

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

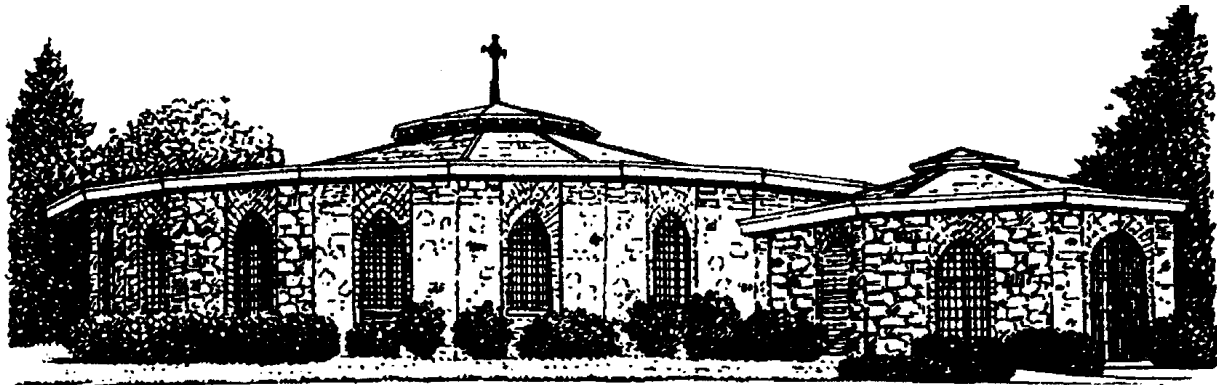


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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 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.

Priory
268 So. Broadway
631-1672

Transfiguration School
Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
631-2380



SATURDAY, December 30, 2017

5:00 Marco Broadway req. by Teresa Agar

SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

8:00 Maria Le Thu Ho req. by Gloria Agro
10:00 Andrew Salajcek req. by Dolores Burns
12:00 Louis Agro, Jr. req. by The Agro Family

MONDAY—Parish Office Closed

9:00 Charles Parlatone req. by Carolyn Walters

TUESDAY

9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by Gloria Agro

WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Everett Weaver req. by Eleanor Hunt

THURSDAY

7:15 Brindley & Josephine Fernando req. by Chithra Rodrego

9:00 Dominica Innarelli req. by Gloria Agro

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention req. by Margarita Cantanilla

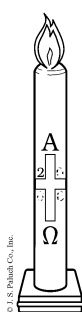
9:00 Richard Sapanara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Sapanara

SATURDAY

9:00 Catherine Riveroso req. by Gloria Agro
5:00 Max & Ida Sherr req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

SUNDAY

8:00 Mary Farrell req. by Angie & Bernie Farrell
10:00 Kathleen Casey req. by Mary Lynch
12:00 Salvatore Croce req. by Angela DeMelo



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Marco Broadway req. by Janet & John Strilowich

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Andrea Doyle req. by Diana Walpuck

The Shrine candles are burning this week in memory of John Walpuck req. by Diana Walpuck

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 31, 2017**

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—*Luke 2:30-31*

Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, December 24, 2017

\$7,272.00

Attendance—480 Envelopes—275

Christmas, December 25, 2017

\$25,558.00

Attendance—863 Envelopes—145

**READINGS, SAINTS AND
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
- Monday: New Year's Day Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week;
Julian Calendar Christmas
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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In the spring of 2011, just as the tourist season started, Bangladeshi men dressed in saffron robes began to appear in the major piazzas in Rome. One sat cross-legged, with palms upward on his lap, and his face with eyes closed directed toward the Roman sun. His partner held the same position to his left, but seemingly suspended in midair. They sat there for hours, in complete stillness, as crowds of tourists gathered around them, fascinated by what appeared to be a manifestation of Eastern mysticism. These mystics collected so much money from the tourists that some required two and three large baskets. Throughout the summer, piazzas became blocked by people who were captivated by the spectacle.

By the following summer, it was all over. Thanks to the internet, many discovered that they had been tricked by one of the oldest tricks in the book: metal platforms and tubing disguised by yards of saffron fabric.

At the same the attraction to this esoteric display revealed an inner yearning that all people have for a connection to the Divine. People were not simply taken in by a magic trick; they stayed for several minutes, attracted by these men who seemed to have such a special relationship with God, that they were endowed with incredible power. This attraction speaks to a fundamental desire of every human heart, even the most skeptical, and that is the possibility that there might be something beyond us that could give our lives profound meaning.

As Catholics, celebrate the mystical tradition, especially through our saints and our spirituality. We recognize people like Teresa

of Avila, Padre Pio, and others who experienced the touch of the supernatural in their lives in such a way that they experienced authentic supernatural phenomena in their lives, whether levitation, ecstasies, stigmata, or other mystical experiences.

