

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

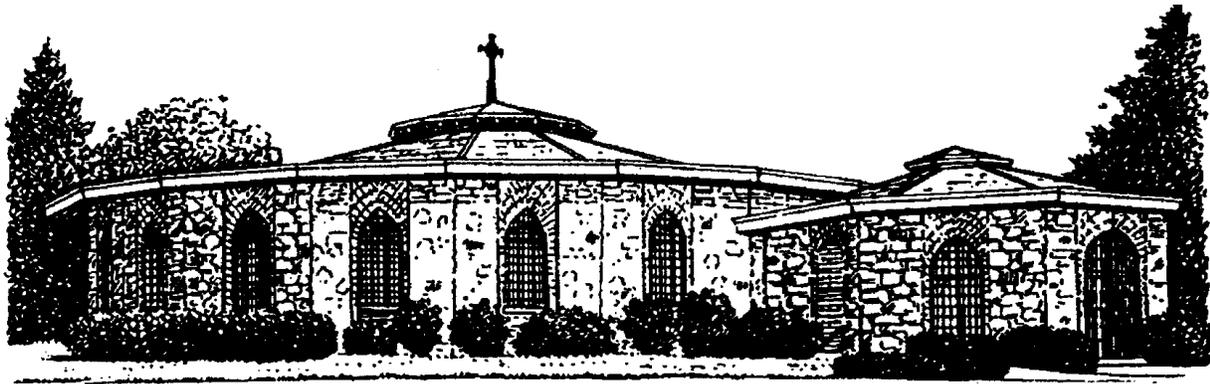
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 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.

Priory
268 So. Broadway
631-1672

Transfiguration School
Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

January 21, 2018

\$8,148.00

Attendance—689 Envelopes—217

School Maintenance

\$1,924.00 Envelopes-139

Next week's second collection will be School Maintenance

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: St. John Bosco
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.— *Psalm 95:6*

SATURDAY, January 27, 2018

55:00 John & Mary Kunert req. by Mary Ann Kunert

SUNDAY, January 28, 2018

8:00 Robert Saldis req. by the Malone family

10:00 Students, Faculty & Parents of Transfiguration Regional School

12:00 Patrick Kennedy req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

MONDAY

7:15 Brindley & Josephine Fernando req. by Chithra Rodrogo

9:00 Timothy O,Connell req. by Maureen Vanginderen

TUESDAY

7:15 Domenica Innarelli req. by Gloria Agro

9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Evelyn Burton req. by Elaine & Tom Smith

THURSDAY

7:15 For the healing of Michael Rosaro req. by Vismayra Estevez

9:00 Dominick Ranieri req. by the Latessa family

FRIDAY

7:15 For the healing of Michael Rosaro req. by Vismayra Estevez

9:00 Everett Weaver req. by Carmen Sepalueda

SATURDAY

9:00 Marco Broadway req. by Maureen Vanginderen

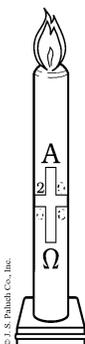
5:00 Patricia & Joseph Lydon req. by Maureen & Tom Fleming

SUNDAY

8:00 Joanne Giuliano req. By Mark Prescott

10:00 Evelyn Ward req. by Peter Downey

12:00 Everett Weaver req. by Ramon Cid & Hector Perez



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Dan Moriarty req. by the Ball family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Elizabeth Salajcuk req. by Dolores Burns

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory for Elmer Abalahin

HUMANAE VITAE: THE STRUCTURE OF THE LETTER AND REFLECTIONS ON SECTION I: Continuing our reflections on the historic encyclical of Pope Paul VI, we now turn to the letter itself.

The first section, entitled, "Problem and Competency of the Magisterium," outlines the immediate questions that influenced Paul VI to compose the letter.

In the second section, he lays out and affirms the "Doctrinal Principles" that the Church has held with regard to sexuality, marriage, and procreation. He concludes this part with some concerns that prepare the reader for the section that follows.

