

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

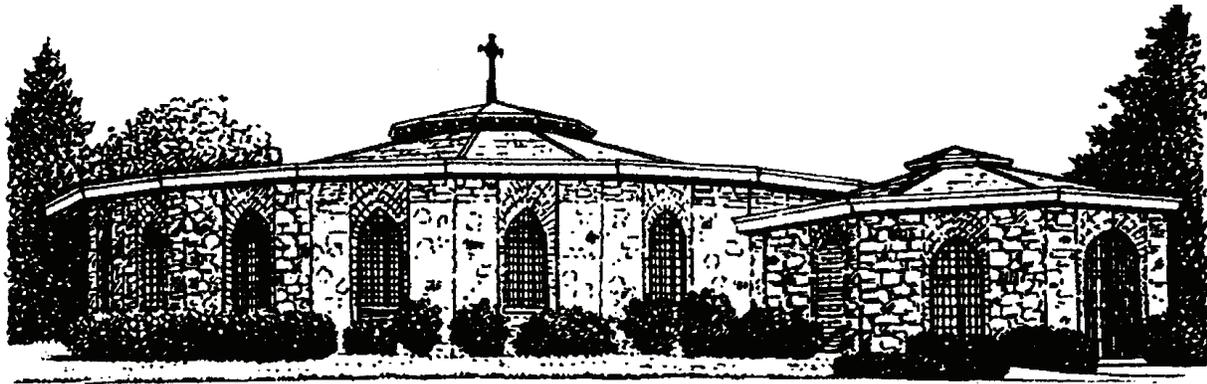
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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

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268 So. Broadway
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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, May 7, 2017

\$8,564.00

Attendance— 757 Envelopes— 220

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: St. Simon Stock
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: St. John I
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Armed Forces Day
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21
or Jn 17:1-11a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

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MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers.

—Anonymous

SATURDAY, May 13, 2017

5:00 Frances Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths

SUNDAY, May 14, 2017

8:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Katie & Bill Longo

10:00 Jeanne Zerinque req. by the McGlynn Family

12:00 Ida Davis & Tessie Bonsignore req. by Ray & Santa DeFeis

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 James R. Kane req. by Kathleen Kane

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Padre Cruz req. by Aldo

9:00 Bernidino Fastiggi req. by Eleanor Fastiggi

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Dave O'Shea req. by Rita & Lisa O'Shea

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Mrs. Ann Miele

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Pastell req. by the Kraft Family

5:00 John Kolarich Sr. req. by Linda & Dan Lucia

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Dave O'Shea req. by Peggy & Kevin O'Sullivan

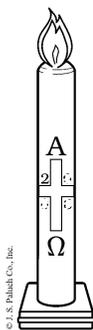
10:00 Margaret Noone req. by the Transfiguration Choir

12:00 Julia Mary Sullivan req. by Mary Gorman

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel for Kathleen Casey req. by Netta Sloboda

The Shrine candles are burning this week for all Mothers and Motherly Guardians.



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My experience of the Holy Land:

I was privileged to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land after Easter this year.

Our route was meant to follow the footsteps of Moses in the Old Testament and of Jesus in the New Testament. We began in Jordan with the journey toward the Promised Land of the Israelites, then we crossed the Jordanian – Israeli border into Israel to continue the journey of Jesus. We visited about 45 holy places within 12 days. People kept saying: “Wonderful experience!” But I would make a note here: In my experience, a pilgrimage is better than a sightseeing tour because it creates a prayerful setting for us to live the experience. I personally recommend such a pilgrimage to everyone who can make it. Let me briefly tell you why.

First, our pilgrimage was very **beneficial**. People often said: “I can’t believe I am here.” It was truly AMAZING to kiss the manger place where Jesus was born, to walk on the same roads He walked in Nazareth where He grew up, to stand on the same spot where He stood in a synagogue to proclaim the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, to walk along the Sea of Galilee where He called his first disciples, to visit the so-called “Jesus’ town” of Capernaum where He spent a lot of time preaching, to dance on a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm, to drink very fresh water from Jacob’s well (5,000 years old) where Jesus met the Samaritan woman, to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane where He sweated blood, to walk through the same street of Via Dolorosa where He carried the Cross, to contemplate Calvary hill where his love went all the way, to kiss the rock on which they laid his body for anointing after taking it from the Cross, to enter the tomb where his body was buried, to affirm our own belief in the resurrection, to stand on the ground from which He ascended, etc. This experience is much more profound than watching a movie or hearing a story about Jesus. It is simply beyond words. Of course, our hearing the stories of the Bible is much more alive after such a trip.

