

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

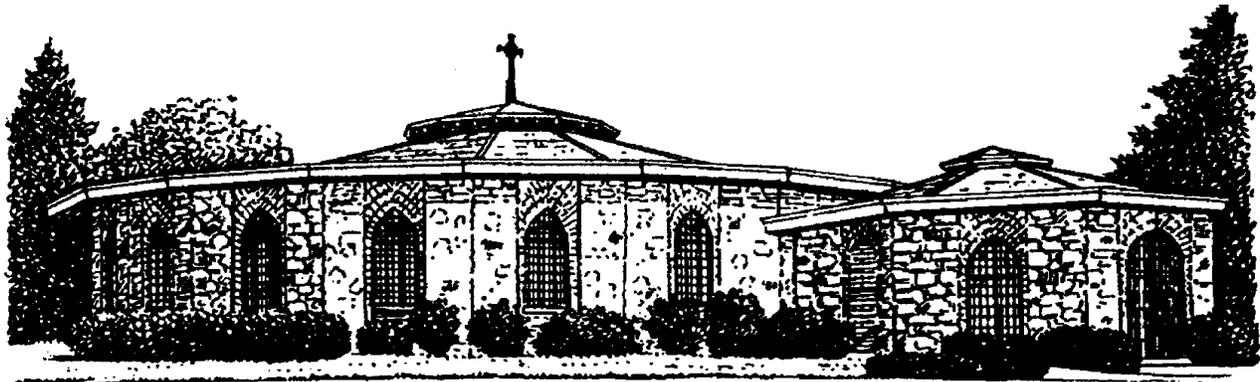


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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday: 9:30 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 any-time for an appointment.
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

Priory
268 So. Broadway
631-1672

Transfiguration School
Prospect Avenue
631-3737

Religious Ed. Center
Prospect Avenue
631-2380



Weekly Offering



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SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

5:00 Marguerite McGlynn req. by Tom & Barbara Coughlin

SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

8:00 Joseph Palis req. by Jody Toth
10:00 Emilio Mastrobalo req. by Elvira Fantecone
12:00 Lily & Martin Knapp req. by Patricia Chepiga

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Robert K. Sorrentino req. by Gabrielle & Emma Smith

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 James T. Carlin req. by Gloria Agro

WEDNESDAY:

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 John Downey req. by Peter Downey

THURSDAY

7:15 For the Intentions of Richard Cross req. by Pat Ryan
9:00 Marie Callaghan req. by the O’Gormans

FRIDAY

7:15 John Akasala req. by Elsie Akasala
9:00 Robert K. Sorrentino req. by the McGlynn family

SATURDAY

9:00 Michael Minuck req. by the Carney family
5:00 Maureen McGuire req. by Mary Ann Parsons

SUNDAY

8:00 Hildegard Cofone req. by Frank Cofone
10:00 Jean Desimone req. by the Latessa family
12:00 Quirino Catral req. by Victoria Catral

God’s Plan for Giving

September 16, 2018

\$7,773.00

Attendance— 681 Envelopes—236

School Maintenance

\$1,849.00 Envelopes 124

Next week second collection: Annual Seminary Collection St. Joseph’s Seminary System

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul
Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;

TODAY’S READINGS

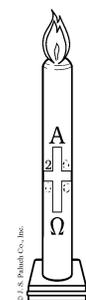
First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week for Marco Broadway req. by the Strilowich family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for the victims of abuse

The Shrine candles are burning this week is for Pope Francis.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.— *James 3:18*



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COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after the 10:00 am Mass for coffee and doughnuts. Come and mingle with your fellow parishioners.

THE HOUND AND THE HARE: A friend of mine recently sent me the following reflection written by Monsignor Guido Marini, the Papal emcee for liturgies at the Vatican:

“Let us listen to the fathers of the desert: Two monks meet in the monastery cloister, and one turns to the other and asks, “Why are there so many people leaving the monastic life?” The other monk responds, “The monastic life is like a hound that chases a hare. He barks, and as he does, other dogs hear him and join in the hunt. After a while, all of the hounds in the chase who don’t see the hare begin to ask themselves: ‘But where are we going? And why are we running?’ Eventually, they tire out and abandon of the chase, one by one. Only the dogs who see the hare continue to run until the end when the prey is caught. The life of faith is like this: if our eyes and our hearts are not fixed on Jesus, if he is not our beloved, desired and embraced focus that we follow with ardor, then we risk losing everything.”

