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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

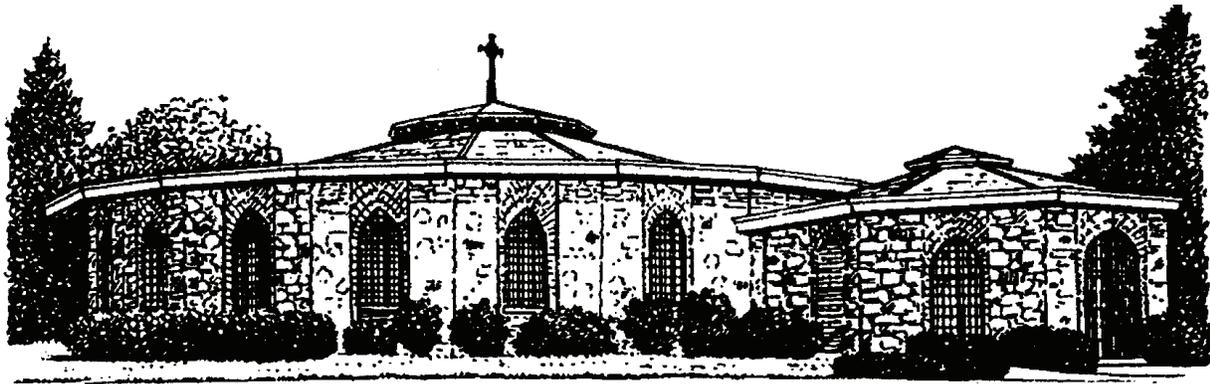
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

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268 So. Broadway
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READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SATURDAY, April 1, 2017

5:00 The Ring Family req. by Kitty Geissler

SUNDAY, April 2, 2017

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the A.O.H. & L.A.O.H. req. by Mary Gorman

12:00 Richard Glassi

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 The Pope's Intention for April

9:00 Tola Grzeskowiak req. by the Kozlowski Family

3:00 to 6:00 Individual Confession

7:00 Penance Service

TUESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 James Agar req. by the Agar Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Juan Maria Duran req. by Yahaira Mendez

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 Liturgy of the Installation of the Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Stations of the Cross

3:00 Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

4:00 - 5:00 Reconciliation

5:00 Blessing of the Easter Food

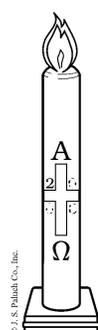
8:00 Easter Vigil—All invited—*Please be aware the Mass will run 2 to 2 1/2 hours*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 Angelo Mosca

10:00 James & Bridie Kennedy & Hannah Kennedy Cournane req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

10:15 Madeline Vetrano & Joseph Palis req. by The Malone & Toth Families



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Mary Ann Curtin req. by Gloria Agro

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for Pope Francis

The Shrine candles are burning this week for children who die in war.

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Julian Calendar Good Friday;
Fast and Abstinence
Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: Holy Saturday;
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*

RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Walter Raleigh

IN THE GARDEN: One of the most profoundly moving scenes we reflect on during Holy Week is that of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane. Here, we see Christ in his most vulnerable state: alone, and so fearful of what is going to happen that the stress and anguish causes his body to sweat blood. His friends are so completely oblivious to the events that will take place, that they fall asleep. He is well aware that in their own fear, they will also abandon him. There is no other noise in this dark place except for the cries of his own anguish, as he asks the Father to take this chalice away from him (Luke 22:42). This silence is deafening because the fear of imminent future screams and pounds within him without abatement. And yet, in the midst of Jesus is able to say to the Father: "Still, not my will, but your will be done."

For all those who embark on a serious life of prayer, this scene provides fodder for reflection: God who makes himself so humble that he experiences even our greatest fears: complete and total abandonment by God and by loved ones, misjudgment by others to the point of being seen as a threat to society, a painful and drawn out death. He does all of this for love.

So we are invited to think about the meaning of this scene for our lives on several levels of reflection. Regarding our own sinfulness, as we view the scene in the garden from an outside, we consider what great love Jesus had for us to save us from dying as slaves to sin, to live our lives without even the hope that things can change for the better. We think of all of the missed opportunities to get to know this God who loves us, as we make the mundane more important, only to discover that our attention and efforts produced tiny and ultimately insignificant results. We ask ourselves how much time we waste being angry, frustrated, fearful of others' opinions, afraid of loving because of our self-consciousness of our limitations, unable to share our great gifts and talents. We consider how often we say, "No" when we should have said "Yes," or "Yes" when we should have said "No." Yet, in spite of our laziness and obstinacy, Jesus still chose to love us to his death. Furthermore, because of this unconditional love, we are also able to ask for forgiveness, and to try again. This gift of Divine unconditional love moves us to love Him in return.

When we place ourselves in the garden scene, looking on at Jesus from a distance, seeing a man in complete mental and spiritual anguish, knowing his complete abandonment for our sake, it also moves us to love Him more. The painful prayer is for our sake. The drops of blood that fall to the ground are for us. The body, tense with stress, is all for our sake. The willingness to undergo the Passion is all for our sake. So as we look at Jesus there, alone, crying and in pain, we are invited to allow ourselves to be with Him and to love Him more. He did all of this for you and for me. This experience then leads us to ask ourselves: how can I live in such a way that honors the love that has been given to me? In what way can I regard others who are suffering and treat them in a way that dignifies and glorifies God who also suffered for me? In what ways can I return the love He has given to me without my asking or meriting it?

