

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

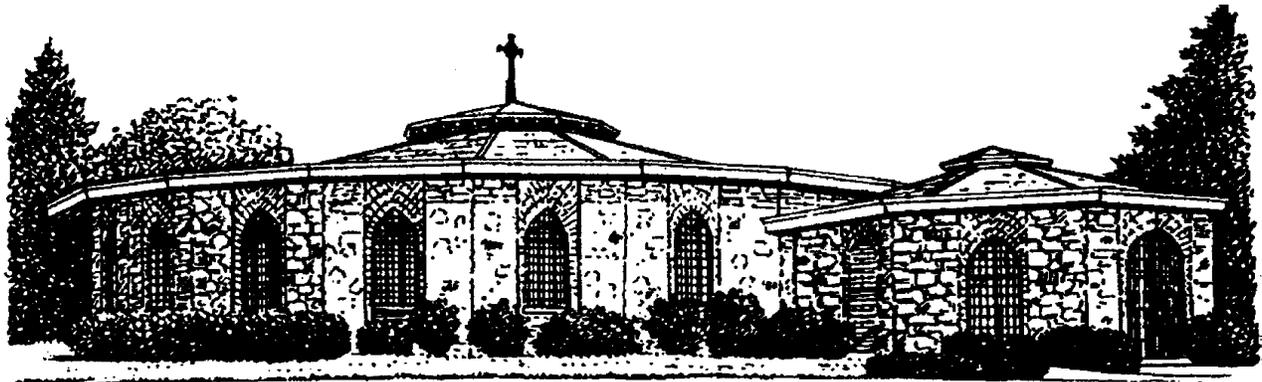


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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Monday thru 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.
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

Priory
268 So. Broadway
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Transfiguration School
Prospect Avenue
631-3737

Religious Ed. Center
Prospect Avenue
631-2380



Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

August 26, 2018

\$6,843.00

Attendance—579 Envelopes—176

Church Maintenance

\$2,082.00

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

5:00 Richard Kilsheimer req. by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Moyer

SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

8:00 Mary Kay Smith req. by Bridget Murphy
10:00 Timothy & Hannah Hoare req. by Kathleen O'Brien
12:00 Ann Palmer req. by Ron Palmer

MONDAY-LABOR DAY

9:00 Bob Sorrentino req. by Lisa Falcon & family

TUESDAY

7:15 Nancy Wolfe req. by Jennifer Green

9:00 Giovanni Diunzio req. by Philomena Adams

WEDNESDAY:

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Anna Biros req. by Joyce Marin

THURSDAY

7:15 James Blanco req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan

9:00 Robert K. Sorrentino req. by Marianne Carideo

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 James Carlin req. by John & Marion McGinty & family

SATURDAY

9:00 James Agar req. by the family

5:00 Isabelle & Thomas Varian req. by Maureen & Tom Fleming

SUNDAY

8:00 Joan Irene Selkaitis req. by the Twinning Committee

10:00 Richard Dalby req. by Jasmine Rodrigo

12:00 Margaret, Brenda, James & Robert Curran req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: First Friday
1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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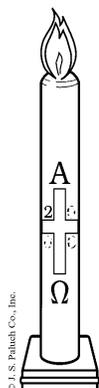
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 2, 2018

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b



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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of John & Mary Kunert req. by the Strilowich family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Peter Cammarano req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick DiMuro

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in tfor the victims of abuse.

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CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION – WHO IS THE CHURCH?

A while back, long before all of the current controversies in with the Church’s hierarchy, there were similar issues. As a relatively new friar, it made me begin to reconsider my own vocation. I spoke with one the older friars, who responded by saying that in the end, it doesn’t matter, because our focus is solely on serving Jesus Christ, and that the Church is far more than the hierarchy: the Church is the people of God. He said this, not in disdain for our leaders; instead, he contextualized for me the reality of the Church and of my place in it, or rather, among us.