The pope concludes the letter with "Pastoral Directives," by means of which he offers instructions for all those involved in the exercise, scientific research, and pastoral care of families.

Introduction and Section I

The pope recognizes that married couples, because of the nature of their relationship, have been bestowed with the responsibility of participating in the creative action of God through the transmission of life. It is a responsibility that bestows great blessings, and also carries with it difficulties and challenges.

At the same time, the historical context of the twentieth century raised new questions, which continue to challenge us today. The world's population experienced a peak growth rate after World War II, and with technology improving the quality and longevity of human life, this increase also brought with it the challenge of figuring out how to deal with the care for all of these people. Social welfare, education, employment and housing all experienced a direct impact because of this reality, and this caused governments to attempt to address this reality with various solutions.

In the US, the response began in the 1940s through the Birth Control Federation of America, now

known as Planned Parenthood. Its intention was to empower women in the area of family development and to offer more control over family and population growth. Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower came to support family planning, with Eisenhower believing that not supporting such a program would lead to future generations living in abject poverty. In addition to this, the introduction of oral contraceptives in 1960 offered yet another means for resolving the issues of family and population control.

This technology, as well as an increasingly educated population, meant that people have a better understanding of who they are, and can exercise greater control over their lives. In particular, women in married couples have been recognized for their value in the married life.

Because of this new reality, with both its benefits and its challenges, society and the Church wondered how to respond in a way that was both responsible and faithful. Paul raised three questions:

- 1) Should the Church review her teachings regarding married life and pro-creation, particularly when married people feel that the teaching is so difficult that it can only be lived heroically?
- 2) Does having smaller but rationally planned families justify the use of means by which this goal is reached, especially when the intention is to curb the population growth and help families by allowing them to create more manageable families, and in this sense understand procreativity as the development of the family in this way, rather than the single act (something he calls the "principle of totality")?
- 3) Should the transmission of life be regulated by the human intellect and will, rather than by the natural rhythms of the human body?

The pope reminds us that responding to these questions is not a matter of philosophical debate. Rather, the Church recognizes that we have a higher authority to which we must answer and who must guide us, i.e., Jesus Christ himself.

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Because of this, Paul VI formed the Commission on Birth Control, a group that included lay married couples, as well as theologians and cardinals. The result of the commission was that a majority were in favor of lifting the ban. However, according to the pope, the commission had not taken into full consideration the moral teaching of the Church. Indeed, Pope Pius XI had already attempted to address the issue in 1930 with his encyclical *Casti Connubi*, which was the Church's first response to the question of contraception.

As a result he felt it necessary to recall the Church of her teachings. We will look at some of those teachings in the next bulletin.

If you would like to read the encyclical, please go to the Vatican's website:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html

Please also see the US Bishops' website for celebratory events, both national and international:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/humanae-vitae.cfm>

FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD: Not everything can fit on the bulletin board, so below are some events you might be interested in. If so, please find the information on the bulletin board in the vestibule at the parking lot entrance to the church:

1. **Black History Month Mass:** Sunday, February 4, 2:00 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral
2. **Eucharistic Adoration Seminar:** Friday, February 16, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Joseph's Seminary
3. **3 on 3 Basketball Tourney:** Saturday, February 17, 10:00am. Registration by Saturday, February 10. Please speak to Fr. Emiel for forms.
4. **"Youth In Crisis" Presentation by Roy Petifils:** Saturday, March 10, 9:00am to 4:00pm, St. Joseph's Seminary

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY:

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, William Duggan,
Ann Duggan Baker, Charles Gadino,
Norbert & Patricia Godin, Mary Lester,
Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez,
Robert Sorrentino

OUR DECEASED:

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.

