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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

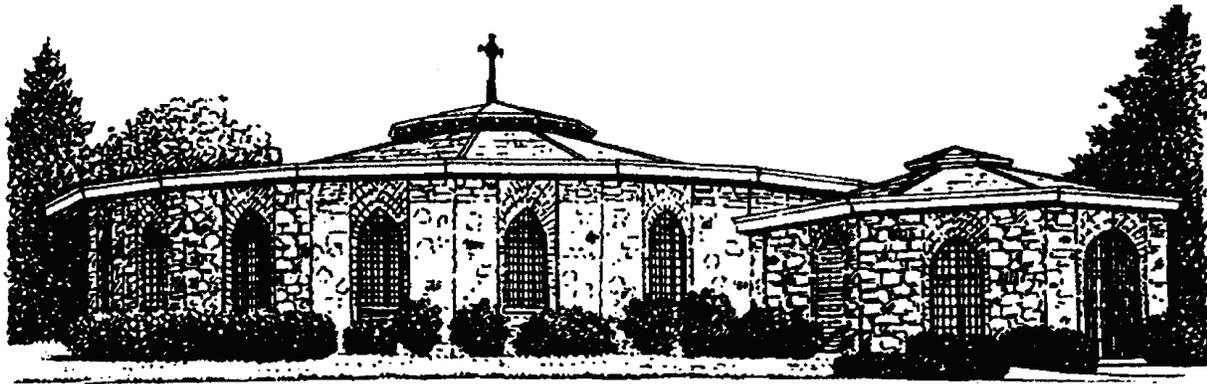
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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

**Transfiguration School**  
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631-3737

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Prospect Avenue  
631-2380



# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

Collection of January 29, 2017  
\$8868.00

Attendance—692 Envelopes-221  
Peter's Pence  
\$1949 Envelopes -150

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 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]
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites  
Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary  
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

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There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Susan and Chris Vacca. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



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SATURDAY, February 4, 2017  
5:00 James Hofgartner req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Pace

SUNDAY, February 5, 2017  
8:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo  
10:00 Rose Milo req. by Kristy and Ross Farbman  
12:00 Carmen & Rickey Sbezzi req. by The Kennedy Family

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

7:15 Bridget Connelly req. by Nancy Quinn  
9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Ann Miele

### WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 David O'Shea req. by Maureen Vanginderen

### THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Joseph Stanton req. by Kathleen Cross

### FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

### SATURDAY

9:00 Carol Fitzpatrick req. by Peter Downey  
5:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Geri Green

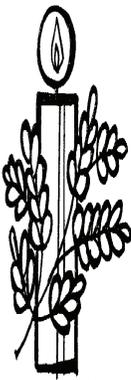
## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Julia Reilly req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan  
10:00 Theodore & Elizabeth Walters req. by Caroline Walters  
12:00 Herminie & John Chepiga req. by Patricia Chepiga

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is for the healing of our sick Transfiguration Parishioners

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for the intentions of our Transfiguration Parishioners

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in for Elizabeth Dunne Nolan req. by the Rooney Family



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**INNER PEACE:** One thing that has impressed and frustrated me about the saints is their ability to remain in relative peace in the face of adversity, or even death. Their connection to God was of such a nature that, despite having to deal with criticisms, loneliness, open hostility, and persecution, they were able to do so with great patience, mercy and compassion. At the same time, this same relationship with the Divine propelled them to act in the very situation that created their external difficulties. Especially when I was younger, I enjoyed their model of Christian faith, but found it a great challenge to be as patient and kind as them when similarly confronted with unkind or angry emotions and words and personal attacks, or challenges to my deeply held convictions and beliefs.

Now that I am a few years older, I look to them as great teachers of how to live with adversity. The words of St. Teresa, for example, have proven very useful whenever I have felt frustrated or angry with a situation:

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes, but God never changes. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God will lack for nothing. God alone suffices.”

These words come from a woman whose spiritual experiences and teachings were constantly doubted. She was challenged by some members of the Spanish Inquisition, who deemed her prayer life as demonic. She faced hot opposition to her reform of the Carmelite order from both the friars and the nuns. The townspeople in certain areas protested her foundation of a monastery. Within the reform, she faced jealousies, power grabs, and the impact of members with serious mental health issues. Despite, all this, she was able to maintain an interior peace that enabled her to realize her personal call by God to bring about change.

Her life, therefore, offers us some important lessons about how to deal with similar situations. Whether because of family relationships, politics, social justice issues, work or whatever situation that causes us stress, the teachings of Teresa can help us to deal with challenges with greater grace and with inner peace and strength. The following are some lessons that I have drawn from her life and teachings.

