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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

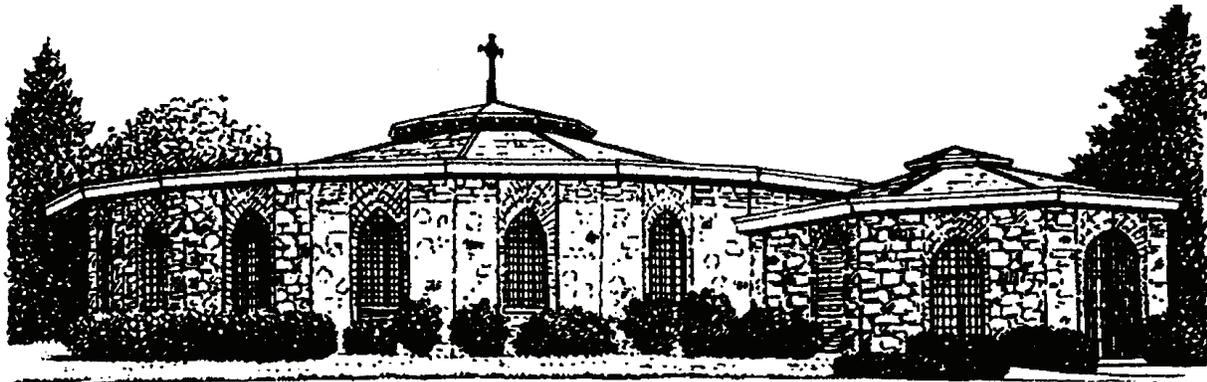
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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

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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of March 5, 2017
\$9011.00

Attendance— 831 Envelopes-252

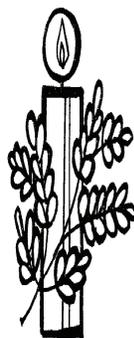
Ash Wednesday

\$2324.00 Envelopes—114

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is for the Norman Burns Family req. by Dolores Burns

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

The Shrine candles are burning this week for world peace.



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READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SORE SHINS

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.
—Irish proverb

SATURDAY, March 11, 2017

5:00 Doris White req. by Pat White

SUNDAY, March 12, 2017

:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo
10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade
12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. J.P. Doyle's

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Margaret S. Waren req. by The Peg Waren Estate
9:00 Juan Maria Duran req. by Yahaira Mendez

TUESDAY

7:15 Patricia Meckert req. by Mary Lou Murray
9:00 Joseph Mieli req. by Mrs. Ann Mieli

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Nicholas Nedwick req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick
9:00 Anna Matthews req. by Maureen Vanginderen

THURSDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

FRIDAY

7:15 Kathleen & John Flanagan req. by Patricia Flanagan
9:00 Jean Manzione req. by Tom & Elaine Smith

SATURDAY

9:00 Gino G. Lucadamo req. by Mary Manetti & Family
5:00 Victoria Hughes req. by Beth Ann & Dave Morris

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Stephanie Ward req. by Denise Martin, Sabina & Family
10:00 Donald Ball Sr. req. by the Ball Family
12:00 The Scoca Family req. by Eleanor Fastiggi

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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SPIRITUAL MID-LIFE CRISIS: The sun burns in the middle of a clear sky, creating a heat so intense that the air lingers heavy and still, too sluggish to even create a current. It is midday in the Egyptian desert, and you, a good and holy monk, must pray. Looking out of the window, you search for inspiration from your surroundings, only to see the same view you have seen every day of your monastic life. You try to turn to your stack of books—your bible, the lives of the saints, the writings of St. Basil and other Church fathers—but the feverish heat and the constant sweating leave you languishing in the oppressive warmth, feeling drained and uninspired. Every movement feels like an effort, and the desire to pray is hampered by the weighty physical atmosphere. You are experiencing "the noonday devil." Actually, this is a metaphor for what the monks called *acedia*, or the spiritual midlife crisis, a term that was coined by the fourth century monk, Evagrius Pontius. It is so common that monks such as the father of cenobitism, St. Pachomius, wrote about it (*cenobitism* is organized monasticism. Previous to Pachomius, hermits gathered together randomly as informally structured communities. Pachomius organized the various communities and gave them rules to help them in their monastic life). Christian tradition calls it the capital vice of *sloth*, meaning that sloth can be the origin for other sins. About it, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says:

"Another temptation, to which presumption opens the gate, is *acedia*. The spiritual writers understand by this a form of depression due to lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, carelessness of heart. 'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak' (Mat 26:41). The greater the height, the harder the fall. Painful as discouragement is, it is the reverse of presumption. The humble are not surprised by their distress; it leads them to trust more, to hold fast in constancy." —CCC 2733

It can be likened—but not equal—to the psychological experience of depression. Many of the things that used to inspire us do not do so any longer, and our usual habits of prayer do not satisfy us. We might even feel discouraged and have the temptation to abandon praying altogether, thinking it pointless and ineffectual. This interior listlessness naturally affects our lives of charity, making us less prone to

many who embark on a life of prayer experiences *acedia* in their lives, including the saints. It might accompany a depression, or not. It might share some of the same characteristics of indifference, lack of motivation, and an existential questioning. Unlike psychological depression, however, *acedia* does not share the same crippling effect of depression that prevents us from going about our daily business. On the contrary, in the spiritual mid-life crisis, we turn to other motivations to repair our internal instability: physical vanity, rather than mere concern for healthy well-being; laziness and the satisfaction of our whims and superficial desires; etc. These take on the form of attending church or praying only when the mood strikes us; doing shopping sprees to alleviate boredom; going to the gym or changing our physical appearance in order to "find ourselves;" spending hours on the internet just to kill the time, as examples. Others turn to "prayer groups" that do not enhance their Catholic faith, but instead, propose an "alternative," or they turn to another religion or completely abandon any kind of faith life. We might even engage in sinful behaviors as a way of stimulating the deadness we feel inside. It is similar to those who experience a mid-life crisis who buy the new car, or trade in the wife or husband for a new partner, or who completely runaway from their lives, hoping that these will be the solution to their blandness.

So what do we do when we find ourselves in this state? The answer is similar to the developmental mid-life crisis: get up, and work on changing your way of praying. First and most importantly, be humble, recognize, and accept that you are going through spiritual mid-life, and that you must give yourself the extra motivation to pray. Then, pick up the rosary, and pray the rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet while you go for a walk or run on the treadmill. Create a comfortable space in your house or your room that is solely dedicated to prayer and to making prayer more meaningful, including the use of music, videos, and good spiritual books. Consider doing a more intellectual study of your faith, and try to find the answers to the questions that have always made you curious. And talk to a priest or religious brother or sister about your experiences, because just as the monks spoke with spiritual directors about this lukewarm attitude, we also need to

Speak with people who have been through the same thing.

As we continue our Lenten practices, let us pray in a special way for all those struggling in their relationship with God, that with the support of the Church, they may rediscover him in a deeper and more profound way.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH - PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: "How many people are being persecuted because of their faith, forced to abandon their homes, their places of worship, their lands, their loved ones! They are persecuted and killed because they are Christians. Those who persecute them make no distinction between the religious communities to which they belong. I ask: how many of you pray for persecuted Christians? Do it with me, that they may be supported by the prayers and material help of all the churches and communities.

To see the original video, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL9L3FPCqvl>

ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, ESPECIALLY THOSE STRUGGLING IN THEIR VOCATIONS

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS: 1LT Matthew Coughlin, Army Ranger

OUR SICK: Lois Duggan, Mary Curtain, Bob Patterson, Carmen Rodriguez, Roger O. Denault, Fr. Christopher Iannizzotto O.Carm, Fr. Gus Grapp, O.Carm, Fr. Raymond Bagdonis, O.Carm

OUR DECEASED: David Zittle, Anna Matthews.

If you would like to include others in this prayer list, please contact the priory office. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, or according to need.

LENTEN GIVING - THANKS!!!: On behalf of the RSHM Life Center, Fr. Viet and the parish council, I wish you thank you all for the your generosity last weekend. We had approximately three cartloads of items to donate. May we all continue to practice great charity throughout the Lenten season and beyond.

