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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

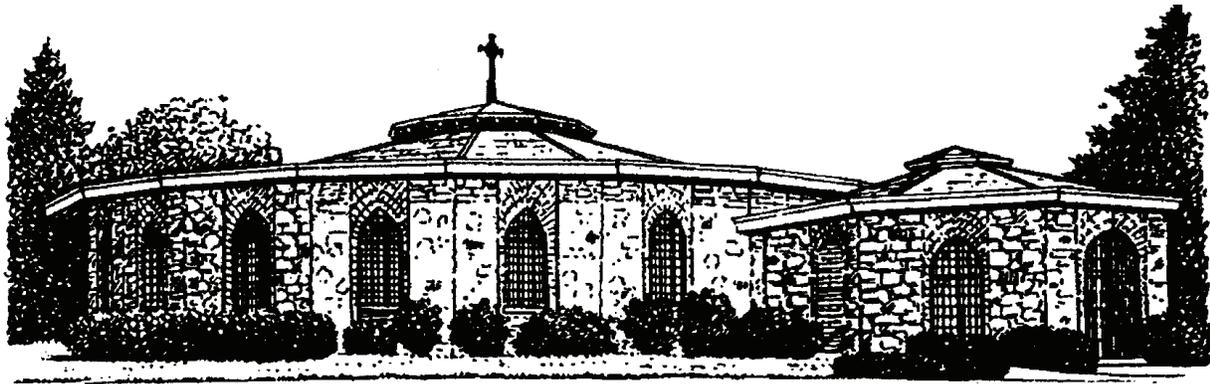
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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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268 So. Broadway
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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017
\$9,837.00

Holy Land, April 14, 2017—Good Friday
\$2,049.00

Easter Sunday, April 14, 2017
\$24,700.00

SATURDAY, April 22, 2017

8:00 Ralph Brady req. by Kitty Geissler

SUNDAY, April 23 2017

8:00 Julia Kostelney req. by Carole Meaghan & Rory Callahan

10:00 The Fantecone Family req. by Mrs. Elvira Fantecone

12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Bridie Kennedy

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Phyllis Scirghio req. by Paula Mersell

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Angelo Mosca req. by Paola Mosca

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Joyce Wall req. Jennifer & Justin Greene

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Pedro Laureano req. by Mary DiPalermo

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Kathleen Casey req. by John & Peggy Kraft

SATURDAY

9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

5:00 Frances Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Marietta Scipioni req. by Paola Mosca

10:00 The Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus req. by the St. Elmo Council

12:00 David O'Shea req. by Noel O'Brien & Family

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: St. Mark
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; Arbor Day
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

TODAY'S READINGS

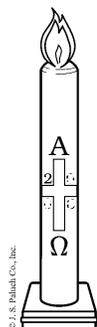
First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of those who died through violence and neglect.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel for Pope Francis

The Shrine candles are burning this week in the memory of Kathleen Casey req. by Helen Long

THE MISSION OF CHRIST TODAY - OUR PARISH OUTREACH: From this week until the end of Eastertide, our first readings will come from the Acts of the Apostles, rather than from the Old Testament, in order to highlight the impact of Jesus' resurrection on the various communities of faith. With Christ's rising from the dead, he achieves his mission internationally, beyond political borders, and does so through the ministry of the Church, who complies with his will. We play our part through the various ministries of the Church. Today, I would like to highlight the work of the Twinning ministry. Therefore, I have invited members of the group to share their experiences, that we might all be inspired to participate in Christ's mission to bring about the kingdom of heaven on earth.

**Our trip to El Salvador with the Transfiguration Parish Twinning Committee
February, 2012**

Luke 6: 20-23 Blessed are the poor, theirs is the kingdom of God.

When we mentioned to our children that we were going to join the Twinning Committee on their trip to El Salvador they were concerned. Our son sent us the U.S. Department of State travel warning about El Salvador which stated "Gang activity in El Salvador is widespread. El Salvador has one of the highest homicide levels in the world and crimes such as extortion, assault, and robbery are common." The majority of the violence occurs between rival gangs but its pervasiveness increases the chances of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. El Salvador is such a difficult place to live that tens of thousands of immigrants each year have been taking El Tren de la Muerte (The Train of Death) to cross into Mexico and eventually into the United States. In 2014, roughly 80,000 Salvadoran migrants were apprehended by Border Patrol. They want to leave their homes because it is now the norm to live with the fear of shootings, great poverty, security walls around homes, and confrontations between gangs and the rest of society.

We were exchange teachers in Brazil in the 1970's and observed poverty. But in El Salvador, we were able to actually visit the homes of people who live with dirt floors, tin or cardboard roofs, no plumbing or running water, mudslides in the rainy season, impassable gullies that are their roads, and lack of food.

We will never forget the mother who lived in a dirt shack, down a long washed out dirt road, who had saved her money for orange Fanta sodas that she offered us, her visitors. We were told she saved the money to thank the committee for providing the funds for her kids to go to school.

We attended a mass on Ash Wednesday in a church overcrowded with people waiting for ashes, and huge lines outside patiently waiting for their turn to enter. We sat in a pew near the front of the church and many people acknowledged Pat and Ted Sohn, and Alice Droogan who they knew from previous visits. They embraced them, and each of us, with loving smiles and thankful prayers. We were there to immerse ourselves in the culture of their community and they responded with beautiful outpourings of love and concern for both our safety and for our understanding of what they faced daily. They fear that their children will be recruited into gangs as the drug cartels recruit at schools, churches and youth centers. Father Fabio, the Pastor of our twinned Parish, told us that this is common practice and students he knew have entered the cartel life.