Second, our pilgrimage is actually a **ministry**, even an urgent ministry. According to Mr. Khalil, our local tour guide, who is a Catholic Arab, the

population of Christians in the Holy Land has been dramatically decreasing: “The percentage of Christians in the population of the Palestinian territories has halved since the year two thousand, from 2% to 1% over the last 13 years. And in Jerusalem, where in 1948, 27,000 Christians lived, today the baptized are about 5 thousand” (www.news.va.). The Catholic population is about half of the Christian population. Christians have been pressured from every side - politically, religiously, economically, socially, etc. I was amazed to see how brave our Christian brothers and sisters were when they chose to stay in that land. It is a tremendous sacrifice for them to remain there. With their level of education and skill, they could easily move to another country to have a better life. Actually I knew some people who had had a safe and comfortable life in another country like Canada, but they chose to go back to live in the Holy Land so they could help keep the Christian holy places alive. But younger generations could think and feel differently about this brave act and move away if they face challenges without being supported from the Christian world, particularly through the channel of pilgrims. I could feel how appreciative they were of pilgrims when I talked to them. They were almost in tears to see that we cared about and valued their sacrifice. In a sense, we Christians in the world owe them a lot for our faith heritage. If those brothers and sisters chose to move away from the Holy Land to seek for a better life, all the holy places of Jesus would be turned into mosques, markets, shops, and other things. Our children would have no more chance to access them as now and as holy places to pray freely. It is Christian pilgrims that make their life possible, and it is their choice to stay that makes our historical-spiritual heritage connected with Jesus possible. So pilgrims going there is not simply for a spiritual tour, but rather a urgent ministry that needs constant support.

Third, this pilgrimage was an **eye-opening experience**. We realized that what we often heard from the media was not necessarily the whole truth. What the media told us could be misleading because they told us what served their interest best. Before going to the Holy Land, for example, some people seemed to

have a negative and somewhat scary understanding about “the other side”, the term coined by the media. But after meeting them, our group had a different image. Let me give an example: When we were in Jordan, one day the people in our group needed to use the restrooms, but we were on the highway far from any public place where we could find any. The tour guide, who was a Muslim happened to remember someone he met only once, years before. He called her for help. She invited us right away to her home. She welcomed us with a warmest smile. She gave us mint tea, and then bread, and then dates. The whole family came out to greet us. That moment was a beautiful moment among unknown friends. We were Vietnamese and Catholic. They were Jordanian and Muslim. But we felt no distance between us. Everyone just mingled. Some of us wanted to offer them some money as a token of our appreciation, but they refused. They said it was their love for us. The only favor they wanted from us was to have a picture taken with us. When it was time for us to leave, the whole family came out to give us hugs, very tight hugs. They came all the way to the street where our bus was to wave us goodbye. I still have goosebumps while I am writing this story. On the way back to the hotel, the tour guide told us that if someone, a stranger, just stopped by any house of the local people and asked for a meal and a bed, the family would open their door, to welcome us and give us the best they had. If we needed to be dropped off somewhere, they would make sure to help us reach the destination. It would be a shame if they failed to show their hospitality and kindness. In short, in our experience, people there, including Palestinians, were kind and gentle.

Fourth, experiencing the Holy Land will enable us to **value more what we have** at home. Here in America, natural resources are overly abundant compared to the land of Jesus. What we take for granted is what they hunger for on a regular basis, e.g. water, electricity. The main source for fresh water in the whole region is the Sea (= lake) of Galilee. Which is under the control of Israel. The water flowing into Palestinian territories depends on the mercy of Israel. While I was there, I also watched where news that some Palestinians decided to buy gasoline so that they could use generators to produce electricity in case Israel switched off the power line. Besides,

peace seems to have been an ongoing desire of people. They greet one another with different greetings that have the word “peace”. Perhaps that desire has never been realized so it keeps being expressed in such a way, I wonder. Despite all that, Jordan and the Holy Land are evaluated to be among the safest places for tourists and pilgrims. When asked how they felt about the pilgrimage, everyone replied: “It was wonderful. I will come back when I can!”

