

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

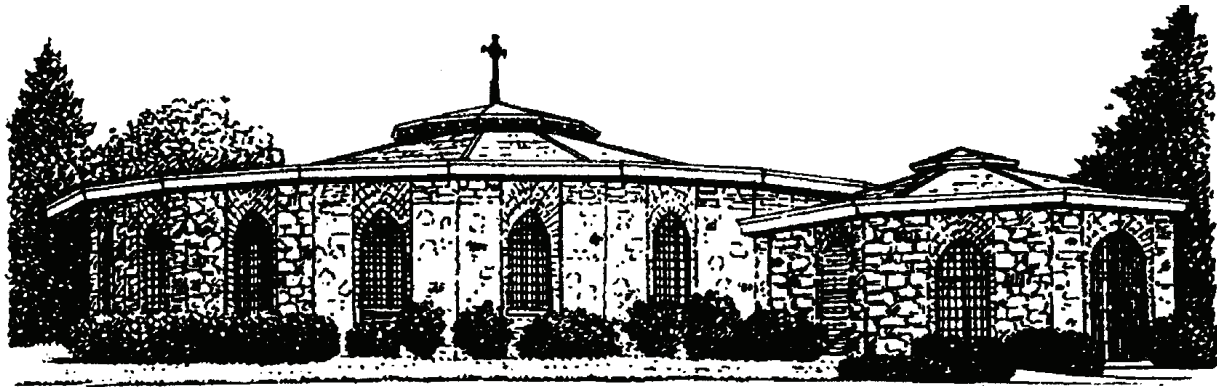
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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 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

**Priory**  
268 So. Broadway  
631-1672

**Transfiguration School**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-3737

**Religious Ed. Center**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-2380



**READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

SATURDAY, December 17, 2016  
7:00 Mabel Muldoon req. by Joyce Hufnagle

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016  
8:00 The Armistead Family req. by Mark Prescott  
10:00 Josephine Porzio req. by Valerie Bartolacci  
12:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY  
7:15 Christopher Naughton req. by Mary Gorman  
9:00 Robert Victor Longo req. by William Longo

TUESDAY  
7:15 Frederick J. Warren req. by the Peg Warren Estate  
9:00 Michelle McNulty req. by Diane Mastropieri

WEDNESDAY  
7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Grace Perilli req. by Jean Dunagan

THURSDAY  
7:15 Thomas & Margaret Ford req. by Joan Macellaro  
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

FRIDAY  
7:15 Paul Quinn req. by Nancy Quinn  
9:00 Grace Perilli req. by Jean Dunagan

SATURDAY  
9:00 Gerald Barbelet req. by Lois Porcello

CHRISTMAS EVE  
5:00 Frances & Anthony Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths  
8:00 Cathrine & Joseph Riveroso, Louis Agro Jr. & Frances & Louis Agro Sr. req. by Gloria Agro & Family  
11:00 Galina Bylim req. by Helen DelVecchio

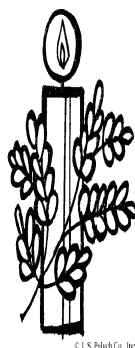
SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 Deceased Members of the Kemp & Walters Families req. by Carolyn Walters  
10:00 Rosetti Family req. by Mr. & Mrs. J. Balthazard  
12:00 Joseph Duggan req. by Lois Duggan

**Reconciliation Monday**

Monday, December 19th is the Archdiocesan day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available for confessions in the Church from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM continuously.

Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT  
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24  
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice  
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Thursday: St. John of Kanty  
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of James & Lily Hartigan req. by Peg Mahoney

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of the Weaver Family req. by Maureen Vanginderen

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of John Walpuck req. by The Walpuck Family

**God's Plan for Giving**

Collection of December 11, 2016  
\$10,062.00  
Attendance— Envelopes-204

Religious Retirement—December 11, 2016  
\$2362.00 Envelopes-154

Immaculate Conception—December 8, 2016  
\$1654.00 Envelopes- 139



**TRADITIONS:** In seventh and eighth grades, I was taught by the Felician sisters, Polish sisters of the Franciscan tradition, who shared their culture while teaching us how to read and write. So in addition to learning how to spell “anticommunism,” we learned how to use wax to make patterns on Easter eggs, and while adding 3+4, we also gained an appreciation for pierogi. One of the traditions that I learned was to leave my pillow at the foot of the bed on Christmas Eve night, in order that the Christ child might have a more comfortable sleep in his manger. To my innocent 10-year-old mind, questions such as time and history never occurred, just the simple gesture of sleeping a little less comfortably so that my Lord might be able to instead.