**PRAY:** Teresa changed the way contemplative people prayed by recognizing that God is not an idea to be thought of, but One to be encountered and experienced in love. For her, prayer is first and foremost allowing God

To love us. So allow yourself some quiet time for God to love you. This means turning off the cell phone, the computer, the television, and having a moment away from the spouse and kids to be alone with yourself and God. In this stillness allow God to take care of you. Sit in a comfortable and quiet spot. Begin with a passage from the Bible to help your mind focus on prayer, and then close your eyes and let your mind and soul ponder their meaning. A good one to start with is the following: “No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

—Romans 8:37-39

If it helps you to maintain your focus you may light a candle, play some quiet instrumental music in the background, and have a favorite image of Christ or a saint nearby. St. Teresa held that it is good to have an image of Christ to help us to remember that we are loved.

**TAKE A BREAK:** Sometimes, we can feel anxious or overwhelmed by everything going on around us, even if we feel passionate about what we do. None of us, however, has the ability to sustain challenging circumstances for a long time. Being the primary caregiver of a close relative, for example, demands so much energy and focus; yet even though we love them, we cannot maintain such a level of care and attention without cracking. It is necessary, therefore, to sometimes walk away for a while. In addition to prayer, Teresa met with friends, held small celebrations in the monastery, and dedicated herself to writing. These changes of routine helped her to fulfill God’s will with vigor. We, too, need to turn off our electronic devices and go for a walk. Or spend a couple of hours with good friends, or do a hobby.

**KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES:** One of the important things that Teresa learned was to let go of what was unimportant and unessential, and to allow God to do His work in her. This required her to constantly look at her life with humility, examining it in the light of God’s will, and to detach herself from things that prevented her from living freely in God, including her own ego. God invites us to do the same, not only with the stuff happening in our lives, but also with what we hold dear in our hearts. When we get caught up in tense discussions, for example, we should ask ourselves, “Is what I am defending according to Christ and his saving mission for the whole world?” “Is it worth fighting for?” “Is it worth dying for?”

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I pray that as we follow the examples of Teresa and all the saints, we may continue to simplify our lives and make them a little easier by leaning on God's unconditional and abounding love.

**PARKING LOT, i.e.,**

**PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING:** This past week, someone in our parish parked in the parking lot during the day. When they returned to their car, they discovered that their car had been hit, yet the offender left no information. Please remember that if you hit a parked car, or are involved in any other type of accident involving your vehicle, you are required by law to remain at the scene and to exchange information, including your name, address, license plate number, and insurance information. Besides, it is the decent thing to do.

**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.

**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)

**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

**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.

**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 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)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day."

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK:** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**Church of the Transfiguration Hours**

**Winter Hours**

Monday to Thursday: 7:00 AM to Dusk

Friday: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM to after 12:00 noon Mass

Snow Days: the church will be open for the scheduled Masses for the day, and then closed immediately after the last Mass

# Seniors

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## 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 this weekend.

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!

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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## 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)



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** It is not too early to make our summer plans. Don't forget to include Vacation Bible School as one of your child's July activities. Our theme this year is "**MIGHTY FORTESS, in Jesus the victory is won.**"

Journey with us from July 10th through 14th as we find our King in the castles of our hearts. Children from 3 to 12 years old are invited to be princesses and princes in the kingdom of the Lord. Have fun while learning about Jesus through His Word. Look for registration forms in the weeks to come.

Call Nancy Nelson at (914)631-2380 or e-mail [nancynelson2380@gmail.com](mailto:nancynelson2380@gmail.com) for more information.

### LIBRARY:

Our Parish is a community in which we share useful things. In this spirit the parish library has available for loan two useful books:

- 1) Reader's Digest of Skills and Tools - for anyone handy around the house.
- 2) World Almanac Book of Records - for any unresolved disputes.

You will find them in the upstairs bookcase on the bottom shelf.

### Iona Prep Basketball Clinic Information

Iona Prep is having two basketball clinics which are designed for students entering grades 3—8. The dates for the 2017 clinics are as follows:

- February 20-23
- June 26-29
- July 31– August 3 (Only Grades 6-9)
- August 7-10

If interested contact Coach Vic Quirolo at Iona Prep (914)632-0714 extension 231

[vquiolo@ionaprep.org](mailto:vquiolo@ionaprep.org)

To access our website or to download a brochure, go to [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org) and click athletics.

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