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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

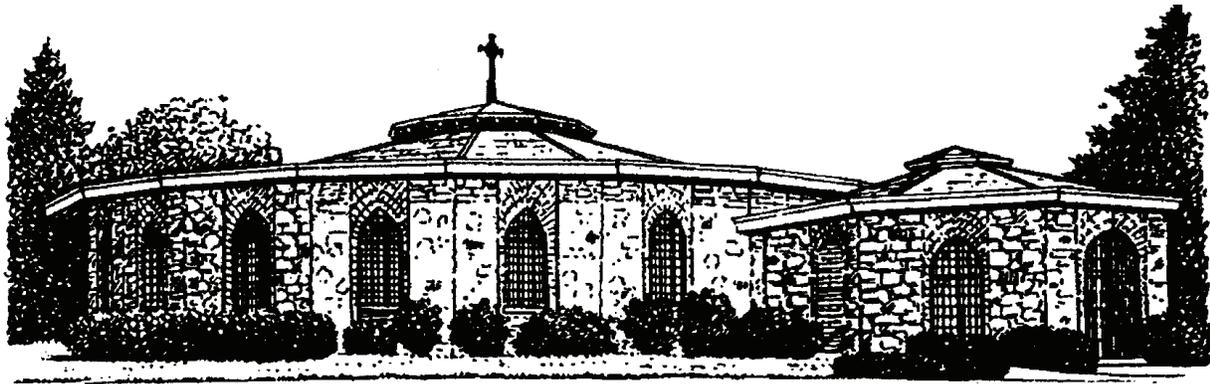
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Collection of March 26, 2017  
\$8110.00

Attendance—813 Envelopes— 230  
Catholic Relief Services  
\$2125.00 Envelopes-148

### SATURDAY, April 1, 2017

5:00 David O'Shea req. by Kathleen O'Brien

### SUNDAY, April 2, 2017

8:00 A Special Intention  
10:00 Kimberly Ramirez req. by the Ramirez Family  
12:00 Anne C. Kolarich req. Linda & Danny Lucia

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY

7:15 Edward Keslake req. by The Kozlowski Family  
9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

#### TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Alice McGarrity req. by Peter Downey

#### WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Mary Ann Curtin req. by Jean Dunagan

#### THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Stephen Hernandez req. by  
William & Susan Marmo

#### FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention  
9:00 Richard Saporona & Billy Martin  
req. by Joyce Saporona

#### SATURDAY

9:00 A Special Intention  
5:00 The Ring Family req. by Kitty Geissler

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire req. by Joan DeMeo  
10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the AOH &  
LAOH req. by Mary Gorman  
12:00 Richard Galassi

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalms** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Cecelia & Ray Roache req. by Peg Mahoney



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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Sister Regina Rose S.C. req. by Peg Mahoney

The Shrine candles are burning this week for World Peace.

### READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: St. Isidore  
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence;  
First Saturday  
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Julian Calendar Palm Sunday  
Mt 21:1-11 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Pia Perosi and Tina Clark. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



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**THE MEAT DRESS:** At the MTV Awards in 2010, the famous contemporary singer Lady Gaga turned heads by appearing on the red carpet dressed in gown made up of slices of raw beef. Deemed "the meat dress" by the media, she wore the dress as a way of representing the way in which people were being treated merely as bodies, and not as human beings. This, however, is not the first time that animal flesh has appeared in a public space as representation of symbol of something else.

Indeed, for centuries, the meaning of the Eucharist as Christ's Body and Blood has been a point of great discussion and controversy. In medieval times, the realist interpretation of the sacrament resulted in animal carcasses sometimes being placed on the altar as physical representations of the Eucharistic species. On the other hand, some, including most Protestants who continue this line of thought, believe that the bread and wine are merely symbols of Christ's Body and Blood, and the action of the Eucharist is simply a remembrance. Needless to say, the Church has had to address such positions.

We believe in the *sacramental* presence of Christ. A *sacrament* is the visible sign of an invisible reality. So we believe that the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass are truly the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus said, "This *is* my Body," and "This *is* my Blood." Nowhere does he use the words "like" or "as a symbol of." In making himself *really* present, He comes to us as God who desires to feed and nourish us, both physically and spiritually, with His very self.

It is not, however, only His physical Body and Blood. It is the whole of Jesus Christ that we receive. When we are faced with a corpse, only the body and blood of the person are before us. When we are face to face with a living person, however, we have before us their body and blood, their personality, their hopes and their dreams, and their being in relation with us. So the Body and Blood of Christ is not merely a physical thing, but it is also an action of encounter and relationship.

Because of this, the Eucharist is also an *action*. During the Eucharist, we make present Christ's unique sacrifice and open ourselves up to the mystery of salvation. Every time we gather for Mass, we enter relationship with Christ in a way that reminds us of and makes present Christ's unique sacrifice that

continues to have its affect on us today. So it is not just a historical event. Furthermore, it opens us up to the whole mystery of salvation, of God's constant desire that all of humanity should be saved from sin and brought into the life of the Trinity, what we also call the "life of grace."

