

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

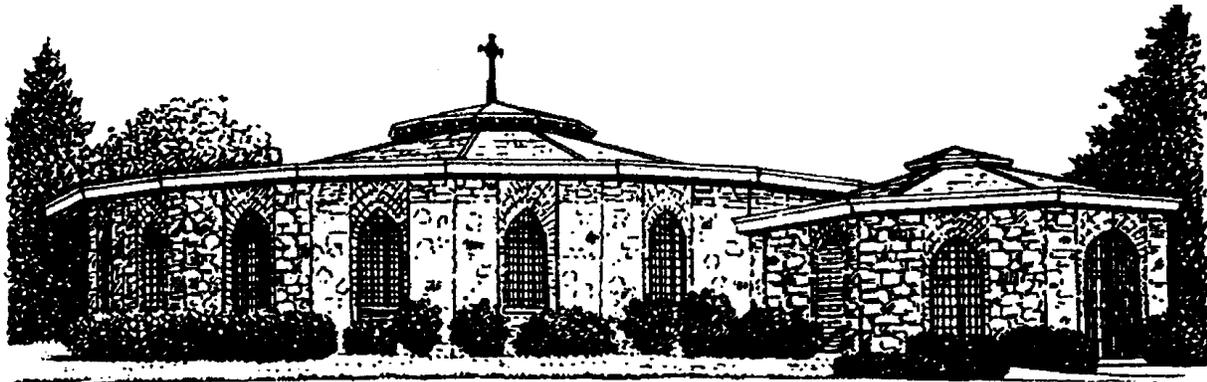


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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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 (Day Chapel)
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 thru 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
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Transfiguration School
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Prospect Avenue
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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

August 5, 2018

\$6,797.00

Attendance—610 Envelopes—199

The Carmelite Appeal

\$1,168.00

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51
- Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,
111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32;
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7;
Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

SATURDAY—AUGUST 11, 2018

5:00 Mildred L. Rang req. by Mr. & Mrs. T. Milianta

SUNDAY—AUGUST 12, 2018

8:00 James Accordino req. by the Ramierz family
10:00 Jeanne Helbock req. by the Zagrobely family
12:00 Kitty Geissler req. by Clarice Pollack

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 The Doyle & McGuire families req. by
Joan DeMeo

WEDNESDAY:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Elizabeth Walters req. by Carolyn Walters
12:10 Eileen Hammond req. by Peter Downey
7:30 Bob Sorrentino req. by the Latessa family

THURSDAY

7:15 Joseph Renton req. by Evelyn Dinielle
9:00 Brian James Balthazard req. by Jean &
Joe Balthazard

FRIDAY

7:15 Angela Quigley req. by Sarah Ball
9:00 Kitty Geissler req. by Isabelle & Bernie Milano

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Karl req. by Shelia & Dennis Sullivan
5:00 Richard Kilsheimer req. Mr. & Mrs. Jerome
Trumbetas and family

SUNDAY

8:00 Joseph D'Eufemia req. by Anne & Karl
Muenzinger
10:00 Giovanni DiNunzio req. by Elvira Fantecone
12:00 Ann Palmer req. by Ron Palmer

TODAY'S READINGS

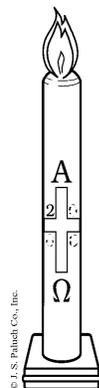
First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Jeanne Helbock req. by the Zagrobely family

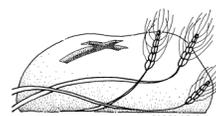
The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Elmer Abalahain req. by Eleanor Cornett

The Shrine candles are burning this week Elmer Abalahain

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 12, 2018

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— *John 6:51*



THE DEATH PENALTY – WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* contains the systematic explanation of what we Catholics believe as disciples of Christ, and this document touches on many aspects of faith as it affects both our spiritual and lives. On August 2, 2018, the Church promulgated a revision to the catechism with regard to the death penalty. No 2267 of the revised catechism now reads: “Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.”

According to news sources, Pope Francis is the one who made this change, but this is not true. On the contrary, this revision reflects a continuous growth in our understanding of the meaning of “Pro-Life.” Popes St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI laid the foundations for this teaching. It is also the fruit of many bishops, and theologians, both clerical and lay, considering with all seriousness what it means for us to believe in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer and the impact of this belief on how we execute justice in our contemporary era.

It would be impossible to provide all of the statistical information and the debates surrounding the topic. At the same time, there are some key points that the the popes—John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis—highlight in maintaining their position on the death penalty.

