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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

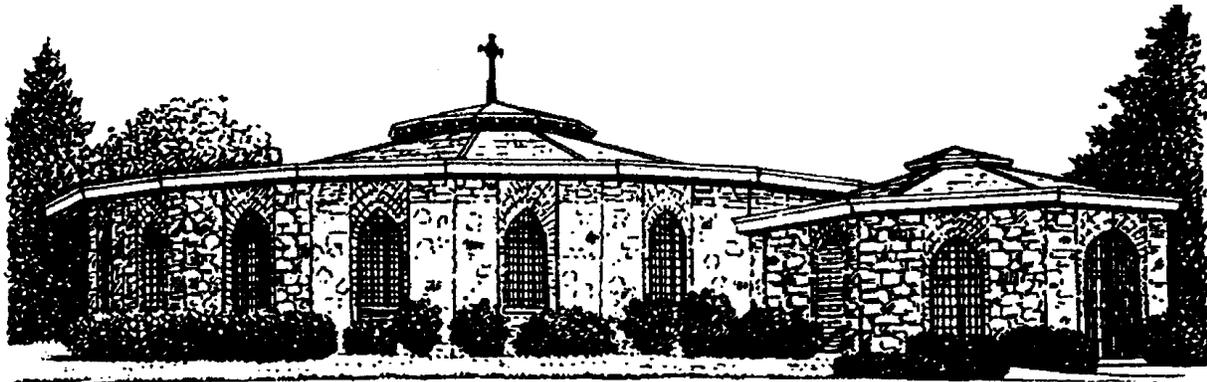
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Priory
268 So. Broadway
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue
631-3737

Religious Ed. Center
Prospect Avenue
631-2380



SATURDAY, November 18, 2017

5:00 Anthony Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017

8:00 Rita Brady req. by Nancy Nelson
10:00 Ann Guastella req. by George Guastella & Family
12:00 Kathleen Casey req. by the Tobin Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req by Elaine & Tom Smith
9:00 Rita Fitzpatrick req. by Lois Duggan

TUESDAY

7:15 For a Special Intention req. by Mary King
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Maria Le Thu Ho req. by Elaine & Tom Smith
9:00 James Agar req. by the Agar Family

THURSDAY—Thanksgiving

9:00 Jeanne Helbock req. by Tom & Barbara Coughlin

FRIDAY

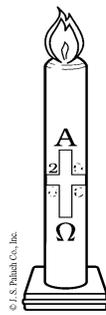
9:00 Norton Family (Living) req. by Dolores Burns

SATURDAY

9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by Mary Lynch
5:00 Patricia & Joseph Lydon req. by Maureen Fleming

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Hildegard Cofone req. by Frank Cofone
10:00 Stephen Kostelny req. by Carol, Meg & Rory Callahan
12:00 Raymond Muller req. by Margaret Posca



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Everett Weaver req. by Kathleen & Richard Cross

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

The Shrine candles are burning this week is for Timothy Michael Cardnal Dolan.



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BANNS I

Tara Quigley & Christopher McGee

God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, November 12, 2017

\$9,101.00

Attendance—720 Envelopes—218

Carmelite Appeal

\$3,045.00

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: St. Cecilia
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: St. Clement I, St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;
Thanksgiving Day
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria;
Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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RESPECT LIFE: October is "Respect Life" month, during which we, the Church, are invited to reflect on the gift that is life in all of its aspects, i.e., from conception to death. For the next few Sundays, the bulletin will feature articles from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops that speak on this theme. Below is the fifth and last article:

Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A

For people committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, the need to respect and protect innocent human life is clear. For some, however, issues like the death penalty may seem less clear.

Although nothing can substitute for thorough catechesis, the following may be helpful as a starting point for considering the death penalty within the context of respect for God's gift of human life.

Who are we?

The essence of our identity and worth as human beings, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God and made in his image and likeness. God's love doesn't change; even sin cannot diminish God's love for each person. As we are reminded in Sacred Scripture, "Can a mother forget her infant...? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).

