

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

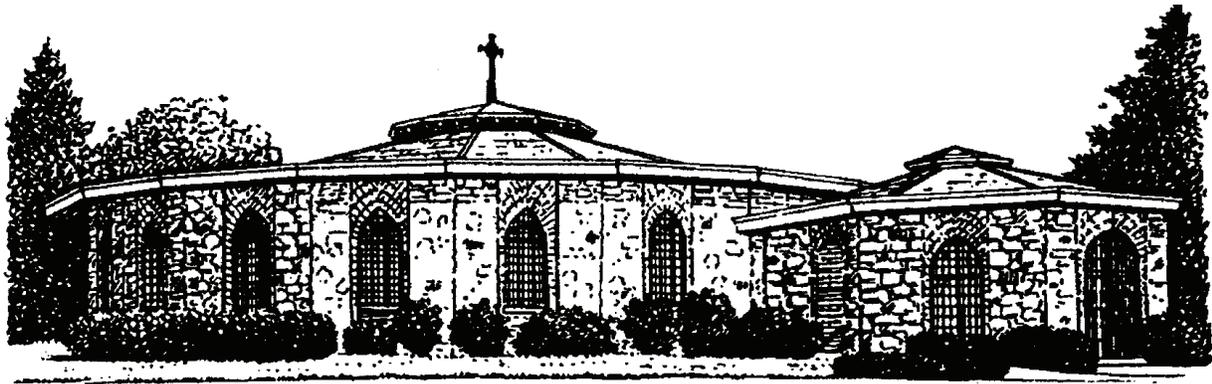
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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 SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 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
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue
631-3737

Religious Ed. Center
Prospect Avenue
631-2380



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SATURDAY, August 26, 2017

5:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

SUNDAY, August 27, 2017

8:00 Lucia Volpacchio req. by Tommaso, Gina & Maria
10:00 David O'Shea req. by Mary Lester & Family
12:00 Frank O'Brien req. by Kathleen O'Brien

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Margaret Mintern req. by Dolores Burns
9:00 Thomas Martin req. by Doug Washburn

TUESDAY

7:15 Mila Valentine req. by Sarah Ball & Family
9:00 Mary Merrit req. by Peter Downey

WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Frank O'Brien req. by Rita O'Shea

THURSDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin
9:00 Roger Ardanowski req. by Margaret Welch

FRIDAY

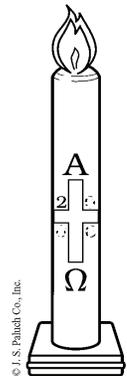
7:15 Elmer Abalahin
9:00 Dan Moriarity req. by Marie & Anita O'Connor

SATURDAY

9:00 Teresa Bergamasco (living), for her 90th birthday req. by Bob & Eleanor Sorrentino
5:00 Isabelle & Thomas Varin req. by Maureen Fleming

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Thomas Morton req. by Mae Aiello
10:00 Ann Palmer req. by Ron Palmer
12:00 Rickie Sbezzi req. by Jean & Joe Balthazard



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Denise Osterhaus req. by Helen Lennon

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week in the memory of Elmer Abalahin re. by Netta Sloboda

The Shrine candles are burning this week in memory of Jeanne Holbock req. by the Letessa Family

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Weekly Offering

God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, August 20, 2017
\$7527.00

Attendance-562 Envelopes-179
Carmelite Mission Appeal
\$2,636.00
The Assumption of Mary
\$1,782.00

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
- Monday: St. Augustine
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation;
First Friday
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Twentieth-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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HAPPY PEOPLE

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous

ONLY ONE

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

—St. Augustine

Monday was a special day for many people as, for the first time in almost a century that a total solar eclipse was experienced in the US, and it crossed from Washington state to Florida. So people have purchased their special viewing glasses, and made their homemade eclipse viewers out of shoeboxes and cereal boxes. Some made the journey to places like Missouri and Georgia, all to get a glimpse of the sun being fully obscured by the moon. Here in New York, the eclipse began at 1:23pm and reached its peak at 2:44pm, with the moon obscuring 80 percent of the sun's light.

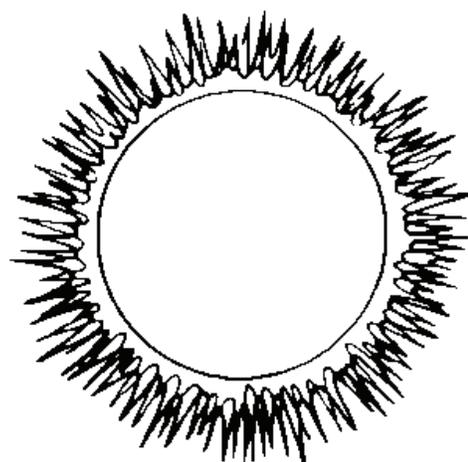
For some, the lengthy duration of this celestial event was a heavenly warning. A quick search on YouTube, for example, results in an almost endless list of self-proclaimed religious prophets who saw in this event of America covered in darkness as a warning or sign of the end times. They claim it as a message to the American people because of our infidelity to bible principles, or disagreements with our political leaders, or a myriad of many other reasons. For them, the darkness is a sign of darker times ahead.

On the surface, the death of a loved one can seem the same way. Like the sun, they were a great light in our lives, bringing joy and challenge, laughter and concern to our experience. But, with their face-to-face struggle with mortality, especially with illness, we watched them struggle physically, emotionally and spiritually with the reality of their situation. For some of us, their death was a complete shock. And we are all left with a hole from the lack of their physical presence with us—not being able to hear them, or see them, or touch them, not being able to share with them in a tangible way the milestones of our lives. Without faith, without faith in a God who has risen from the dead, without a faith that knows the love of Christ in our lives, all we can see is the darkness.

