

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

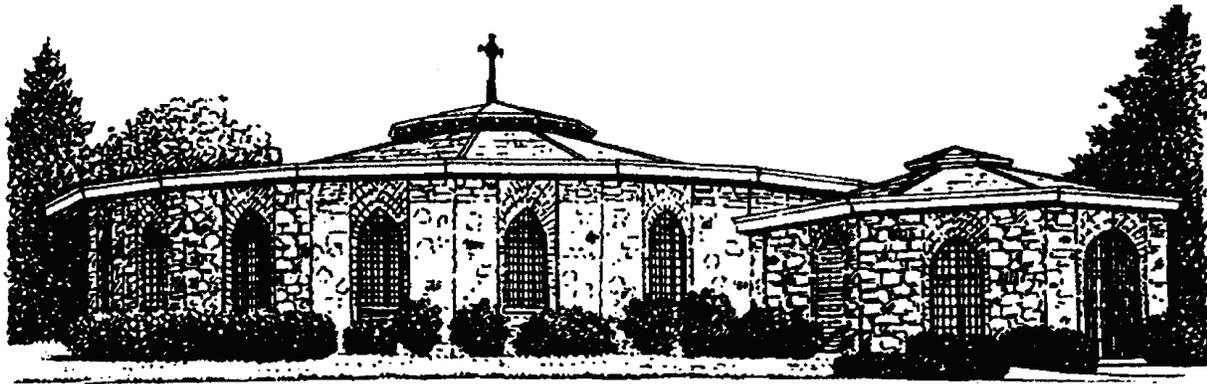
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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

**Priory**  
268 So. Broadway  
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue  
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**SATURDAY, December 3, 2016**

p.m. 5:00 Anthony Tuths

**SUNDAY, December 4, 2016**

8:00 Joanne Desjardin  
 10:00 Frank Lahoz  
 12:00 Kathleen Maffucci

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Mon.	7:15	The Pope's Intentions for December
	9:00	Joan Campbell
Tues.	7:15	A Special Intention
	9:00	Joanne Desjardin
Wed.	7:15	A Special Intention
	9:00	Elizabeth Walters
Thurs.	7:15	The Parishioners of Transfiguration
	9:00	Neil Marron
	12:10	Veronica McDonald
	7:30	Gerald Barbelet
Fri.	7:15	A Special Intention
	9:00	Joan Campbell
Sat.	9:00	Joseph Dispalto
PM	5:00	Donald Ball Sr.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

8:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration  
 10:00 Mario J. Dimondo Sr.  
 12:00 Mary, John & William Fleming

**READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: St. Nicholas  
 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: St. Ambrose;  
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38

Friday: St. Juan Diego  
 Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: International Human Rights Day  
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
 Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
 Mt 11:2-11

The neighborhoods of Casatenovo glittered and sparkled in a very familiar way, with Christmas lights, tinsel, and lighted angels adorning the balconies and lawns of the little northern Italian town. I felt like I was home in the US. There was only one thing missing. There was no Santa Claus.

During our semester breaks for Christmas and Easter, we priests often go out to help in the parishes around Italy. I was offered the opportunity to go to the parish of St. George, a parish in the town of Casatenovo, which lies north of Milan and just below the Italian Alps. It is a lovely town, not unlike Tarrytown, made up of middle-class people who commute to work or study in the city during the week.

My days were usually spent celebrating morning Mass, then hearing confessions from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, with a break for lunch; and I was busy for the entire time. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were full of Masses: at the seven churches in the area, at the nursing home, at the nearby convents for the sisters. The final Mass concluded at 7:00 PM, by which time, all of us priests were exhausted. A nice dinner, followed by a drive in the neighborhood to look at the decorations, helped us all to relax and have a peaceful sleep.

And so I found myself this night admiring the lights but noticing the curious absence of St. Nick and I asked the Italian priests why this was so. They explained the "Babbo Natale" is a recent phenomenon brought over by the Americans, promoted especially by Coca-Cola. Instead, the tradition in the region has always been that the Christ Child brings gifts to the family as a way of celebration his birthday with them. Thus, instead of plastic light up Santas, the nativity set has a place of pride in the home, and people spend all of Advent building scenes, minus the Baby Jesus, as a way of keeping their focus on the season as a time of preparation and hope. Neighborhoods have competitions for the best manger scene, and so families and friends plan sometimes months in advance, but always Christ as the ultimate goal of their work. On Christmas Eve, the figure of the Infant Jesus is placed in the manger, while presents are brought out of hiding to surprise the children after they return from Midnight Mas, while committees pass from house to house judging and awarding the most beautiful and creative scenes.