This life of grace comes in the form of a *covenant*, or pact, that God makes with us, in which He assures us that He will do what He promised, which is to take away our sins. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to remember the Passover in the Book of Exodus, when God made a promise to the Hebrew people that He would save them from slavery in Egypt and bring them to the Promised Land. He made good on this promise, and so we are assured that He will be faithful to His promise to us, that He also honored in Jesus' death and resurrection. Furthermore, in both covenants, God does not only save His people, but He makes us his own children and members of the Body of Christ. His promise, therefore, is not just a one-time action, but a permanent and abiding one.

Because of this, the Body and Blood of Christ is also us. It's a case of "you are what you eat." As St. Paul tells us, the human body is made up of the ears, the heart, the stomach, and all other parts, and they must all work together to make the body function. So, too, with us in the Eucharist. All of us, whether young are old, are called to praise and worship God *together*, as Christ's one Body. This is why we also call the Eucharist *Holy Communion*. It is our communing together as the one Body together with Christ as our Head that makes us also Christ's Body and Blood. In coming to every Mass and participating in the Eucharist, especially for Sundays and holy days of obligation, we claim and proclaim our identity as children of God and members of His family.

Furthermore, as God's children, in the Eucharist, we share His mission of caring for the whole world. If you listen carefully to the Eucharistic prayer, for example, you will hear us as a community pray for everyone throughout the world. This is because, in being members of Christ, we also share in the moral responsibility of caring for others in self-giving charity. So being Christ's Body and Blood in the world also means realizing God's desire for the *Continued on the next page.*

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world, that all should know and love Him, and allow themselves to be known and loved by Him as well. He does this work through us, and through our capacity to love selflessly, just as he loves us selflessly in Christ, His Son.

So our Eucharist is not simply a piece of bread and a drop of wine. Nor is it merely a piece of flesh and a bit of blood. It is a profound sacramental reality that is meant to transform us, and through us, transform the world.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS:** 1LT Matthew Coughlin, Army Ranger

**OUR SICK:** Helen Jones and Sadie Ryan

**OUR DECEASED:** Mary Curtin, Kathleen Casey

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

**"LET THE MOUTH** fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?" -  
*-St. John Chrysostom*

**LATEST NEWS:** Our website includes videos of our latest events, as well as articles and the weekly bulletin. Please check it out at: <https://transfiguration-tarrytown.org/>

**Mass and Healing Prayers**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Elmsford, will be hosting Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, from Rwanda to celebrate a Healing Mass on Monday April 3 at 7 pm and a meditation workshop on Forgiveness Wednesday April 5 at 7 pm.

Come and pray with us as Fr Ubald brings his gift of healing prayers to our community. Everyone is invited!

To learn more about Fr Ubald's Ministry of Healing go to [www.frubald.com](http://www.frubald.com)

**LENT - A PROGRAM OF PRAYER:**

**April 7, 7:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration

*Children are invited.*

**ARCHDIOCESAN RECONCILIATION DAY -  
APRIL 10:**

On Monday, April 10, the parish will offer the sacrament of reconciliation together with all other parishes throughout the archdiocese. The hours of the sacrament will be the following:

3:00pm-6:00pm Individual confessions

7:00pm to end: Penance service followed by individual confessions

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

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**THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT  
PRAY / FAST / GIVE**

Transfiguration parish has started our weekly Lenten service collection.

**This week-** Midnight Run and Covenant House Covenant House servers homeless youth and Midnight Run helps the needy of all ages living on the streets. We are collecting **toiletries: regular size for Covenant House and travel size for Midnight Run. New soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoos, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm, moisturizers and wash cloths, etc.**

**Next week:** St Vincent de Paul Easter Collection. **Pantry needs:** toilet paper, paper towels, jarred pasta sauce 26oz., canned chicken 12.5oz., canned tuna 6oz., small jars of jelly 15oz., canned fruit (in juice not syrup), canned vegetables, canned soup. Monetary donations always accepted. In addition to their regular pantry bag, we do give each family a food gift card to purchase something special for their Easter dinner.

**Please place your donations in the green St. Vincent de Paul truck in the parking lot vestibule.**

**JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED**

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

***Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on April 6th, Thursday at 7 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Newcomers Welcome. For more information contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007 or visit [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)

Please join for 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. This is an adult only event.

**Music at Marian Woods in Hartsdale**

We are hosting our annual Springfest Fundraiser. This fundraiser supports the senior women Religious who reside at Marian Woods. Come join us for an enchanting and refreshing afternoon with delicious hor d'oeuvres, wine and refreshments followed by a concert of "*Music through the Years*" performed in the beautiful sacred space of Marion Woods Chapel.

Sunday, April 30 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm

Donation \$50.00

For information call Sr. Lorraine at 914-750-6137

**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 FORTESS, 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](mailto:nancynelson2380@gmail.com) for more informa-

**\*\*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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