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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

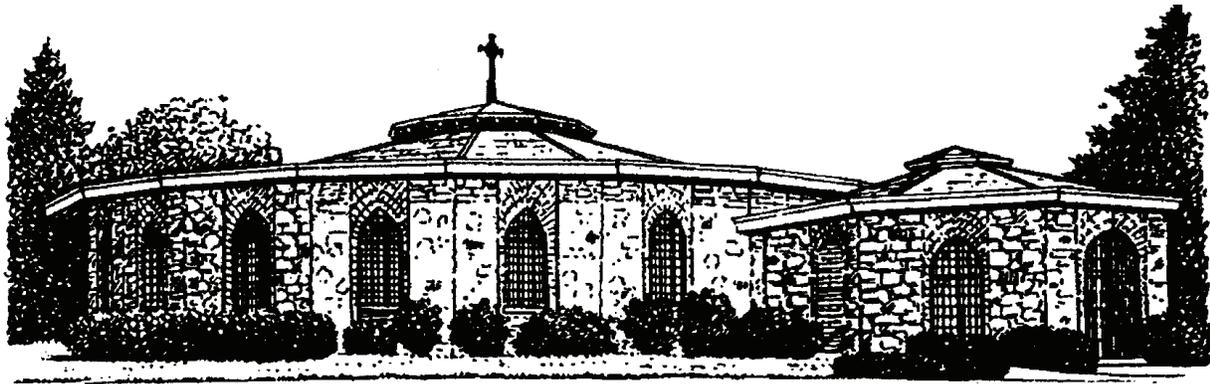
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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



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SATURDAY, April 15, 2017

8:00 Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 16, 2017

8:00 Angelo Mosca req. by Mr. & Antonio Iannarelli

10:00 James & Bridie Kennedy & Hannah Kennedy Courname req. by Mr. & Mrs. James Kennedy

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

12:00 Mary O'Hagen req. by Barbara & Tom Coughlin

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

9:00 William Flanagan req. by Patricia Flanagan

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Ann Miele

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Graziano & Antonette DiNunzio Req. by Luciano & Maria Volpacchio

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 John Smith

SATURDAY

9:00 Sr. Eileen Schulenburg SC req. by Helen Long

5:00 Ralph Brady req. by Kitty Geissler

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Julia Kostelny req. by Carol, Meg & Rory Callahan

10:00 The Fantacone Family req. by Elvira Fantacone

12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Bridie Kennedy

God's Plan for Giving

Collection of April 2, 2017

\$10,187.00

Attendance—814 Envelopes— 248

Easter Flower Offering

\$2427.00 Envelopes-148

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 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
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; Income Tax Day Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter; Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

TODAY'S READINGS

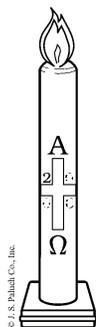
First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).



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

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is the youth of our parish.

The Shrine candles are burning this week for those who suffer from addictions.

CAN SATAN BE A WITNESS?

Happy Easter to all !

During this Lent, someone told me that he was deeply troubled with several clips about a phenomenon of a woman who appeared to be possessed by the Devil himself. I had a look at them and saw many other people also felt frightened and confused. In those clips, the Devil said through that lady he was forced by God to be in her to 'tell the Church the truth' for the salvation of the children of light. He hated to do this but he had no choice because everything God wanted had to be carried out. [You can watch a clip with my commentary at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVfdqo891N4&feature=youtu.be

Some quotes from the possessed woman to an exorcising priest:

"People don't believe this event. Even if you want to exorcise me, I can't let go of this woman because she is very holy and I hate her bitterly. God only allows me to torture her to train her faith but does not give me a right on her life. I will torture her. Anyone who helps her, I will not leave alone. I have witnessed many times in Nghia Duc parish of Bui Chu archdiocese of Bishop Vu Dinh Hieu. But he did not believe this, except Fr. T.A. Vu Duc Thien. But I used priests and the archbishop to remove him far away from this woman so I could torture her without any support for her. God allows me to give witness although I don't want to. Giving witness demands sacrifices and suffering. I suffer in this person because she is very holy. But God, whom you call Father, tied me to this person although I don't want that. And receiving the Holy Communion by hand and not by tongue. Where is your traditional Mass? Why do the children of light receive the Communion by hand? It's an utter insult to God. Only the consecrated hands of priests can touch the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Now even lay people can touch them. Your God and his mother Mary suffer because the children of light have insulted them utterly..."

SOME COMMENTS:

Let's distinguish 3 cases here:

1. This could be an act, a fake story. Let's not waste our time on this.
2. This woman could be mentally ill. She then

would need professional-medical help.

3. This could be a real possession. Then let's examine some aspects, based on what the lady aforementioned said:

First, Jesus calls Satan "the father of lies", a liar in his nature (cf. John 8:44). Then can we trust what Satan is saying? Would it ever be possible that God gave "the father of lies" the work of proclaiming the truth?

