

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

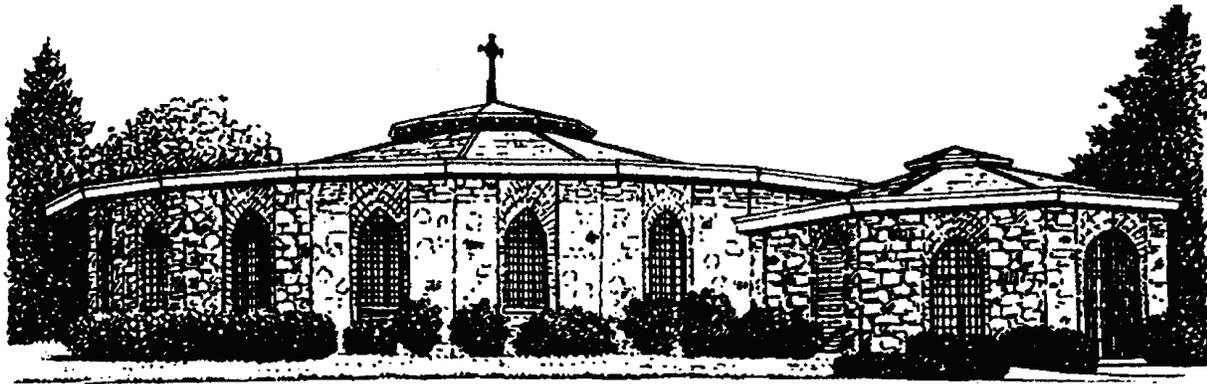
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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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Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of February 12, 2017
\$5876.00

Attendance—482 Envelopes-196

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
- Monday: Presidents' Day
Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: St. Peter Damian
Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday: St. Polycarp
Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
Mt 6:24-34

SATURDAY, February 18, 2017

5:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Geri Green

SUNDAY, February 19, 2017

8:00 Julia Reilly req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan

10:00 Theodore & Elizabeth Walters req. by
Caroline Walters

12:00 Herminie & John Chepiga req. by
Patricia Chepiga

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

9:00 Emily Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick

TUESDAY

7:15 Bridget Connelly req. by Paul & Erica Janos

9:00 The parishioners of Transfiguration

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Frances Agro req. by Gloria Agro

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Elizabeth Downey req. by Peter Downey

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Bernadette Hartnet req. by Kitty Geissler

SATURDAY

9:00 A Special Intention

5:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by
Nick & Laura Sczafave

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Patricia Bremer req. by Maureen Vanginderen

10:00 Luigi Fantecone & Rosina Fantecone req. by
Elvira Fantecone

12:00 Jose Bacha & Juan Duran req. by
Yahaira Mendez

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Emily Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for the intentions of our Transfiguration Parishioners

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of Dave O'Shea req. by Rita & Lisa O'Shea

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

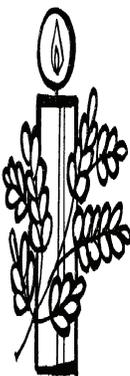
Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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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 Helen Long and Marge Murphy. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



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This article is being repeated from last week's bulletin, which arrived after the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass.

INNER PEACE: One thing that has impressed and frustrated me about the saints is their ability to remain in relative peace in the face of adversity, or even death. Their connection to God was of such a nature that, despite having to deal with criticisms, loneliness, open hostility, and persecution, they were able to do so with great patience, mercy and compassion. At the same time, this same relationship with the Divine propelled them to act in the very situation that created their external difficulties. Especially when I was younger, I enjoyed their model of Christian faith, but found it a great challenge to be as patient and kind as them when similarly confronted with unkind or angry emotions and words and personal attacks, or challenges to my deeply held convictions and beliefs.

Now that I am a few years older, I look to them as great teachers of how to live with adversity. The words of St. Teresa, for example, have proven very useful whenever I have felt frustrated or angry with a situation:

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes, but God never changes. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God will lack for nothing. God alone suffices.”

These words come from a woman whose spiritual experiences and teachings were constantly doubted. She was challenged by some members of the Spanish Inquisition, who deemed her prayer life as demonic. She faced hot opposition to her reform of the Carmelite order from both the friars and the nuns. The townspeople in certain areas protested her foundation of a monastery. Within the reform, she faced jealousies, power grabs, and the impact of members with serious mental health issues. Despite, all this, she was able to maintain an interior peace that enabled her to realize her personal call by God to bring about change.

Her life, therefore, offers us some important lessons about how to deal with similar situations. Whether because of family relationships, politics, social justice issues, work or whatever situation that causes us stress, the teachings of Teresa can help us to deal with challenges with greater grace and with inner peace and strength. The following are some lessons that I have drawn from her life and teachings.

PRAY: Teresa changed the way contemplative people prayed by recognizing that God is not an idea to be thought of, but One to be encountered and experienced in love. For her, prayer is first and foremost allowing God to love us. So allow yourself some quiet time for God to love you. This means turning off the cell phone, the computer, the television, and having a moment away from the spouse and kids to be alone with yourself and God. In this stillness allow God to take care of you. Sit in a comfortable and quiet spot. Begin with a passage from the Bible to help your mind focus on prayer, and then close your eyes and let your mind and soul ponder their meaning. A good one to start with is the following: “No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

—Romans 8:37-39

If it helps you to maintain your focus you may light a candle, play some quiet instrumental music in the background, and have a favorite image of Christ or a saint nearby. St. Teresa held that it is good to have an image of Christ to help us to remember that we are loved.