Advent can also be a time of hopeful preparation and focus as well. The Church invites us to hear the words of the prophets of the Old testament during Mass, as they express the dreams and yearnings of a savior who would one day come, and who we know to be Jesus Christ. So it would be good to read or listen to the daily readings, reflections at the US Bishops Conference's website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Furthermore, a time together in family, lighting the candles of an Advent wreath, and building a manger scene together, would be a great way to talk about and share with one another your personal relationship with Jesus. Finally, take some time out of your schedule to have peace and to pray. Allow yourself a break from all the Christmas preparations and from the bombardment of holiday advertising and give yourself time to prepare your heart and soul in peace. I wish you all a continued blessed Advent.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Thursday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation.  
 Masses: 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:30 PM.

**God's Plan for Giving**

Collection of November 20, 2016  
 \$10,108.00  
 Attendance—802 Envelopes-235  
 Human Development  
 \$1946 Envelopes- 148  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 \$1655.00 Attendance—130  
 Collection of November 27, 2016  
 \$7716.00  
 Attendance- 807 Envelopes- 215  
 Maintenance—November 27, 2016  
 \$2856.00 Envelopes- 178

**Transfiguration Seniors**

December 15th Christmas Luncheon 12 PM. Sign up for head count by December 8th. Guests \$10.00.



December 14th at 9:30 AM—VOLUNTEERS! Set Up for

**LIBRARY**

More books are now available downstairs on the far wall of the library room as you enter. These are newer books and donations which are shelved according to the library's eleven categories; each shelf has a category number. All books from the downstairs library should be signed out. We hope you will take advantage of this new, wide range of readings.



**Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:** The novena begins today with a prayer after all Masses. Please refer to the prayer cards you received on the way into church and take the card home with you. During this novena we pray for peace in the world, and for the intentions of people in our parish and those in our twinned parish.

**Evening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Evening prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated this Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 PM in the chapel. All welcome.

**Scripture Study Group** will meet next Sunday, December 11 at 8:45 AM in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room. Focus will be on St. Matthew's infancy narrative, chapters 1 and 2 of Matthew's gospel. All are welcome as reflect on Matthew's portrayal of the message of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

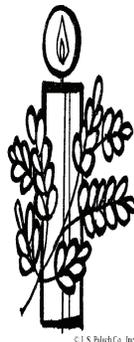
**Reconciliation Monday**

Monday, December 19th is the Archdiocesan day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available for confessions in the Church from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM continuously.



**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**

Pageant Performers only, no musicians  
 Monday, December 5th at 6:30 PM in the Church



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Mary Kunet req. by Mackensie Broadway

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Dorothy Hartigan req. by Peg Mahoney

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the healing of Mary & Paddy O'Connor req. by Rita O'Shea



**BANS II**

Angela Shannon & Brenton Wheatly

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Giving Trees**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be putting up our Giving Trees for the needy children of Tarrytown, St. Jerome's and St. Simon Stock in the Bronx this weekend.

The gifts are due back **no later than Sunday, December 18th by the 12:00 PM**

**Mass.** The gifts will be distributed after the 12:00 PM Mass. The tags contain the child's name, age and grade. The gifts should be wrapped with the tag affixed to the outside of the package. If you would like to sponsor a child, but are unable to purchase or return a gift. Please put a donation in one of the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes in the vestibule and mark it "Giving Tree." If you have any questions please contact Linnae Latessa

At 914-584-9438 or llatessa@aol.com.

The next Food Pantry collection will be on the weekend of December 10th and 11th. The delivery will be on Saturday, December 17 after the 9:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room.

**Guadalupe Door Collection:** Today, after Mass, members of our Parish Twinning Committee will be at the door for the annual Guadalupe Door collection for our twinned parish in Soyapango, El Salvador. Funds from this collection are earmarked for the support of parish activities related to our scholarship students. This includes a monthly meeting run by a psychologist to help parents understand their role in supporting their child's education. It also includes staff time for administering the scholarship program for 90 students from K through college.

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Laura Plunkett and Monique McCoy. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



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