Second, a sign to recognize the evil plot of the Devil is division in the Church. In reality, messages like this have caused division and conflict between believers in the Church.

Third, Satan is extremely tricky by using the truth to make what his messages more believable, but the problem is that he only tells part of the truth and never the whole truth. For example, in that clip, he says the hands of priests are consecrated (true), but he skillfully distorts the truth by saying only the hands of priests can be worthy to touch the Holy Communion. The complete truth is: no hand is worthy to touch the Communion, and being able to touch the Communion does not depend on the worthiness of any hand. The fact that we can touch the Holy Communion has only one reason, that is, the Lord wants us to "take and eat" his Body and to "take and drink" his Blood (cf. Mt 26:26-27) because He loves us and wants to nourish us. He wills and commands this so we can live happily and eternally. Furthermore, it is to the Church that the Lord entrusts the mission of teaching, not to Satan. And the Church allows the reception of the Holy Communion both by hand and by tongue. Historically, the reception by hand had existed first, from the Last Supper when Jesus established the Eucharist on, long before the reception by tongue was introduced.

Fourth, the part of our body that is said to have most viruses (= most dirty) is often the tongue, not the hand. Ha ha ha...

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Fifth, would God – who voluntarily emptied Himself of all glory and honor to come into this dirty world to be with us humans (cf. Philippians 2:6-8) – now feel "utterly insulted" just because of some trivial things of hand or tongue? This is a distortion of the greatness of God's love.

Sixth, Jesus drove out demons from people. But this clip is saying that God forced Satan to enter this woman to witness for Him. This is absolutely absurd and contradictory.

In our journey of life, we will continue to face temptations. One of the common temptations of Satan is to distract us from the truth of who God is. As we confidently enjoy the victorious reality of new life that Christ brings us through his resurrection, let us hold firm to the truth of who God is that Saint John succinctly confirms: "**GOD IS LOVE**" (1Ga 4:8). Yes, He is love, all the time. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Fr. Viet

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL:

YOUTH: "I know that you, young people, do not want to be duped by a false freedom, always at the beck and call of temporary fashions and fads. I know that you aim high. Is that true, or am I wrong? Don't leave it to others to be the protagonists of change. You, young people, are the ones who hold the future! I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world. It is a challenge, yes, it is a challenge. Do you accept it? Pray with me that young people may respond generously to their own vocation and mobilize for the great causes of the world." To see the video, please go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbd_vQC_VW0

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR DECEASED: Stephen Kostelny,
Jack Calvey

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.

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.

Coffee Hour: There will be **NO** Coffee Hour this Easter Sunday. Have a Happy Easter!



Please join us for **"Project Syria LIVE"** to raise awareness for Christians in Syria, with a special focus on teenage refugees. 100% of profits will go directly to provide humanitarian aid to families displaced by the civil war in Syria, through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Sponsored by Relief United a group of local teenagers, the event will feature local bands and speakers and take place on April 28th at the Davis Center in Kingsland Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY, from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Admission is \$15 and can be purchased at Relief United's online Eventbrite, reliefunited.org. Tickets at the door will cost \$20. A variety of food trucks will also be onsite to ensure a fun, well fed evening. Contact reliefunitedprojects@gmail.org for more information. Follow on instagram@reliefunited.

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.

Please join 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.

Many people are expressing thoughts of fear and doubt regarding the future of mankind. The world is plagued by war and other forms of violence. Our society has been corrupted by greed and indifference. While listening to the concerns of these folks I was reminded of another difficult period in history that we suffered through. After 9/11 many people were crippled with fear. I let the tide of negativity surround me and penetrate my mind, body and soul. I wondered how I would live in such a world. I was almost convinced that I couldn't. One day a friend of mine invited me to a healing service. I knew it was a charismatic Mass that she was asking me to attend. "That's not for me", I said. She insisted and I agreed to accompany her to the service. When we arrived people were praising God with outstretched arms. "What did I get myself into", I thought.

During the Mass there was an opportunity to approach the altar for prayer. My friend coaxed me to go up. "I'm not terminally ill, I said". She eventually convinced me that I needed prayer and I walked over to one of the healing teams. Someone on the team asked, "What do you want us to pray for?" "I can't live in a world so full of hate," I said. In response to this he prayed, "Lord, Jesus help her to see what you love in this world."

Then something miraculous took place. I returned to my seat. I was sitting at the end of the pew so the lines of people passed closely by me. There were people from various races, ethnicities and socio-economic positions. A woman adorned with gold and diamonds walked besides a homeless man in torn and dirty clothes. A young man in athletic apparel pushed an elderly person in a wheelchair. At that moment I felt great love for every person. My heart was overflowing with joy. I knew God loves His people whether rich, poor, woman, man, black, white, believer and non-believer. I must love them too.

So let us pray with love and hope in our hearts. Pray not only for family and friends but for all humanity. After all Jesus loves each one of us.

-Nancy Nelson, Coordinator of Religious Education

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