However, as people of faith who know God is love, we know that, just as the sun returned to the sky after 2 hours and 37 minutes, the darkness of their death is only a temporary experience. As Jesus promised the repentant thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in paradise," we know that they are alive and with Christ now, and through our prayers, we encourage them to allow themselves to enter God's eternal embrace, and to await the full

and glorious resurrection of body and soul that Christ himself has undergone as the firstfruits of the new creation. Thus, we are a people who are sad because we have experienced the love of our loved one, and our tears are for one who has loved us. But we are also hopeful, because we know that God has made good and will make good on His promise to our brother and to us.

At the same time, our loved one's life is also a challenge to us. As the Scriptures and the saints constantly remind us, life is short, too short to waste time on selfishness and egotism. It is too short to hold grudges and be jealous of others. Instead, we, too, are meant to be lights in the darkness, to shine like the sun through our capacity to love generously, to challenge everyone to be their best selves, and to have the fullest relationships with everyone we encounter. But don't be fooled. We don't do these things simply because of our personalities. Our goodness comes about because we allow ourselves to grow in this relationship with Jesus Christ, through our personal understanding and knowledge that Jesus Christ is his Lord, the one who first loves, and first challenges and first offers full relationship. So while we continue to marvel at the wonder of the solar eclipse, let it also be a reminder that in the dark moments of our lives, we learn through God's own sign that the darkness is only temporary and passing. The eternity of God's own light and love will shine for ever. And let us remember that the eternal light that is Christ is also meant to shine in us who are called to shine His light on everyone we meet.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS:

OUR SICK:

Fr. Dany Abi-Akar, Anne Colucci,
Peter Downey, Frank Haigh, Maria Hao,
Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez,
Robert Sorrentino

OUR DECEASED: Elmer Abalihin,
Palma Conforti, Margaret Mintern,
Jeanne Holbock

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.

**PARISHIONERS AGED 21-35:
HELP, PLEASE:**

The parish is considering starting a young adults group for those who might be interested in a social atmosphere for continuing to develop one's faith with peers. Please go to the parish website: www.transfiguration-tarrytown.org. There you will find a link to a brief questionnaire that will help us to determine the interest and viability of such an activity.

PLEASE NOTE: *It would NOT be a singles group. Therefore, married couples between the ages of 21 and 35 may also fill out the questionnaire.*

FORMED: If you haven't registered for informative site please do so. The parish needs **25** registered users to have this site renewed. At this time we now have **23** registered users. The parish needs more users in order to continue receiving this site for free.

To enroll, please do the following:

- Go to formed.org
- Lower right corner click: Register
- Enter our parish code: 7RHC4Y
- Enter your email address and select go
- Enter your name and address
- Create a password
- Check to box to agree to terms
- Submit

The site has content for the whole family. Please take to time to enroll before August 31.

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

From July 1 to September 4 (Labor Day), the parish office will observe the following schedule:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Saturday: 2:00pm-6:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am-1:30pm

September 4: Labor Day: Closed

You may also make an appointment at any time if you wish to speak to the priests. Just call during office hours and we will be happy to set up a time to meet with you.

IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that's exactly the impression we make.

—Anonymous

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Many of our Religious Education families have already re-registered for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you for putting your child's faith formation ahead of other activities.

If you have not re-registered PLEASE do so now. We cannot know how many classrooms we will need to reserve until all the students are registered. No registrations will be accepted after our program has begun.

Call Nancy Nelson at 914-631-2380 or e-mail: nancynelson2380@gmail.com if you have any questions

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

- Meeting Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 pm.
 - Call Anita and sign up **now** for the Columbus Day lunch, October 12 at 12:00 pm.
- Members: \$10.00, Guests \$15.00

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The next food pantry weekend will be September 16th & 17th. We need canned soups, vegetables, fruits, tuna and chicken, tomato sauce, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, and jelly. Also paper towels and toilet paper. We will distribute the food on Saturday, September 21st after the 9:00 Mass. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 21st at 7:30 in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference room

A Free 6-Week **Employment Networking Support Group** is being offered by The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development.

The program will explore self assessment, job trends, resume writing, interviewing skills and LinkedIn on the following Monday evenings, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30-8PM at The White Plains Education & Training Center, 303 Quarropas St., White Plains. For more information or to register please contact Pat Sheridan, LCSW, (914) 798-1103 or psheridan@divinecompassion.org



BANNS III
Leslie Sofia Goyzueta
&
Peter Michael Leeds

The Thursday morning **Scripture Group** will begin meeting on Thursday, September 7th after the 9:00 am Mass. We meet in the Church Library. All are welcome.

-Sr. Catherine Bennett

For more information call 914-358-5717

THE TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will have their first fall meeting on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** at 7 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome. For further information please call Alice Blood at 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady at 631-5007 or visit www.shawlministry.com

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

70 Carmelite Drive
Middletown, NY
Saturday, October 14, 2017

TERESA & THERESE

Join award-winning Artist and Author Br. Mickey McGrath as he shares his paintings (and stories behind them) of these two great DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH. From Avilia to Lisieux to New York, we will make a pilgrimage of the heart and explore the relevance of these two great women and their lessons in living for our troubled world today. \$30.00 pre-paid Lunch included. Please reserve by October 2nd.

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