This reflection offers us some important inspiration as people of faith today, who are also facing personal challenges and crises, as well as societal and ecclesial ones.

On one level, the story serves as a metaphor for our own faith lives in the midst of a church in crisis. With the problems that the Church in America has to address, people on the outside ask us why we stay. Indeed, some of us in the community ask ourselves the same question. Ironically, this question, and questioning, is vital to the survival of the Church because it asks us to consider what we mean by “Church,” who is included, and what is the ultimate purpose of the Church, among many other questions. In doing so, we are called once again, as we have through the centuries, to “find the hare,” i.e., to refocus as the Church on our Lord. Thankfully, we have other “hounds of heaven,” saints who lived through similar ecclesial crises, who show us how to maintain our faith and to help the Church to grow through our own faith in Christ.

On another level, then, this questioning also has to do with us and our personal commitment to our relationship with Jesus Christ. For those of us who were given the gift of baptism at our births, and who did all of our formal training and studying of our faith up through confirmation, our faith life can seem a bit stagnant. Our level of knowledge has remained the same since we were 12 years old. But the pursuit of Christ also means that we hunger to know him, whether in prayer, in our acts of charity, in our participation in the Church, in our continued study of the faith through reading and discussion, or in the personal wrestling with the deep, existential questions that challenge and inspire the whole human race. In doing so, we come to understand that we are connected to and dependent upon one another by God’s design, because of our limitations and failings and our gifts and talents.



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A third level of reflection, therefore, of the dogged pursuit of Christ is aiming to imitate him in this life, knowing that his presence is badly needed, and that he has chosen us to be the vessels for communicating himself to the world. We are to be the “hare” as much as the “hound.” When we love someone for who they are, we not only appreciate what they do and how they carry themselves, we also discover and emulate those traits that we admire in them. In this way, they help us to become better, more well-rounded human beings. We behave in a similar way to them because we see how their way of engaging with the world has made the world and us better. Thus, in an even greater way, pursuing Christ as the greatest love of our lives means choosing to make ourselves like him, for love of him, for our good, and for the good of all.

Have a good week. God bless.

-- Fr. Emiel

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY: Anthony Correia

OUR SICK: Justin Baker, Ralph Bartolacci, Audrey Capra, Vincent Donnelly, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Troy Edwards, Peggy Lahoz, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney, Diane O’Connell, Edward F. Parzyk, Nadia Puccio, Hector Perez, Carmen Rodriguez, Nancy Sorge, Evelyn Santiago, Richard Sicardo, Jr., Aurelio Semeraro, Cromwell Smith, Frank Spardaro, Carri Porter Snoddy, Catherine Thomas, Carina Yacovone-Neves, Brian

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

OUR DECEASED: Catherine Thomas

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.

Dance for Puerto Rico

Fundraiser for the Victims of Hurricane Maria

Friday, September 28 at 7:00 pm

ICC Gymnasium—16 North Broadway

Teens \$25.00 / Adults \$75.00 /Seniors \$50.00

Musical performances by local teens, Puerto Rican food and desserts, latin music, raffle and a viist by the members of Seda On2!. Tickets can be purchased online at iccirvington.churchgiving.com/ DANCE4PR and at the rectory.

Sponsored by ICC & Teens4PR

**WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
MORNINGS—CONTEMPLATION...
AND BOOK STUDY:**

Sr. Catherine Bennet runs a group on *Contemplative prayer*. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesdays: 10:15-11:00am - Marymount Convent
- Fridays: 7:45-8:05am – Transfiguration Chapel, after Mass

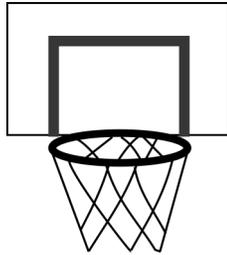
Book Study:

- Thursdays beginning September 13, 9:30-10:30am at Transfiguration Church.
- We will read *A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life* by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK:

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect children and young people. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Transfiguration CYO Baseball will be holding registration on **Wednesday, October 3rd** at 7:00 pm in the Transfiguration School Gym for grades three through eight.



The cost is \$110.00, plus the cost of a uniform for new players. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rob Sullivan at Robsullivan@optonline.net or 646-529-0413

Catholic Widows and Widows :

We are a Catholic Social Widows and Widowers Group. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at Church of St Pius X, 91 Secor Rd, Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the small chapel off the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments. Our next meeting date is Monday, September 24th. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers. We will meet again in September on the 24th. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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