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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

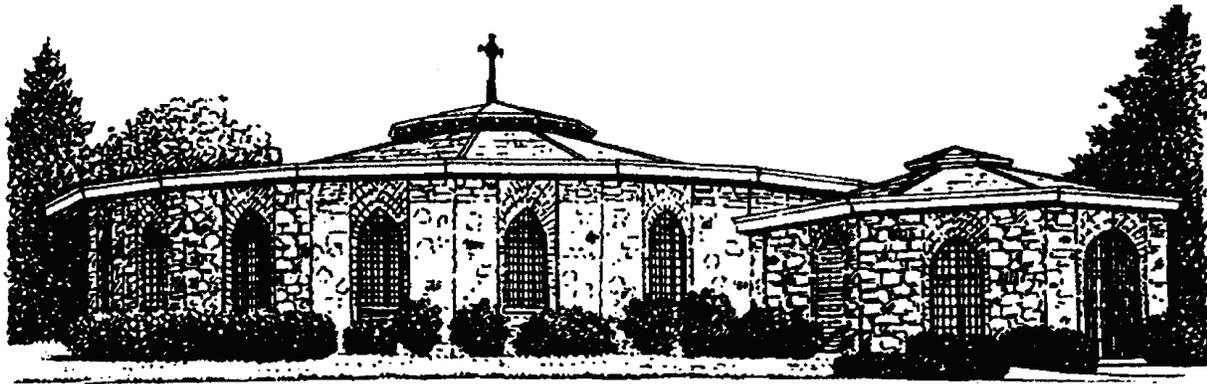
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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

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Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
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Weekly Offering



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SATURDAY, February 25, 2017

5:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Nick & Laura Scazafave

SUNDAY, February 26, 2017

8:00 Patricia Bremer req. by Maureen Vanginderen
 10:00 Luigi Fantecone & Rosina Fantecone req. by Elvira Fantecone
 12:00 Jose Bacha & Juan Duran req. by Yahaira Mendez

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Rosemarie Tarziano req. by Judy Bucci
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Mara & Joseph Kempf req. by Margaret Bischof

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
 9:00 Maria DuSek req. by Susan & William Marmo

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
 9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
 12:10 A Special Intention
 7:30 A Special Intention

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
 9:00 Bridget Connelly req. by Dan & Pat Nyarady

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
 9:00 Bernadette Hartnet req. by the Westchester LAOH

SATURDAY

9:00 Jae Lucero & Dolores Dore req. by Helen Long
 5:00 William Farrell req. by Carolyn Walters

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Michael Campbell (brother of Jack) req. by Claire & Mark O'Brien
 10:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Michael & Carla Scazafave
 12:00 Mary Farrell req. by The Farrell Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

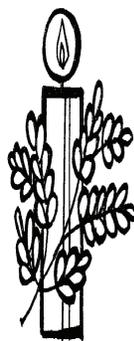
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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of February 19, 2017
 \$8341.00

Attendance—694 Envelopes-218

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Andrew Fahy, 30th Anniversary, req. by Maureen & Thomas Fleming



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

The Shrine candles are burning this week is the first responders of our Parish, may the grace of the Lord always be with them.

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
- Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begin
Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

—Anonymous

Lent:

Ash Wednesday takes place on *March 1st*, and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Following archdiocesan policy, ashes will be distributed during Mass at 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 Pm. There will also be a special Lenten Service for those who attend afternoon CCD at 3:30 PM Ashes will **NOT** be distributed outside of these times.

LENTEN REFOCUS: Traditionally, this has been called the “Lenten Sacrifice,” but in naming lenten practice in this way, we can lose the real purpose of why we do what we do. The origin of our Lenten practice comes from Matthew 6:1-18, and is part of Jesus’ discourse on the mountain, where he teaches his disciples how to live a life of faith. In these verses, he discusses the importance of three things: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

Almsgiving: Otherwise known as “instead of giving up something, do something instead,” Jesus invites to be so self-giving and generous to others that we create a habit that does not require a second thought. In doing good to others, Christ challenges us to look beyond our circle of family and friends, and help the stranger, especially the ones who make us feel uncomfortable. During Lent, we challenge ourselves to share more than we already do, and to be kind to others more than we are, so that once Lent is over, we continue the habit we have created. Therefore, our acts of charity and kindness should not end with Lent. Instead, these good deeds should set us up to maintain throughout the rest of the year. So in choosing how to give and share generously, choose something that will help form the habit of giving. Choose a particular charity that you would like to support after Lent. Work on your relationship with those with whom you have issues. Learn to judge other less, and forgive them more.

Prayer: All of these good acts are meaningless if we don’t have an intimate and personal relationship with God, because he teaches us what it truly means to be charitable and merciful and kind. He offers Himself as the model for magnanimity. The only way to know how to imitate Him is to get to know Him, and this only happens through prayer. Prayer is not only saying the rosary or other formula, it is also talking with Him in your own words, with your own heart and mind. It is also listening to Him through meditation on Bible readings and their meaning for you today. So take some time to pray each day, so that it becomes a habit. Jesus offers a way of entering into prayer in Matthew 6:5-15, wherein he teaches his Apostles to pray the “Our Father.” He explains its

Settling as an empty set of words, becomes fodder for profound Christian living.

