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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

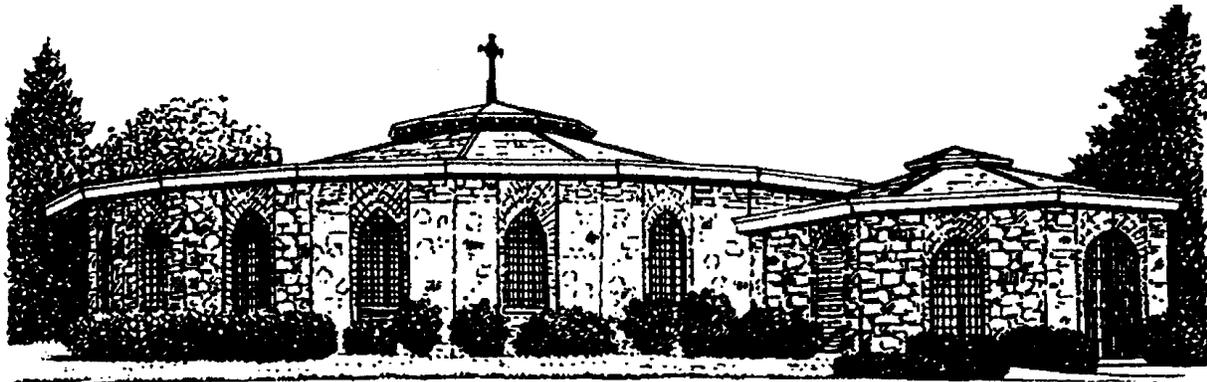
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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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Prospect Avenue
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Prospect Avenue
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SATURDAY, October 21 2017

5:00 Elizabeth & Thomas Fleming req. by Maureen Fleming

SUNDAY, October 22, 2017

8:00 Roger Ardanowski req. by Eleanor Hunt
 10:00 Joseph D. Mahoney (30th Anniversary) Req. by Peg Mahoney
 12:00 Theresa req. by the PK class

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by Dan & Pat Nyarady
 9:00 Elizabeth Dunne Nolan req. by The Rooney Family

TUESDAY

7:15 Reymaldo Baltazar Perez req. by The Twinning Committee
 9:00 Anne Kolarich req. by Linda & Dan Lucia

WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
 9:00 Michael Hunt req. by Eleanor Hunt

THURSDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by The SVDP Society
 9:00 Mary Rief req. by Helen Lennon

FRIDAY

7:15 Joseph Thuc Dinh req. by Karen Stanhope
 9:00 Michael Hunt req. by Eleanor Hunt

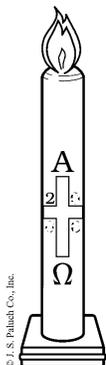
SATURDAY

9:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Joan & Alan Zale
 5:00 John & Mary Kunert req. by The Kunert Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Armistead Family req. by Mark Prescott
 10:00 Frank Brady req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan
 12:00 Vincent Maneri req. by Anna Muenzinger

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Elmer Abalahin req. by the Falcon Family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week in the memory of Margaret Mintern req. by Maureen Vanginderen

The Shrine candles are burning this week for the people of Puerto Rico req. by Lisa Falcon

God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, October 8, 2017

\$7,884.00

Attendance— 626 Envelopes—192

Next week's second collection is for CHURCH MAINTENANCE

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Day
 Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
 Monday: St. John of Capistrano
 Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude
 Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
 Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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FAITH

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

PROOF OF LOVE

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. —St. Gregory the Great

How to Build a Culture of Life

The Problem

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

Our Christian Identity

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who *we* are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: “*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.*”

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

Our Mission as Christians

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others. Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

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Missionary Discipleship

This doesn’t necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: “Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization.

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we’re more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Identity Crisis

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

Our Response

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

A Culture of Life

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

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SEEDS OF GROWTH: Last weekend, the parish saw much activity that demonstrates how God is blessing us in wonderful ways.

FATIMA ROSARY: On Saturday afternoon, a lovely group of parishioners joined together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearing at Fatima in Portugal by praying the rosary together. It was a diverse group of people who shared the common desire to pray and to celebrate. Thanks to Marge Murphy for leading us in prayer, as well as to all those who attended.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: On Saturday evening, the Family ministry held an evening of fun and reflection that brought together families of all



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types, sizes, and ages to enjoy one another's company and to experience our Catholic faith in a joyful way. We had a wonderful turnout. Thanks to Diane Windas, Joanna Cuevas, Carmela Joseph, Katy Lough, Lisa Falcon, and all those who contributed to making this meeting a great success.

YOUNG ADULTS: On Sunday evening, some of the young adults of the parish got together for a social gathering and sharing of the faith. Over a meal, they got to know one another and share their various stories and interests. It was a good group of young people full of faith and questions that show their care and concern for our faith and for the world. We are in the process of planning future events, so we hope that other young adults may join us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, Louis Cirillo, Anne Colucci, Catherine Dietz, Frank Haigh, Mary Lester, Norbert & Patricia Godin, Maria Ho Sharon Lynch, Nancy Murray, Carmen Rodriguez, Frank Wood

OUR DECEASED:

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- We are in need of volunteers. Please consider giving some of your time to this important ministry. We need catechists, and substitutes for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Office help is also appreciated.
- Don't miss out on a life changing opportunity. Anne Quinn, MS, CASAC, will be here at Transfiguration on October 28th from 9:00am to 12:30 pm. **The title of her workshop is "Managing Our Stress in Extremely Stressful Times (Finding Spiritual Solutions to Human Dilemmas)**. The presentation is ideal for folks who are juggling work and family and giving their all to both. Come and relax and get re-energized. Please RSVP to Nancy Nelson (914)631-2380 or email nancynelson2380@gmail.com

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 Road, 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, October 23rd. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. We are planning a Christmas brunch at the Doral Arrowwood in December. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.. For inquiries, call [914-715-5817](tel:914-715-5817) or email: cww10583@gmail.com

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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Twining Update: We will be collecting for the upcoming school year which begins in January, 2018. We are currently waiting for proposals from Saint Joseph the Worker School and from the parish for their scholarship programs. One of our college scholarship students, Jose Ramon, who visited us a few years ago, will be graduating October 27 from the Jesuit University of Central America. His grade point average is 9.7 out of 10!

Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its November meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:00 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Please note the new time 6:00 pm and enter through the Priory door. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Alice Blood at 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady at 631-5007. Detail can also be found at www.shawlministry.com

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:

- November 15, Wednesday: **VOLUNTEERS** needed for set-up at 9:30am—Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov. 16, Thursday: Thanksgiving Lunch 12:00 pm /Traditional Menu / Parish Hall / \$15.00 per person

Sign up & remit payment by November 12th

MASS IN HONOR OF PADRE PIO: will be celebrated at 5:00 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8 Carman Rd. Scarsdale, N.Y. on Sunday, October 29, 2017. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Bernardito C. Auza Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the United Nations and Rev. Msgr. John T. Ferry, Pastor. The official relics of Padre Pio will be available for veneration beginning at 1:00 PM until 4:45 PM. This will be the final visit of the national tour of the relics before they are returned to Italy on October 30th.

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Laura Chmielewski and Christina Soddano. All are invited to come and mingle with their fellow parishioners.



Next week our hosts will be Annette O'Hanlon and Eileen Wiseman.

INFORMATION SHEET

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