From a faith perspective, it is useful to understand the message of the Scriptures. Biblically, we see a consistent ethic with regard to how God treats sinners. In the story of Noah’s Ark in Genesis 7-8, for example, we see how God’s divine wrath destroys the whole of creation, except for Noah and his family. Once the rains ended and the waters began to subside, we see a surprising attitude from God. Rather than expressing justification or vengeance, we hear these words: “LORD said to himself: Never again will I curse the ground because of human beings, since the desires of the human heart are evil from youth; nor will I ever again strike down every living being, as I have done” (Genesis 8:1). God communicates that it is unbecoming of himself to destroy his creation. This is reaffirmed in his dealings with his people. Regarding the treatment of sinners, He says in the book of the prophet Ezekiel: “As I live—oracle of the Lord GOD—I swear I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! Why should you die, house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11)”. Jesus, in turn, teaches his disciples to have the same attitude toward

sinner as God: “Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.” Jesus shows us how far we are to show mercy toward others as he died for us on the cross.

Without a doubt, the people on death row have been found guilty of some seriously heinous crimes, although in recent years, we have found that unfair trials, corrupt justice systems, and DNA tests have proved that some have been condemned innocently. How we deal with these people has an impact on us as society. Indeed, In addition, to the theological question of the death penalty, the popes and bishops also thought about how the death penalty impacts societies, and people’s perceptions of the dignity or dispensability of the human person, on our willingness to find alternative solutions to death, and to wonder about the true effectiveness of such a punishment. The Church recognizes that we have the means and knowledge for improving society so that people do not have to arrive at the point where they commit such heinous crimes. Many countries and societies employ various effective means for dealing with criminals that addresses the systemic causes that lead to their crimes and their incarceration, including poverty, abuse, including spiritual, gang violence, addictions, mental illness, etc. And if people enter the correctional system, societies have a two-pronged approach to justice that addresses both restitution and rehabilitation.

Employing these alternatives challenges us to become more humane and more human in our treatment of one another, even the most difficult members of our society. In doing so, we become more and more like Jesus Christ. Ultimately, this is the reason why for us Catholics, the death penalty is inadmissible.

ASSUMPTION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Please remember that on August 15, we, the Catholic Church, celebrate this day as a holy day of obligation, in which we celebrate a fundamental tenet of our faith, namely, that at her death, Mary was assumed into heaven. In doing so, she is also a sign of our future, where we shall live eternally in the life of grace. Because this is a fundamental belief of our faith, we must participate in the Mass on this day. Masses in the parish will be at **7:15am, 9:00am, 12:10pm, and 7:30pm.** -All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- **2018-2019 REGISTRATION:** Registration is open for all those wishing to enroll their children for the coming year. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Mariana Dalsass at transfigurationprep@gmail.com or 914-631-2380
- Our Religious Education Program is currently seeking a few assistants to help us lead our young parishioners to fully embrace and live out the teachings of the Gospels. If you are energetic and passionate about living your life with Christ then you must answer the call to join us and lend us a hand. Training will be provided free of charge, stop by our office, speak to our Pastor or Mariana after any of our Sunday Masses. Remember that God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Our collection will take place next weekend, August 18 & 19. Donations during the summer months are always low. If you will be here for Mass next weekend, please consider making a donation of one or more of the items listed in the vestibule, so that we will be able to help the less-fortunate in our community. Envelopes for monetary donations are also in the vestibule.

Transfiguration School

The 2018-2019 Registration for Transfiguration School is ongoing. We offer an academically sound and faith-filled Catholic education for students in PK3 – 8th Grade. Developing each child’s potential infusing Catholic values and providing a solid foundation of academics adhering to New York Common Core standards are our objective. Our PreK3 & PreK4 programs are full day. Tuition is more affordable than ever, with expanded scholarships and financial assistance. To find out more about a Catholic education can help put your child on the path to a bright future, please visit us online at www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org, or to arrange a tour, please call the school at 914-631-3737.

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY: Anthony Correia

OUR SICK: Justin Baker, Ralph Bartolacci, Vincent Donnelly, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Troy Edwards, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney, Diane O’Connell, Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr. , Cromwell Smith, Evelyn Santiago, Carri Porter Snoddy, Carina Yacovone-Neves

For our parishioners suffering from depression and those who are dealing with addictions

OUR DECEASED: Mary Leonard

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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