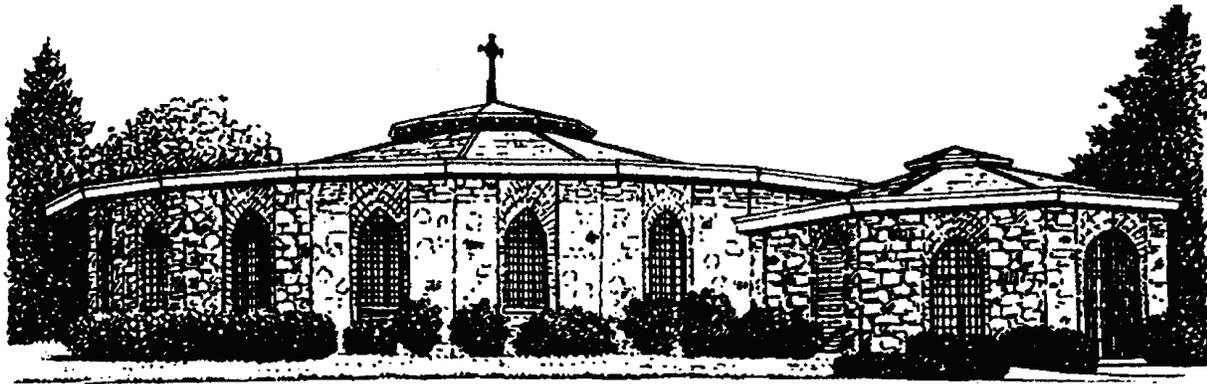
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. We are called to share what we have received by evangelization and by good works to those in need.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, Evening: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
Weekdays: Monday through Friday: 7:15 & 9:00 am (Day Chapel)  
Weekends: Saturday morning: 9:00 am only  
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7:30 pm.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
Other times by appointment

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### *Pre-Baptismal Instruction for Parents:*

Held prior to Baptism (Call the Parish Office for schedules and further information)

### *Baptisms*

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the last Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm except during Advent and Lent.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated for parishioners. The couple are to contact the priest at least six (6) months prior to the ceremony.

## PRIORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm  
Closed on all holidays.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK & ELDERLY

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing, expressing love of God and our Church for the sick, our shut-ins and the elderly. For the SERIOUSLY ILL and dying, contact the Priory. Communion will be brought on Sundays to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

## CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Welcome to the Transfiguration Community. Please register at the Priory. Registering and weekly participating are ways of acquiring a true sense of belonging to our parish community. A record of active membership is a necessary requirement for marriage in the Parish Church, testimonial letters for Baptismal/Confirmation sponsors. If you move or change address, please notify us.

## COUNSELING

Know that we are ever ready to assist. Don't hesitate to call anytime for an appointment.  
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

**Priory**  
268 So. Broadway  
631-1672

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# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

Collection of January 29, 2017  
\$8461.00

Attendance—853 Envelopes-  
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\$2416 Envelopes -

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday  
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
- Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita  
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: St. Scholastica;  
*Tu B'Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset  
Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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SATURDAY, February 4, 2017  
5:00 Joseph & Patricia Lydon req. by Maureen Fleming

SUNDAY, February 5, 2017  
8:00 Michael Campbell ( brother of Jack)  
Req. by Denise Martin & Family  
10:00 Carmen & Rickey Sbezzi req. by  
The Transfiguration Seniors  
12:00 Carmen & Rickey Sbezzi req. by  
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Cappuzzello

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY

7:15 The Pope's Intentions for February  
9:00 A Special Intention

### TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

### WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 A Special Intention

### THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Rita Hurson req, by The Hurson Family

### FRIDAY

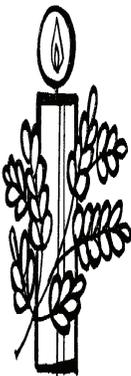
7:15 In Honor of Our Lady Of Gauadalupe  
Req. by Ann Lupi  
9:00 A Special Intention

### SATURDAY

9:00 Carmela B. Valentine req. Mary Lynch  
5:00 James Hofgartner req. Mr. & Mrs A Pace

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by  
Joan DeMeo  
10:00 Rose Milo req. by Kristy & Ross Farbman  
12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by  
The Kennedy Family



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Bridget Connelly req. by Gloria Agro

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in for

**SLEIGHT OF HAND:** In Chapter 10 of the gospel of Matthew, we read in verse 16 the following: “Behold, I am sending you like a sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.” As I was reflecting on these words today, I was reminded of something I enjoyed so much as a child: magic.

