

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

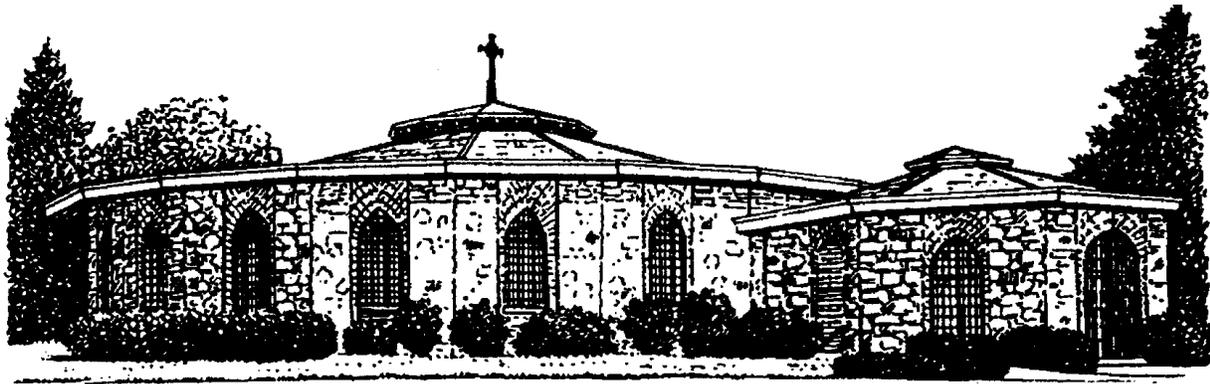
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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: 3:00 - 4:00 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

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# Weekly Offering



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## SATURDAY—April 21, 2018

5:00 John J. Smith req. By the Smith family

## SUNDAY—April 22, 2018

8:00 Lindsay White req. by Jodie Toth  
10:00 Fannie & Larry Francomano req. by their grandchildren  
12:00 Nancy Murray req. by the Latessa family

## MONDAY

7:15 Joseph F. D'Eufemia req. by Karen Schatzel  
9:00 Dennap M. Juarbe & Michael M. Toribio req. by Adelfi De Los Santos

## TUESDAY

7:15 Edward John Parzyk req. by the Nedwick family  
9:00 Katherine M. Geissler req. by Paul & Christina Clarke

## WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration  
9:00 Angelo Mosca req. by Paola Mosca

## THURSDAY

7:15 Steven Samuel Nunez req. by Susan Kostelny  
9:00 Kitty Geissler req. by John & Peggy Kraft

## FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Charlie Shibetti req. by Susan & William Marmo

## SATURDAY

9:00 Susan Brady req. by Paul & Christine Clarke  
5:00 Marguerite McGlynn req. by the Latessa family

## SUNDAY

8:00 Evangeline Maloubier req. by Karen Stanhope  
10:00 Hector Cruz req. by the Remierz family  
12:00 Erb Linn req. by Nadine & Tom

## God's Plan for Giving

April 15, 2018

\$7,460.00

Attendance—699 Envelopes—202

*Next week's second collection:  
The Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe*

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
- Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert  
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day  
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Arbor Day  
Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort  
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

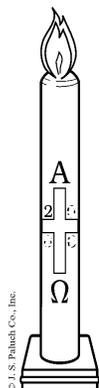
**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Mary Ranieri req. by the Renieri family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Deborah Sweeney req. by the Nedwick family

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory of Dave O'Shea req. by the O'Shea family

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**“IS MY DAD IN HEAVEN?”:** Last Sunday, Pope Francis visited St. Paul of the Cross, a poor parish on the outskirts of Rome. At the beginning of his visit, he took questions from some of the children there. One child, Emanuele, approached the microphone and began to break down in tears. His parish priest tried to comfort and encourage him to ask his question, but the child was so despondent that not even a hug could comfort him. Noticing the exchange, Pope Francis called the boy to him and invited him to share his question privately. The two shared a confidential exchange, after which the child returned to his seat much calmer. The pope then turned to the audience:

“Would that all of us, like Emanuele, might cry when we have as deep a pain as he has in his heart. He cried for his father, and he had the courage to cry in front of us all, because in his heart he has love for his dad.

I asked Emanuele’s permission to say publicly the question he asked me and he said ‘yes.’ So I will tell you. Emanuele asked: ‘A little while ago my father passed away. He was an atheist, but he had all four of us his children baptized. He was a good man. Is dad in heaven?’ His father wasn’t a believer, but he had his children baptized. He had a good heart. And Emanuele wonders if his father, because he wasn’t a believer, is in heaven. The one who says who goes to heaven is God. But what is God’s heart like with a dad like that? What do you all think? A father’s heart. God has a dad’s heart. And with a dad who was not a believer, but who baptized his children and gave them that competence, do you think God would be capable of leaving him far from Himself? Do you think so? Does God abandon his children? Does God abandon his children when they are good?”

The crowd responded: “No!”

Pope Francis then said: “There, Emanuele, that is the answer. God was surely proud of your father because it is easier as a believer to baptize your children than to baptize them when you are not a believer. Surely this pleased God very much. Talk to your dad. Pray to your dad.”

The story is at once beautiful and challenging. Pope Francis gives great comfort to the young boy and helps him to think about God as Father, and the

scene touches us. At the same time, the pope’s response seems to go against what we’ve been taught about our Catholic faith. And yet, the pope’s response is very much grounded in Catholic teaching.