LENT - A PROGRAM OF PRAYER:

March 24, 7:00pm: Lenten Film and Reflection

March 31, 6:00pm: Lenten Dinner and Reflection Evening—Sign in the parish office up by Monday, March 27th

April 7, 7:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Children are invited to all events.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17: 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 this day.

MAINTENANCE NOTES: FIRE AND SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS: The parish just received its annual evaluation from the village, and the results were generally good. We are required, however, to install a fire alarm system in order to bring the building up to code. A fire alarm system will be installed in the priory that will be connected to the parish hall fire alarm system, so that the whole building can be monitored by our fire alarm com-

Scripture Study: The next session will be Sunday, March 19 at 8:45 AM in the Jerry Blood Conference room. The focus of discussion will be on Matthew's passion narrative in chapters 26 and 27. All welcome.

Twining: Nancy Abigail Flores Torres, now age 19, attended St. Joseph the Worker School beginning in 2004 on a Transfiguration Padrino scholarship. This year, having completed high school, also on a Transfiguration scholarship, she is beginning college as part of the Transfiguration college scholarship program. In her comment to us at Transfiguration she says, "I feel grateful because not everyone does these kind of programs. And even though you do not know us you help us. I think you are very good people and God will multiply for you all you have given." See bulletin board in church vestibule for pictures.



There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall.

Our hosts will be Monique McCoy and Laura Plunkett. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT PRAY / FAST / GIVE

Transfiguration parish has started our weekly Lenten service collections.

This week we will be collecting for the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection**. This is a parish based ministry. In confidentiality, through person to person contact, we care for the spiritual health as well as physical needs of our neighbors.

Pantry needs: toilet paper, paper towels, jarred pasta sauce 26oz., canned chicken 12.5oz., canned tuna 6oz., small jars of jelly 15oz., canned fruit (in juice not syrup), canned vegetables, canned soup. Monetary donations always accepted.

Next week: we will collecting for the **Paws Crossed Animal Rescue**. The new Elmsford Shelter not only cares for pets who may be adopted but they remain committed to Legacy dogs who often remain unadopted.

Wish List: Dog/Cat food (Wet/Dry), Brushes, Shampoo, Leashes and Collars, Easy Walk Harnesses, Feeding/Water Bowls, Milkbones, Towels and Sheets.

March 25/26- Open Door Family Medical Center

April 1/2- Midnight Run and Covenant House

April 8/9 -St Vincent de Paul Collection

Please place your donations in the green St. Vincent de Paul truck in the parking lot vestibule.

Transfiguration CYO Basketball Program

Our annual fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 1st** at 6:00pm in the school gym. The event cost is \$25.00, which includes the NCCA FINAL FOUR games on the largest screen in Westchester, delicious food from JP Doyle's, a chance to win a flat screen TV and our always popular few throw contest. You need to be 21 or older to attend. Please contact Rob Sullivan , 646-529-0413 or RobSullivan@Optonline.net to purchase a ticket. Please feel free to invite family and friends to this great Transfiguration tradition.

Twining Contributions:

Thanks to all who have contributed for the 2017 calendar year which is the school year in Soyapango. If you planned to contribute and did not yet do so, the committee is still happy to accept contributions. Forms can be found in the rack by the elevator. Or contact Ted Sohn at sonhpt@msn.com to have a form emailed.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL REGARDING NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE:

Dear friends in the Lord:

By participating in the *Catholic Relief Service (CRSC)* collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. *Catholic Relief Service* collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this special collection to support those who are suffering and are on the margins of society.

For example, in Niger, changes in climate in Western Africa are adversely affecting the poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season, leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of the *Catholic Relief Service* collection is helping connect businesses that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. These new relationships are providing hope to these communities for a sustainable future.

Your support of the *Catholic Relief Service* collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit ww.wusccb.org/catholic-relief.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lenten season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

RELIEF UNITED Introduction and Organizational Meeting: Saturday March 18, 11am-4pm, in the Parish Hall. Relief United is a group of high school juniors from Westchester working to make a difference in their world. They are holding an outreach meeting in the Parish hall to offer information about their work with CNEWA to help displaced Syrians and welcome all who want to help!

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

--St. John Chrysostom

INFORMATION SHEET

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