I love magic tricks; the more amazing and incredible, the better. I grew up watching famous magicians such as Doug Henning and David Copperfield on TV; and among contemporary magicians, I think that David Blaine is a real artist in trickery. For me, the most incredible tricks involve little more than a pack of cards or a ball, and the ability to distract the audience through a mesmerizing display of acting. To me, that is the real art. Simple tricks, such as “I’ll guess what card you choose,” require charisma and the talent to seduce, much more than the ability to pull two cards at the same time.

The problem is that this sleight of hand is used on us all the time, to dazzle us and trick us into believing in something other than Jesus Christ and his teaching, and this is the work of the devil. Advertising is the most obvious form of trickery that seduces us every day, but many other forces attempt to convince us that their way is better, even by using the name of Christ himself. The wolves are everywhere, indeed, and in places we do not expect or appreciate. They seduce not only by creating desire in us, but also by creating surprise and chaos, so that we do not notice that they are trying to undermine us at the same time.

The martyrs were well aware of this trickery when they gave up their lives for Christ. Some were offered wealth and a secure future, other freedom, and still others, something more secure and tangible than “faith in God.” Others, like St. Paul, recognized the seduction of these wolves who attempted to divide the Christian community by favoring one leader over another, while regarding the other as ignorant and stupid. When we are seduced in this way, as St. Paul teaches us, “are you not of the flesh, and behaving in an ordinary human way?” (1 Corinthians 3:3)

As Christians, we are not meant to simply be “ordinary humans,” no. Through his salvific mission, we have become children of God and ambassadors of Christ. As such, every person and every thing belongs to us as gifts from God, to be cared for and treated by us with dignity and respect. The devil challenges this reality by dividing us, and uses his version of sleight of hand to fool us into believing that our differences are causes for contention, mistrust, and hate, rather than as opportunities for growth, and the ways in which we all, made in

the image and likeness of God, reflect Him in the world. Therefore, our measure for being true disciples of Christ is in the way we model our lives on him. In his same letter, Paul defines it eloquently:

“If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:1-7).

So let us test everything (1 Thessalonians 5:21). If we act out of selfish fear and anger, worrying only about our interests, then be wary. If something makes our hearts harder and less compassionate, then be concerned. If we prioritize our secular viewpoints, including our political ones, over Christ’s call to love all people, then be worried. If it is sudden and causes chaos and confusion and creates division, then be extra-vigilant, because the wolf is attempting to hide something else from you. As St. Peter says in his letter: “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour” (1 Peter 5:21). Be concerned because in the end, we must give an account of our selfishness to Him.

Our call is to be like Christ—truthful, compassionate and understanding, forgiving, self-giving, desirous of truth and justice for all. Only loving charity will change the world, because it is the only that has ever really changed the world. This is because God is authentic love (1 John 4:8). This is where our Christian simplicity is rooted, the simplicity of being like a dove. So we must resist every temptation, every wicked sleight of hand, and hold firm to Christ, our love and our life.

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Lee Anne Sullivan and Jennifer Kachnowski. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



**FAMILY LIFE AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE  
NEWS:**

**FEBRUARY 5-12: WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK**

**CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP—100 FREE  
CODES:**

Visit [myfamilylife.org](http://myfamilylife.org) during the month of February to get your code and access to **Catholic Couple Checkup**, an online resource for helping you to look at the strengths and areas of growth in your relationship. For further information, please contact Izabella Nagle at [izabella.nagle@archny.org](mailto:izabella.nagle@archny.org).

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN  
2017:**

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00 Pm in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass for all couples who will celebrate their 50th anniversaries this year. To register, call the parish office before march 1, 2017, and we will register you. Three tickets will be reserved (2 for the couple + 1 for a family member or friend, if assistance is needed) in the center aisle pews. Additional non-reserved seating will be available for other family and friends.