Scripture: St. Mark. The next session or meeting of the scripture group studying St. Mark's Gospel will be Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 AM in the Jerry Blood conference room. Focus will be on Mark 1:14-3:6 - the beginning of Jesus' ministry. All welcome.

THE TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL

MINISTRY: will meet Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Please enter through the Priory door. In case of bad weather, follow the winter weather guidelines as announced in the church bulletin. Prayer shawls give comfort, courage, warmth, love and peace for those in need or in thanksgiving. Do you know anyone who would benefit from our outreach? If so, please leave information in the mail box marked Shawl in the parish office. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Alice Blood at 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady at 631-5007. Details can be found at www.shawlministry.com.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: One of the most undervalued sacraments is that of anointing of the sick. This sacrament has its origins in the letter of James, wherein the apostle advises the sick to see the priest. We offer this sacrament for all those who will undergo serious health tests, or become seriously ill, or have a serious change in their health status. Please see the priests at any time after Mass or during office hours in order to receive this sacrament.

Transfiguration School - 40 Prospect Ave.

Tarrytown, NY - Open Houses - from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. daily and evenings by appointment only for the Months of January & February. We are accepting applications for students in our Pre-K 3 and 4-Year-Old **Full Day** program. Our school provides an excellent elementary education to students from Pre-K3 to 8th grade.

Transfiguration Elementary school endeavors to embody the ideals of primary level education in exemplary fashion. Our philosophy and structure focus on the developmental needs of early adolescents. We seek to foster a highly challenging intellectual environment that is also very nurturing and supportive and within which students can experience a level of academic and personal success. Our goal is to have students begin to develop sound habits of mind and a life-long love of learning.

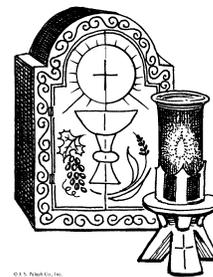
The Middle School endeavors to provide students with a rich experience both in and beyond the classroom. Through numerous activities with a focus on community service, our students and families sustain a strong school spirit. We offer a variety of after school activities, such as band, enrichment activities and sports such as Track, CYO Basketball. and Volleyball.

Our school aspires to be vibrant and dynamic, alive with the excitement and energy of this age group and the spirit of shared intellectual and personal growth. We are part of a community which has high academic expectations for students. At the same time, we offer our students a full range of support services as they navigate the twists and turns of early adolescence. We take pride in our school and the sense of community and empathy it fosters. The school has a long-standing commitment to faith and community service.

Please contact us@ 914-631-3737 about any aspects of our program that may interest you.

GinaMarie Fonte, Principal

Did you know why we bow before receiving the Eucharist or when we pass the alter or tabernacle? Genuflecting, the act of bending one's right knee the floor, or bowing (for those unable to genuflect) is a sign of reverence and of paying proper respect to that which is holy. It is customary to bow or genuflect before entering the pew



or if we walk past the alter or tabernacle. It is a way of paying respect to the Blessed Sacrament and of honoring the alter on which the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Do you know when it is appropriate to genuflect with both knees to the floor? We do this if the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. During adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, it is customary to kneel on both knees in adoration.

We genuflect moving our right knee to the floor. For those who are unable to genuflect, we bow. We are so fortunate to have our God so close to us. May God be praised!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE...WITH THE

CHOIR: Would you like to serve the parish community but aren't sure how? Do you like to sing? Consider joining the parish choir! Under the direction of our music director, Ksenia Lowenfels, we sing an interesting and wide-ranging repertoire. Adults and children are all invited to participate in this parish ministry. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Ksenia Lowenfels, our organist / director, (917) 510-3979 or (917) 717-1372.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

The 2017 Contribution Statements are ready. Please call the Parish Office, 914-631-1672 or email: Transfigurationsec@gmail.com to get your 2017statement.

There will be **NO** Coffee Hour this weekend.

Next week our hosts will be Lee Anne Sullivan and Jennifer Kachnowski

INFORMATION SHEET

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