I felt the same way. So I would like to repeat the words of Jesus “**Come and see.**” (John 1:39)

-Fr. Viet

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS:

OUR SICK: Sze family; Manuel Johnson, father of Fr. Christopher Johnson at St. John Paul the Great in Sleepy Hollow

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.

***Come Celebrate Our
Transfiguration Parish Community***

Fr. Viet, Fr. Emiel and the Parish Council invite you to join us in a parish celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our current church building. Our celebration will take place on the weekend of June 24th-25th. On Saturday, after the 5:00 pm Mass, we'll have a BBQ under the tents on the parish lawns. On Sunday, at noon, we will have a Jubilee Mass celebrating the priests and people, past and present, who envisioned, encouraged and supported the Transfiguration Parish Community.

The Church of the Transfiguration has been in Tarrytown since 1896. The original French-Gothic building was completed in 1897, through the faith and perseverance of Fr. Edward Patrick Southwell, O. Carm., Fr. John Wholley struggled to keep the church repaired, but after nearly 70 years, Fr. Carmel Lynn announced that a new church needed to be built. Our present church building was dedicated on June 1, 1967, by Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Please use the sign-up sheets in the vestibule to let us know if you will join in our celebration.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul -

The collection of non-perishable food for our Food Pantry will take place at all the Masses this weekend. The canned foods that we customarily give include pasta and sauce, cereal, fruit, jam, peanut butter, canned vegetables, paper towels and toilet paper, canned chicken or tuna and fruit juice in regular sized cans or bottles. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 PM. The delivery of the food to our needy families will be on Saturday, May 20th after the 9:00 Mass. All are welcome!

Transfiguration Seniors Club

Thursday, May 18th, 1:00 pm Senior Pizza Party. Please sign up. Guests are \$5.00



St Matthew Scripture Study: The study of St. Matthew's gospel will continue on Sunday, May 21 in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room following the 8:00 am Mass. The topic will be chapter 13 where Matthew recounts Jesus teaching in parables. All are welcome.

Lectio Divina: Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm a small group meets to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings. The meeting lasts about 45 minutes and takes place in the parlor opposite the parish office. All are welcome.

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 FORTRESS, 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 for more information.

Transfiguration Parish wishes to congratulate our First Communicants and welcome them to the table of the Lord. May God bless them always.

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| Laura Arango-Lopez | Wesley McGuire |
| Erin Arnegger | Maxwell Michael |
| Joseph Balascio | Bradyn Moriarty |
| Courtney Coffey | Kadin Moyer |
| Kyle DeLucia | Charlie Mueller |
| Isabella Desimini | Mae Mueller |
| Eric Diaz | Ava Ortiz |
| Alexander Eaton | Justin Ortiz |
| Madelyn Edwards | Blair Patterson |
| Giovanna Fanelli | Antonio Reimundez |
| Charles Farbman | Gwneth Roestenberg |
| Elliot Fishman | Dexter Scheller |
| Trevor Kaplewicz | Ysabella Sealtiel |
| James Kennedy | Emily Torreyson |
| Ashley Aleman Lansch | Gabriel Urrea |
| Madeline Lynch-Riley | Eva Vacaj |
| Sean Mackiewicz | Dylan Valenti |
| Justin Marku | Michael Variano |
| Roseann Marku | Dhikshita Reddy Yeruva |
| Noel McCarthy | |

SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND:

Beginning this month, many of you will have received envelopes that are designated for School Building Maintenance. According to the Archdiocese, with whom I agree, I should publicly and explicitly state what this fund is for. Therefore, I inform you that the monies contributed will be used solely for capital improvements to the property that are our responsibility as the property owners.

Today there will be **No Coffee Hour** because of Mother's Day. To all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and caregivers have a Happy Mother's Day.



INFORMATION SHEET

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