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**Take care of someone special, YOU!**

For: Divorced, widowed and separated men and woman

Where: St. Lawrence Retreat Center, Beacon, NY 12508

When: March 31—April 1-2, 2017

- Presented by people “who have been there” and offer their support.
- The Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocese Office of Family and Youth.
- All faiths are welcome.
- Because space is limited, pre-registration is required

Call: Mary Anne H-914-962-1112 cell-914-260-5087  
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Email us at: [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org)  
Or go to our website at: [www.beginningexperience.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.beginningexperience.org/hudsonvalley)

**FLU SEASON:** With people getting sick at this time of year, the Mass can prove a bit challenging. The archdiocese offers the following recommendations for staying healthy.

- If you are afraid of becoming ill, you do not have to shake hands at the kiss of peace. You may offer a different gesture or a verbal greeting.
- If you are ill, do not receive from the chalice.
- If you have a gluten allergy, please let the priest or minister of Holy Communion know *before Mass*, so that we can have a gluten free host consecrated and available for you.
- Please use an alcohol based antibacterial hand sanitizer to keep the germs at bay

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH NEWS:**

**LIBRARY: SOME CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES:**

This month on our library bookshelf, we have included some titles that discuss the history, experience, and spiritual perspectives of Black Catholics. Please feel free to borrow the books and enrich your knowledge in the history and faith that we all share in the one Body of Christ.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2:00 pm: ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS.**

St. Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, OFM of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be the principal celebrant and guest homilist.

**VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

This Program was established in 1983 and is administered through the Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese. Eligible candidates for the program are high school seniors who demonstrate academic strength, active participation in their parish and school (whether public, private, or parochial), and good character and the capacity for strong leadership. For further information, see the bulletin board, or contact the Office for Black Ministry at (646) 794-2681, or via e-mail at [obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org)

**TRANSFIGURATION REGIONAL SCHOOL  
TOURING TUESDAYS**

**Feb 14, March 14, April 4  
From 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester invites you to experience Catholic Schools in action by visiting on a TOURING TUESDAY open house event. Prospective parents are invited to visit between the hours of 9-11 AM or by appointment to RSVP please call 914-631-3737 or [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org)

February 5, 2017

## The JOY of PARENTING

Inviting parents of **All** ages and of **All** experiences to please come join us for a POT LUCK DINNER for PARENTS. Come bring a favorite dish; come share your stories, needs and your gift of parenting. Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. It all takes place on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (following the 5 o'clock mass) in the church hall. Wine and beverages will be provided.

Please email your RSVP by February 5th  
TRANSFIGURATIONPARENTS@gmail.com



Dear friends in the Lord:

Soon our archdiocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world by assisting those who suffer from war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the *Peter's Pence Collection* this year, as you have done in the past with my gratitude. For more information about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

**Weekly Lectio Divina Group:** Beginning Wednesday, October 26th, meetings will be held at 7:00 PM in the parish library. All welcome.

**\*\*Don't forget to buy Stop & Shop Gift Cards and C-Town Certificates from the Priory Office before going food shopping. Our Church earns 5% of all that are sold!\*\***

**GRIEVING PARENTS:** For those who grieve the lost of a child who has died, no matter how long ago, the Ennaus Ministry for Grieving Parents is offering spiritual retreats on Saturday February 11, and Saturday February 25, at St. Joseph's Seminary and on Saturday, April 1 at the Church of the Magdalene. For further information, refer to the bulletin board in the parking lot vestibule, or go to the website: [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny)

### TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

Thursday, February 16th, 1:00 PM our Annual St. Valentine's Party! Raffles and sweet prizes!

Thursday, March 9th, St. Patrick's Luncheon at **12 noon** \$15.00 Members \$20 Guests  
Sign Up by March 5th.



### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Our Food Pantry collection of non-perishable foods and paper goods (soups, tuna, pasta, red sauce, vegetables, fruit, also paper towels and toilet paper) will take place next weekend, February 11th & 12th. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room.

Delivery will be on Saturday, February 18th after the 9:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are always welcome!

### GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.—Raymond Lull

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