TAKE A BREAK: Sometimes, we can feel anxious or overwhelmed by everything going on around us, even if we feel passionate about what we do. None of us, however, has the ability to sustain challenging circumstances for a long time. Being the primary caregiver of a close relative, for example, demands so much energy and focus; yet even though we love them, we cannot maintain such a level of care and attention without cracking. It is necessary, therefore, to sometimes walk away for a while. In addition to prayer, Teresa met with friends, held small celebrations in the monastery, and dedicated herself to writing. These changes of routine helped her to fulfill God's will with vigor. We, too, need to turn off our electronic devices and go for a walk. Or spend a couple of hours with good friends, or do a hobby.

KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES: One of the important things that Teresa learned was to let go of what was unimportant and unessential, and to allow God to do His work in her. This required her to constantly look at her life with humility, examining it in the light of God's will, and to detach herself from things that prevented her from living freely in God, including her own ego. God invites us to do the same, not only with the stuff happening in our lives, but also with what we hold dear in our hearts.

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When we get caught up in tense discussions, for example, we should ask ourselves, “Is what I am defending according to Christ and his saving mission for the whole world?” “Is it worth fighting for?” “Is it worth dying for?”

I pray that as we follow the examples of Teresa and all the saints, we may continue to simplify our lives and make them a little easier by leaning on God’s unconditional and abounding love.

PARKING LOT, i.e.,

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING: Two weeks ago, someone in our parish parked in the parking lot during the day. When they returned to their car, they discovered that their car had been hit, yet the offender left no information. Please remember that if you hit a parked car, or are involved in any other type of accident involving your vehicle, you are required by law to remain at the scene and to exchange information, including your name, address, license plate number, and insurance information. Besides, it is the decent thing to do.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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MARTYRDOM

Live as though today you may die a martyr’s death.

—Charles de Foucauld

Transfiguration’s Goal: **\$87,500.00**
To Date **7,450.00**

The Cardinal’s Appeal Supports
WORKS OF CHARITY with \$2.5 million

ANSWER GOD’S CALL to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. **Jesus** reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion, and love. The *Appeal* assists with the well-being of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate through our charity efforts across the ten counties of the archdiocese.

In 2015 alone, with the help of generous friends like you, Catholic Charities of New York with the assistance of the *Appeal* served countless people in need through 90 affiliated organization all across New York City!

Thank you for generosity!



Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the Parish Masses. The Masses will be 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President’s Day. The Mass for the day will be at 9:00 AM. We will have regular office hours the rest of the week.
Tuesday thru 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

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.

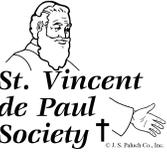
- If you are afraid of becoming ill, you do not have to shake hands at the kiss of peace. You may offer a different gesture or a verbal greeting.
- If you are ill, **do not** receive from the chalice.
- Please use an alcohol based antibacterial hand sanitizer to keep the germs at bay
- If you have a **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.



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TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

Thursday, March 9th, St. Patrick's Luncheon at **12 noon** \$15.00 Members \$20 Guests
Sign Up by March 5th.
Traditional corned beef & cabbage menu.
SET UP in Hall on Wed 3/8 at 9:30 AM.
Volunteers appreciated!



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room.
Delivery will be on Saturday, February 18th after the 9:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are always welcome!

Iona Prep Basketball Clinic Information

Iona Prep is having two basketball clinics which are designed for students entering grades 3—8. The dates for the 2017 clinics are as follows:

- February 20-23
- June 26-29
- July 31– August 3 (Only Grades 6-9)
- August 7-10

If interested contact Coach Vic Quirolo at Iona Prep (914)632-0714 extension 231
vquirol@ionaprep.org

To access our website or to download a brochure, go to www.ionaprep.org and click athletics.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2017:

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass for all couples who will celebrate their 50th anniversaries this year. To register, call the parish office before March 1, 2017, and we will register you. Three tickets will be reserved (2 for the couple + 1 for a family member or friend, if assistance is needed) in the center aisle pews. Additional non-reserved seating will be available for other family and friends.

FREEBIES IN THE MAIL: This is the time of year when the mailboxes fills up with pretty calendars, ornaments and other unwanted clutter that can be rather annoying to deal with. Some have left these items in the church in hopes of not wasting them. We throw all of these items immediately in the trash because they create unnecessary clutter. So please enjoy the satisfaction of throwing these items away at home.



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Looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the Sanctuary; light dusting, swiffing, and cleaning the holy water fonts. It should take about twenty minutes. And would be once every three months or so. Please call Marge Murphy for more information, 914-631-0465

LIBRARY:

We call your attention again to the free magazine and books which are available in the magazine racks in the lobby and downstairs. These are "Take and Keep."

TRANSFIGURATION REGIONAL SCHOOL TOURING TUESDAYS

Feb 14, March 14, April 4
From 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester invites you to experience Catholic Schools in action by visiting on a TOURING TUESDAY open house event. Prospective parents are invited to visit between the hours of 9-11 AM or by appointment to RSVP please call 914-631-3737 or www.buildboldfutures.org



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It is not too early to make our summer plans. Don't forget to include Vacation Bible School as one of your child's July activities. Our theme this year is **"MIGHTY FORTESS, in Jesus the victory is won."**

Journey with us from July 10th through 14th as we find our King in the castles of our hearts. Children from 3 to 12 years old are invited to be princesses and princes in the kingdom of the Lord. Have fun while learning about Jesus through His Word. Look for registration forms in the weeks to come.

Call Nancy Nelson at (914)631-2380 or e-mail nancynelson2380@gmail.com for more information.

Scripture Study Group: Continuation of the study of St. Matthew's gospel. Session will focus on chapters 8-13 and offer an outline of the unfolding of the Gospel as a whole. Sunday morning, February 26th at 8:45 AM in the Deacon Jerry Blood conference room. For advance study materials contact Ted Sohn at sohnpt@msn.com

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.—Anonymous

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