Parishioners try to get home around six or seven each evening because of the fear of darkness and increased gang activity. This was conveyed to us many times in the days we were there. We stayed in Salvador in a small inn which had fences surrounding it and a tall steel gate with razor wire on top which kept others out. One night while we were sleeping we heard gunshots on the streets nearby. The next morning our host at the inn told us that rival factions in an upcoming government election were the reason.

During our visit we were honored to meet the student that we personally had supported for several years. He and his mother came to the elementary school to meet us and greeted us with affection and great warmth. The school principal, Francisca, translated for us as we listened to their family story. Several months later Bryan wrote us a letter in Spanish with a fairly good attempt at English. Translated, he wrote "I have been benefitting from the scholarship which has greatly helped me to succeed in my studies. I am a student at Don Bosco High School and desire to study industrial and power engineering— this is one of my goals." His mother beamed with pride when we met her and said he had a chance at a better life with the money provided for his schooling.

One evening, we attended a grilled chicken dinner at the church. There were many people attending and large tables had been set up between the school buildings. Women from the parish, whose children received Transfiguration assistance, spent the entire day preparing the meal to celebrate our visit. Each family donated a chicken which meant less food for the family during the week. Since the women did not go to work that day they did not earn their wage.

We noted the poor dental health and lack of medical attention when visiting a clinic in Salvador. The dental chair must have been from the 1940's and the staff said they had very little medicine and needed things we in the U. S. take for granted— antibiotics, band aids, bandages, antiseptics etc. People do have to contribute for medical care but the government provides very little assistance.

The families that we met shared what they had with us to show their appreciation. Is there a greater love? Our friends in El Salvador have little, but they are rich in respect and love for God, their families, each other and their need for God's protection. The mission of our Transfiguration parish community remains very important to us and is deep in our hearts. We returned loving our small immersion into their culture and the joy of meeting so many wonderful people who we maintain contact with through our Twinning Committee. The committee has been involved in Soyopango, El Salvador since 2004, and we would appreciate your support in any way that you can provide. It is difficult to share what you see and feel when you visit El Salvador. Suffice it to say that we will never forget this journey.

Joan and Richard Rose
Members of the Transfiguration Twinning Committee since 2010

Since 2005 nineteen parishioners of Transfiguration Parish have made the trip to El Salvador to visit our twinned parish.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- Thank you to everyone who helped us to make our clients Easter a blessed one.
- Our next food pantry collection will be on the weekend of May 13th & 14th.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday May 18th at 7:30 in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. New members are welcome.

FROM FR. MARK ZITTLE, O. CARM.:

Dear Transfiguration Parish Community:
Words fail to adequately express my heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of prayers and support at the death of my brother David. Your kindness and compassion were a tremendous source of strength during a very difficult time.

May God bless you all richly for the love and care you extended to me and the entire Zittle family during this very difficult time.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Mark Zittle, O. Carm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

OUR SICK:

OUR DECEASED: Marion Riley, Helen Jones

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.

REVIVE! A CLUSTER MISSION:

The Archdiocese of New York has launched an exciting mission and evangelization program call ***REVIVE: Faith Every Day***, Throughout the parish clusters. The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions, It will be held Monday– Wednesday, May 8, 9 10 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it!

You will find sign-up cards are in the Church foyer.

DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Please join us for "**Project Syria LIVE**" to raise awareness for Christians in Syria, with a special focus on teenage refugees. 100% of profits will go directly to provide humanitarian aid to families displaced by the civil war in Syria, through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Sponsored by Relief United a group of local teenagers, the event will feature local bands and speakers and take place on April 28th at the Davis Center in Kingsland Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY, from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Admission is \$15 and can be purchased at Relief United's online Eventbrite, reliefunited.org. Tickets at the door will cost \$20. A variety of food trucks will also be onsite to ensure a fun, well fed evening. Contact reliefunitedprojects@gmail.org for more information. Follow on instagram@reliefunited.

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 FORTRESS, 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.



Please join the **Transfiguration School** for our Spring Fundraiser, "**Denim & Diamonds**", April 29th, Saturday from 7:00 pm to 10:00pm in the Parish Hall. Dancing—Music—Live Auction—Silent Auction \$20,000 Raffle. The dinner is catered by the Westchester Manor. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door.

**Don't forget to buy Stop & Shop Gift Cards and C-Town Certificates from the Priory Office before going food shopping. Our Church earns

JUNE 24-25: SAVE THE DATE!!!

This year, the parish celebrates 50 years in the current church building. To mark this auspicious occasion, we will have a parish picnic on Saturday, June 24 at 12:30pm, and on Sunday, June 25, we will have a solemn Mass at 12:00pm followed by a reception. We will need help with the preparations, so look out for the flyer in next Sunday's bulletin.

Twining Reception:

On Sunday, May 7, in the church hall after the noon Mass, the Twining Committee will hold a reception for those who have supported the project in El Salvador over the years. Following the reception, for those who can stay, there will be a showing of a **powerful new documentary on Archbishop Romero** and his role in the civil war that led to his martyrdom. All welcome.

RSVP to shonpat@msn.com or 631-4596 if you plan to attend the reception.

Transfiguration Seniors Club



Thursday, May 18th, 1:00 pm Senior Pizza Party. Please sign up. Guests are \$5.00

Short Story

The young man crossed the desert and finally reached the Sceta monastery. There he asked and was given permission to attend one of the abbot's talks. That afternoon, the abbot spoke about the importance of farm work. When the talk came to an end, the young man commented to one of the monks: "That really impressed me. I thought that I was going to hear an illuminated sermon on virtues and sins, but the abbot only spoke about tomatoes, irrigation and things like that. Where I come from, everyone believes that God is mercy: all you need to do is pray." The monk smiled and answered: "Here we believe that God has already done His part; now it's up to us to continue the process."

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