Most of us have been taught in religious education or in religion class that we are the Church. But in time, we lose that identity, and associate the church either with the building or with the men in charge, and this reality is reinforced by the way we use the term “church,” whether in the news, or in our conversations with one another, or even in the way we pray. In the sacramentary, the book that contains the prayers that the priest recites, there are many examples of this type of language. In Eucharistic Prayer for Uses in Masses for Various Needs I, for example, we find this phrasing:

“For by the word of your Son’s Gospel
 you have brought together one Church
 from every people, tongue, and nation,
 and, having filled *her* with life by the power of your Spirit,
 you never cease through *her*
 to gather the whole human race into one.”

Before we write off this translation as being merely insensitive or divisive, we have to remember that these words, and indeed, the female metaphor of Church, comes from the Bible, and in particular, St. Paul, who sees in the relationship between husband and wife the sacrament of Christ and the Church. So it is beautiful and should be retained, but with the awareness that “she” means “us.”

This is particularly crucial when we are confronted with controversies that touch the highest echelons of our Church. It can be tempting to pack it all in when such events arise, but in doing so, we are demonstrating that we understand “the Church” to be them and not all of the people of God. One of the biggest reasons why the Church has survived for so long is because of the faith of the laity, the people in the pews, who have understood that the Church is theirs and, because of having overcome the challenges in their own lives by the light of faith, have also weathered the storms in the Church as well. Indeed, every Sunday, in the prayer after the “Our Father,” we pray that God may look on this faith as a sign of our desire to love Him:



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Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,'
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with Your will."

Furthermore, the laity have been tremendously instrumental in preserving the unity of the Church by challenging the highest authorities to get their act together. St. Catherine of Siena, doctor of the Church, was a Dominican tertiary, meaning a lay person, not a nun or a sister, who made vows as a lay person in the Dominican order. It was she who, during the Western Schism of 1378, influenced cardinals and nobles sort out the great problem of having two, and even three, popes at the same time. She was a woman and a lay person who challenged the great leaders of our Church.

So, dear parishioners and non-clerics who read this, do not underestimate who you are and your importance, because you are Church, and the Church needs you now, more than every. God bless.

FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL PEOPLE FOR THE OFFICE, PLEASE: The summer is coming to an end, and the parish office will soon return to its regular hours. We are looking for people 21 years and older to cover the desk during the afternoon hours, from 4:00pm to 7:30pm. Weekend hours are also available. You should have a friendly disposition and be able to do simple office tasks. If you are interested, please see Fr. Emiel or Elizabeth Rooney in the office.

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY: Anthony Correia

OUR SICK: Justin Baker, Ralph Bartolacci, Audrey Capra, Richard Cross, Vincent Donnelly, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Troy Edwards, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney, Diane O'Connell, Edward F. Parzyk, Nadia Puccio, Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr. , Cromwell Smith, Evelyn Santiago, Frank Spardaro, Carri Porter Snoddy, Carina Yacovone-Neves, Brian

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

OUR DECEASED: Santa Mascioli

If you would like to include others in this prayer list, please contact the priory office. Names will remain on

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold their first fall meeting on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018** at 6 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Prayer Shawls give comfort, warmth, love and peace to those in need or in thanksgiving. Please find details of the larger ministry at www.shawlministry.com or contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007. All are welcome to join us on the 12th.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS—CONTEMPLATION...AND BOOK STUDY:

Sr. Catherine Bennet runs a group on Contemplative prayer that will begin again on **September 5**. The schedule is as follows:

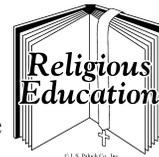
Wednesdays: 10:15-11:00am - Marymount Convent
Fridays: 7:45-8:05am – Transfiguration Chapel, after Mass

Book Study: Thursdays beginning September 13, 9:30-10:30am at Transfiguration Church. We will read *A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life* by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.—Anonymous

Dear Families,



Our **Religious Education Program** is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms are available for pick up in the Church Vestibule. If you prefer, we can email the forms, simply send a request to our new religious education email:

transfigurationprep@gmail.com or call our office 914-631-1672.

Deadline for registration is Monday September 10th. Please note that our first class meets Wednesday September 12th and no registrations will be accepted/processed on that day. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK:

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect children and young people. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him too much.—Anonymous

INFORMATION SHEET

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