Finally, the scene of the garden of Gethsemane is also an invitation to think about the areas of our lives where God is asking us to entrust ourselves to His plan, even in the midst of chaos and fear, of stress and worry. The love that God has for us, the love that calls us to love Him through prayer and through love of others, also asks us to trust that God will act according to our good and the good of all. What are the areas of our lives where we need to "Let go and let God"?

As we, therefore, embark on the profound liturgical and spiritual journey of Holy Week, let us make time and space to be with Jesus Christ in the garden, that His sufferings might also bring a great harvest within us.



WHO CAN BE A GODPARENT OR SPONSOR?: As a parish, our aim is to support those who choose to be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, as well as parents who desire that their faith be handed on to their children through baptism and confirmation. To that end, godparents are chosen who will ensure that the faith they desire will be nurtured. The Church, including our parish, assists the parents in assuring that the godparents and/or sponsors are capable of fulfilling that role. Below are the requirements for anyone being considered for being a sponsor:

- be a **currently active member of the Catholic Church**, meaning that at a bare minimum, you attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation;
- have received all the **sacraments of initiation**, i.e., Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation;
- be **at least 16 years of age**,
- be **free of all canonical impediments** (for example, being married outside of the Church).

In addition, *registering* as a parish member is also helpful because, unless you are an active member of a parish organization or assist the parish in a particular way, the parish priest would not necessarily recognize you immediately. Having a record that you are in the parish and that you attend Mass regularly helps greatly in being able to ascertain that you regularly participate in the Christian community.

At times, people have come to the parish office requesting a sponsor certificate because they received all of their sacraments in the parish, and have attended Transfiguration school, but have not practiced their faith consistently for some time. Because their own faith is not strong enough to support themselves, they would not be capable of witnessing to the faith or supporting the person who desires to become Catholic or the parents' desire that their child should be raised as a Catholic Christian.

So please remember that our participation in our faith does not only serve ourselves; it also enables us to help others to know and love God through our support.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS: 1LT Matthew Coughlin, Army Ranger

OUR SICK:

OUR DECEASED: Mary Curtin, Kathleen Casey

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.

BELLS! BELLS! BELLS!: During the "Glory to God" at the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses, all the bells in the Church are to be rung. All you who plan to attend these liturgies, please bring whatever bells you have to church so that you can also ring them during these times.

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ARCHDIOCESAN RECONCILIATION DAY - APRIL 10:

On Monday, April 10, the parish will offer the sacrament of reconciliation together with all other parishes throughout the archdiocese. The hours of the sacrament will be the following:

3:00pm-6:00pm Individual confessions

7:00pm to end: Penance service followed by individual confessions

REVIVE: Faith Every Day

The Archdiocese of New York has launched an exciting mission and evangelization program called *REVIVE: Faith Every Day*, throughout the parish clusters. The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions. It will be held on May 8, Monday through May 10, Wednesday beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 pm. The program will begin at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it!

**THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT
PRAY / FAST / GIVE**

Transfiguration parish has started our weekly Lenten service collection.

This week: St Vincent de Paul Easter Collection.

Pantry needs: toilet paper, paper towels, jarred pasta sauce 26oz., canned chicken 12.5oz., canned tuna 6oz., small jars of jelly 15oz., canned fruit (in juice not syrup), canned vegetables, canned soup. Monetary donations always accepted.

In addition to their regular pantry bag, we do give each family a food gift card to purchase something special for their Easter dinner.

Please place your donations in the green St. Vincent de Paul truck in the parking lot vestibule.

Music at Marian Woods in Hartsdale

We are hosting our annual Springfest Fundraiser. This fundraiser supports the senior women Religious who reside at Marian Woods. Come join us for an enchanting and refreshing afternoon with delicious hor d'oeuvres, wine and refreshments followed by a concert of "Music through the Years" performed in the beautiful sacred space of Marion Woods Chapel.

Sunday, April 30 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm

Donation \$50.00

For information call Sr. Lorraine at 914-750-6137



Easter Cards are available in the parish office for anyone wishing to remember a loved one or a special intention with a Spiritual Bouquet for Easter. Your Intention will be remembered in every Easter Mass. The offering is \$5.00.

Easter Flower Offering

In order for the Easter Flower Offering to be included in the Easter bulletin, please return them no later than April 10th. Please write clearly, so the names will be spelled correctly. Extra envelopes are in the Church vestibule.



There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall.

Our hosts will be Eileen Wiseman and Annette O'Hanlon. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.

Please join for the Transfiguration School for our Spring Fundraiser, "Denim & Diamonds", April 29th, Saturday from 7:00 pm to 10:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Dancing—Music—Live Auction—Silent Auction
\$20,000 Raffle

The dinner is catered by the Westchester Manor. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door.

This is an adult only event.

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.**"



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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 informa-

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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