Yet for these saints, all of these wondrous manifestations pale when compared with the real mystical experience: a deep and abiding relationship with God. Indeed, for these saints, the special gifts are secondary to the intimate love that God has for them, and to the vocation to which He called them.

Mystics, however, are not a thing of the past; nor are they an odd subset of our Church. On the contrary, they are who we are also called to be. The great theologian Karl Rahner says of Christians: "In the days ahead, you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all."

Since the beginning of time, religion has been developed to help human beings grow in their relationship with God. At the same time, despots, the wealthy, and governments, and even faith leaders have manipulated religion to convince us that their way is the way of God. In the process, this manipulation has brought division and fear. It has also been used to oppress others.

As Catholics, we are not simply called to obey Church precepts, and our dogma and laws were not created to oppress us, even though we treat them in this way. Instead, the tenets of our faith are meant as guides to help us to grow in an authentic experience of the Divine, a true experience of Love, and to do His loving will.

Ultimately, this is what a mystic is – one who has truly known Love, because, as John tells us "God is love" (1 John 4:8), because "Love consists in this: not that we have loved God first, but that he loved us and sent his only Son for the expiation of our sins" (1 John 4:10).

Love, then, becomes the litmus test for the authenticity of our faith, and not mere adherence to laws, nor supernatural phenomena. If our relationship with God does not make us kinder, more compassionate, more passionate for justice and right, then we have nothing. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3,13: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Let us, then, become today's mystics, those who truly know God's love, and desire to share His love with the world.

Happy New Year, Everyone!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY:

Nick O'Kelly

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, William Duggan,
Ann Duggan Baker, Mary Lester,
Norbert & Patricia Godin,
Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez

OUR DECEASED:

Anne Colucci, Jean Donnelly,
Giovanni DiNunzio, Peter Lentini

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.

FLU SEASON: With people getting sick at this time of year, the Mass can prove a bit challenging. The archdiocese offers the following recommendations for staying healthy.

- If you are afraid of becoming ill, you do not have to shake hands at the kiss of peace. You may offer a different gesture or a verbal greeting.
- If you are ill, **do not** receive from the chalice.
- Please use an alcohol based antibacterial hand sanitizer to keep the germs at bay
- If you have a **gluten allergy**, please let the priest or minister of Holy Communion know **before Mass**, so that we can have a gluten free host consecrated and available for you.

Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith, Director of Human Resources and Volunteers, at 914-693-6800 X5932.

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TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:

- **Thursday, January 18th at 1:00 pm:** Meeting in the Parish Hall.
Renew membership dues \$10.00
 - Please join us on Thursday, January 25th for **"A Chorus Line"** at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1pm - Doors open at 11:00 am, lunch Included. \$28 per person.
All monies due January 3rd.
Call 591-4276 to sign up.
**This trip is limited to our parishioners age 65 and up.*
- *Remember, if schools are closed due to weather our meeting will be cancelled.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

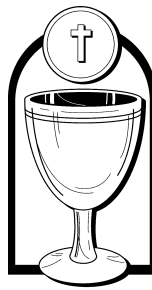
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There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Susan & Chris Vacca. All are invited to come and mingle with their fellow parishioners.

Next week our hosts will be Monique Koslowski and Marge Murphy.



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Years ago, there was a question that was often voiced, "How late could one arrive for Mass and still have it count?" If one thinks of attending Sunday Mass as **obligation** only, then this is a good question. If one thinks of attending Sunday Mass as an **opportunity**, then it is irrelevant.

Mass begins with a gathering song, either spoken or sung. On Sundays, we usually sing a hymn. Then we have the penitential rite. This moment in the Mass is the time when we look inward and take stock of where we stand before God and each other. If there is sin, we pray for forgiveness and we are absolved of all venial sin. It is a gift given to us. It is an opportunity to be in right relationship with God and each other. Let us pay careful attention to that, participate in it well, and thank God for the gift of God's mercy and love.

Loose Change for Soyapango: Children who collected change during Advent can bring their gift to church next Sunday, the feast of Epiphany.

Twinning Contributions: It is not too late for making a contribution to twinning for the next year. Forms are in the rack by the elevator.

Sunday, January 7th
6:00 PM

Carpe Diem String Quartet
Seize the Music

Fujiwara's Montana Suite,
Beethoven Op. 18, No.1,
Erberk Erylmaz Dances of the Yogurt Maker
Blue Rondo ala Turk
Culai by Ljova
Czardas by Monti / arr. Fujiwara



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