Today, many apps offer prayer helps that you can access via your computer, cell phone, or mobile device.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Fasting and abstinence are directly connected to prayer. When the body is not weighed down or disturbed by heavy or agitating foods, we are able to focus more firmly on prayer. Furthermore, abstinence from meat products allows the body to digest lighter foods with more ease, thus allowing us to pray more easily.

Traditionally, fasting has also included depriving ourselves of something we enjoy; but there should be some spiritual benefit and habit created from this type of fasting. For example, fasting from chocolate in order to gorge ourselves on Crème Eggs at Easter defeats the purpose of the fast. Instead, consider changing an addictive behavior, such as using the cell phone or iPad before sleeping, and instead getting a good night’s sleep. In this way, the fast teaches respect for both one’s health and the technology we use.

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
FRIDAYS IN LENT—A PROGRAM OF PRAYER:**

- March 3rd, 7:00pm: Way of the Cross
 - March 10th 7:00pm: Taize (a meditative music evening)
 - March 24th, 7:00pm: Lenten Film and Reflection
 - March 31st, 6:00pm: Lenten Simple Supper and Reflection (*requires sign up*)
 - April 7th, Eucharistic Adoration
- Children are invited to all events.*

DADS LENTEN PROJECT—Parish Hall Cleanup, Saturday, March 11th 10:00am: Asking dads to spare an hour of free time to help remove broken and unused furniture from the parish hall. Any help would be appreciated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH: St. Patrick’s Day is the patronal feast of the Archdiocese. Cardinal Dolan has given the archdiocese a dispensation from fasting and abstinence has been given for the day.



OTHER NEWS:

School Building Maintenance: The parish is responsible for the structure of the school building. At the moment, there are two major repairs that need to be done that will cost approximately \$30,000. Because the physical plant requires continued care, an account has been created that is dedicated solely to the school building maintenance. The second collection, the second week of the month will be dedicated to this purpose.

Baby Changing Station: As I announced last Sunday, the parish has a baby changing area located downstairs next to the elevator. The baby changing station has been cleaned and sterilized, and bed liners are provided for your convenience.

Locks for the Parish Hall: The locks to the parish hall, as well as certain rooms within the hall, were changed this past week. The parish did not have keys to the exterior doors of the parish hall. Furthermore, the maintenance and boiler rooms and other rooms did not have locks, despite being required by law. All of this necessitated the changes.

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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The Cardinal's Appeal

Transfiguration's Goal: **\$87,500.00**
To Date **33,335.00***

As of Friday, February 17, 2017

Thank you for generosity!



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 for more information.

TRANSFIGURATION REGIONAL SCHOOL TOURING TUESDAYS

March 14 and 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

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Elizabeth Wieckowski and Mary Ann Chambers. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



When reading our bulletin please be sure to check out the back page consisting of various advertisements. The printing of our bulletin is funded by the ads you see there. If anyone wishes to advertise there also, please call the phone number in the bottom right corner.

***Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Transfiguration Conference***

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES—2016

Donations

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| Cash & Equivalents | \$21,624.00 |
| Food & Paper Goods (est.) | 42,400.00 |
| Total | \$64,575.00 |

Disbursements

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| Monthly Food Deliveries (est.) | \$29,500.00 |
| Gift Certificates | 3,240.00 |
| Financial Aid | 46,488.00 |
| Total | \$79,228.00 |

All our financial and food resources are generated through the generous contributions of our parishioners and the Pastor's gift of the Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection.

Our Society endeavors to be a conduit for the love and concern our parishioners have for the poor and unfortunate in our parish and community. Our tow dozen active members seek out the deprived and needy to comfort them as best we can. We are indebted to all of you who help us as well as to our Pastor who facilitates much of what we do.

New Members are always welcome.

Next Food Pantry collection: March 11th & 12th
Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16th

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

vquirol@ionaprep.org

To access our website or to download a brochure, go to www.ionaprep.org and click athletics.

TIMING

What you give in health is gold.

What you give in sickness is silver.

What you give after death is lead.

—Jewish proverb



Looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the Sanctuary; light dusting, swiffering, and cleaning the holy water fonts. It should take about twenty minutes. And would be once every three months or so. Please call Marge Murphy for more information, 914-631-0465



TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

Thursday, March 9th, St. Patrick's Luncheon at **12 noon** \$15.00 Members \$20 Guests
Sign Up by March 5th.
Traditional corned beef & cabbage menu.
SET UP in Hall on Wed 3/8 at 9:30 AM.
Volunteers appreciated!

Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Caring for others and love of knitting and crocheting are combined into prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort or in celebration. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007. Further details of the ministry can be found at www.shawlministry.com.

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.

The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development will hold its annual fundraiser, **THE FRIENDLY GATHERING** on Sunday, March 19th, at 5Pm at Congregation Koi Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., WP. The RDC Center celebrates 25 years of providing affordable counseling in an atmosphere of welcome. The Friendly Gathering is an evening of Irish food, music, dance, prizes and comradery. Tickets: Adults \$50, at the door \$55, Seniors: \$45, at the door \$50, Children under 12: \$15. call 798-1103 or psheridan@divinecompassion.org

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