I continue to keep this tradition, yet while resting my head on the mattress, I think of all the other children who sleep uncomfortably that night: the homeless children who sleep in the cold, or on cheap mattresses in their shelter, and whose bellies growl with hunger. I recall the children who lie in bed at night in fear as they hear the whistle of falling bombs and the stuttering of gunfire. I remember the boys and girls who lie in the dark hearing shouts of anger and the thunderous clap of fits against skin, afraid that they might be next. I think about the children who sleep where they work, on dirt floors, and dirty futons, forced to live such an impoverished existence in order to support their poverty-stricken families.

And I lift them up to God, all these brothers and sisters of the Christ child. That night, my bed becomes a little less comfortable, but not because of the missing pillow.

Rather, I recall more vividly that God entered the world precisely for the little ones such as these.

**BOB PATTERSON:** Our dear friend and long-time parishioner Bob Patterson has moved from the community to be with his family because of illness. For those of you who do not know him, Bob began the St. Vincent de Paul Society together with some other esteemed members several decades ago, and was the group’s leader and driving force. In addition, he served in various capacities in the parish and was an overall sign of Christian fraternity to all. We continue to send Bob our love and support, and we pray that his transition will be peaceful and happy.

**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY—HELP PLEASE!:** This year, we celebrate 50 years of the new church building, which was officially erected on June 1, 1967. I would like all of us to begin thinking of ways in which we might celebrate this milestone six months from now, so I invite you all, both young and old, to come up with ideas in which this can be done. I accept all ideas, with the freedom to choose among those offered, of course, but I would like everyone in the parish to be involved. Please email your ideas to: [transfigjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:transfigjubilee@gmail.com)

### **THIS WEEK’S THANKYOU:**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR AND TREE SALE:** I would like to congratulate and thank all those involved last Saturday in this annual school fund raiser. While the school is now regional and officially only has a renter’s relationship with the parish, the atmosphere created by Mrs. Fonte and her team really helped our parish life.

**GIVING TREE:** Thank you to Linnae Latessa, Lee Anne Sullivan and Liz Rooney and our young people for organizing this year’s giving trees, and to all of you who responded so generously. May our care for these children be a sign of our Christian faith and charity to them and their parish families.

### **REPAIRS AND CLEANUP:**

**RAILING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH:** For some time the long railing at the parking lot entrance to the church has been wobbly. Tony Pinto has repaired it, and now it is sturdy enough to provide support.

**VESTIBULE:** The vestibule to the church was looking messy and disorganized, and negotiating the large table was a potential hazard. Therefore, several things have taken place:

- A new cart was purchased by the church for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for collecting and sorting food donations. All food donations should be placed in this bin, rather than next to the garbage bin, which had previously rendered the donations both unsightly and potentially unsanitary.

- A new podium was purchased and a small table have replaced the large table, enabling us to put out relevant materials while alleviating the space and traffic problems previously posed by the large table.

- The bulletin board has been redecorated thanks to Gloria Agro, Elaine Smith and Gabrielle Smith.

**SANCTUARY:** You’ll have noticed that the four large benches have been removed from the area behind the altar. They were in various states of ruin and were, in any case unnecessary. Joe Agro and his men removed the benches, with the intention that the wood might be repurposed.

**KNEELERS:** Seamus Wiseman’s eagle scout project of repairing broken kneelers in the church continues with diligence. The boys and their parents spent five hours last Sunday making further repairs, and will continue this Sunday as well. We thank them for their efforts and support their continued success.

**WINDOWS IN THE OFFICES:** Following the mandates for developing a safe environment, windows have been installed in the reception office, the parlor and in my office.

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