First, we have to remember that the main purpose of our Catholic tradition is to help us to understand who God is, and not simply to obey. So when the pope responds to Emanuele’s question by asking if God abandon’s his children, he recalls us of the biblical tradition of God as faithful, even in when we are distant from him. My personal favorite is Isaiah 49:15:

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of  
her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

As Christians, we believe that God as our Father cares for us with a love that is even greater and more magnanimous than parental love. His love is faithful, even when we are unfaithful, and even when we do not know Him.

Furthermore, in His love, He challenges us to do His will. Our own Catholic teaching follows Christ’s teaching that belief in God, an interior or vocal ascent to Jesus Christ as the Savior, is only one aspect of a person in relationship with God. We are also called to do the Father’s will, and this is sometimes done better by those who do not know God than believers. Jesus teaches us this in the story of the Good Samaritan. The victim of a violent robbery lay in the street while believers in God passed by on the other side. Only the Samaritan, whom the Jews considered heretics, took care of the man who was assaulted. Jesus holds this Samaritan, this infidel, as a paragon of fidelity to God.

If God loves so broadly, and even non-believers can do the will of God, then should we just abandon our faith and our religious practice? On the contrary. Through our faith and our religious practice, God gives us the grace to already know and experience Him consciously and helps us to see and understand His presence and action in the world, rather than waiting until our deaths to discover how He has always loved us. In addition, our life of faith enables

us to proclaim the truth of God and give hope to people by our actions and our words, just as Pope Francis did with Emanuele.

To see a video of the exchange between Emanuele and Pope Francis, please go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_U4NqZjn4ZQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_U4NqZjn4ZQ)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR MILITARY:**

Anthony Correia, Nick O’Kelly

**OUR SICK:** Justin Baker, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Troy Edwards, Mary Lester, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney, Diane O’Connell, Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr. , Cromwell Smith, Robert Sorrentino, Evelyn Trufflo

For our parishioners suffering from depression and those who are dealing with addictions

**OUR DECEASED:** Joseph F. D’Eufemia  
Ruth C. Hughes

*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.*

**SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED**

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it’s no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world’s crops and livestock. This week’s scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John’s letter we hear that we have become God’s beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God’s beloved flock?

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**Transfiguration Seniors Club**

Thursday, May 17th at 1:00 pm—Senior Pizza Party  
Guests \$5.00—Please sign up!

Thursday, May 21 st at 1:00 pm—Ice Cream Social  
Guests \$5.00

**50th Anniversary Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14, 2018**

**Admissions for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Open!**

Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three year in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go on to college or post-secondary education. Our schools offer a secure learning environment, where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum. And tuition is now more affordable than ever: Financial Assistance and Scholarships are available for qualifying families. To find a Catholic school near you, book a personal tour, or for help with your admissions or financial assistance application, viist [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org) or call our bilingual helpline (646)794-2885

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<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=6dfj2v35>

## Relay for Life of the Tarrytowns

The 3rd Annual Rely for Life will be held at Sleepy Hollow High School from May 19th-20th starting at 6:00 PM. Get a team together and help fight cancer! This has been a very successful event where monies raised goes to support the American Cancer Society to support cancer patients and their families.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Lee Anne Sullivan at [robsullivan@optonline.net](mailto:robsullivan@optonline.net) or Nitisha Moore at [nitisha.moore@cancer.org](mailto:nitisha.moore@cancer.org).

Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents the Tony award winning hit:

### RAGTIME, THE MUSICAL

Show dates are April 27th, 28th, May 4th, 5th at 7:00 pm and a matinee on May 6th at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext 200. For further information email [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org)

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A Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00 am Mass today.

Our hosts will be Mareen Marinopolous and Cathy Ruland. Please come and mingle

with your fellow parishioners.

*Next week's hosts will be Trisha McNally and Chris Sinopoli*

**\*\*Don't forget to buy Stop & Shop Gift Cards and C-Town Certificates from the Priory Office before going food shopping. Our Church earns 5% of all that are sold!\*\***



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We are a **Catholic Social Widows and Widowers Group**. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at Church of St Pius X, 91 Secor Rd, Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the small chapel off the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments. Our next meeting date is Monday, April 23rd. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants.

We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.

For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: [cww10583@gmail.com](mailto:cww10583@gmail.com).

### Transfiguration School

The 2018-2019 Registration for Transfiguration School is ongoing. We offer an academically sound and faith-filled Catholic education for students in PK3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Developing each child's potential infusing Catholic values and providing a solid foundation of academics adhering to New York Common Core standards are our objective. Our PreK3 & PreK4 programs are full day. Tuition is more affordable than ever, with expanded scholarships and financial assistance. To find out more about a Catholic education can help put your child on the path to a bright future, please visit us online at [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org), or to arrange a tour, please call the school at 914-631-3737.

### Summer Enrichment Program

Transfiguration School will be offering a 6 week Summer Enrichment Program starting June 25, 2018 for children entering Prek3 – 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is a combination of sports (tennis, gymnastics, basketball and volleyball) arts and crafts, baking, and outdoor-fun with a little academics on the side.

Please call Transfiguration School at 914-631-3737 to request a Registration Form

### SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

INFORMATION SHEET

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