What is the purpose of punishment?

Although "legitimate public authority has the right and the duty to inflict punishment proportionate to the gravity of the offense," it is not for the sake of vengeance. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* goes on to say, "in addition to defending public order and protecting people's safety, [punishment] has a medicinal purpose: as far as possible, it must contribute to the correction of the guilty party."

Aren't some crimes so evil the offender deserves to die?

Consider how God responded when Cain took the life of his brother, Abel. God punished Cain greatly,

but also mercifully spared and protected his life by marking him "so that no one would kill him at sight" (Genesis 4:15). No sin is a barrier to God's immense and merciful love, and nothing diminishes how much God cherishes each person and his or her life. As God's people, we are called to follow his example, drawing from the grace of Christ's Redemption.

Didn't the Old Testament Law allow the punishment of death?

For Israelites in the Old Testament, legal punishment of personal injury did allow "life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Exodus 21:23-24). However, when Jesus came, he fulfilled the Old Testament Law and deepened our understanding of both justice and mercy: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

We see the fulfilled law every time we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In justice, after confessing our sins, we receive a penance to complete. Yet any penance we could do never fully "makes up" for the ways we turn away from God. That is precisely why Jesus came to redeem us, and took our rightful punishment upon himself. Although justice does require some action of reparation on our part, at the same time, because of God's mercy, our penance is medicinal, helping to restore us to union with God.

So, is the death penalty always wrong?

As the *Catechism* states, "the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." However, it also recognizes that today, "cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically non-existent.'"

Therefore, while capital punishment is not forbidden, it can rarely be justified in this modern age—if at all. Non-lethal means are in better keeping with the sanctity of every human life and the common good, and must be used unless public safety cannot be achieved otherwise.

What is the position of the United States bishops on the death penalty?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has long opposed the use of the death penalty in our country. While recognizing that Catholic teaching affirms the authority of a government in rare (if practically nonexistent) cases to execute criminals, the bishops have said that in the United States, there are other, non-lethal means of defense against unjust aggressors that should be used instead.

In 2015, the tenth anniversary year of the bishops' Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty, a letter reaffirming the bishops' opposition to the death penalty offered a reflection on our justice system: "Our faith tradition offers a unique perspective on crime and punishment, one grounded in mercy and healing, not punishment for its own sake. No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so. Today, we have this capability."

Is discussion of the death penalty a Catholic, pro-life matter?

Earlier in 2015, the chairmen of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development responded to a Supreme Court decision related to the death penalty: "We bishops continue to say, we cannot teach killing is wrong by killing. ... Institutionalized practices of violence against any person erode reverence for the sanctity of every human life."

Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful. As reflected in his life and teaching, as well as in saints' lives throughout history, "the antidote to violence is love, not more violence." As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that *all* human life has invaluable dignity and worth.

When we feel that sin and evil are overwhelming, we must not be afraid. Jesus Christ has already conquered sin and death, and we know that his is the ultimate victory. Let us work to defend the dignity of all human life, made in the image and likeness of God, through prayer, education, and advocacy. Be not afraid; God is with us.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY:

Nick O'Kelly

OUR SICK:

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

OUR DECEASED:

Marguerite McGlynn, Frank Wood

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: A bereavement group will begin on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:30PM and run for 6 weeks ending on December 12th. This group will have as its purpose, to provide a forum for each member to share about those we have lost through death, to learn coping skills and to move towards healing. Grief seems to get lighter when we share it with others who understand. If you are interested in participating, please call Sr. Betty at 917-754-1912 to register.

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:
December 14th, Thursday—Volunteers needed for set up for the Christmas Lunch at 9:30 am.

December 15th, Friday— Christmas Lunch at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Guests: \$15.00 prepaid by December 10th. Members & Guests call to sign-up/head count



Society of St. Vincent DePaul:

- The giving trees for annual Christmas gift drive will go up on Saturday, December 2nd. **Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th by the end of the 12:00 pm Mass.**
- Volunteers are needed to help make tags and decorate the giving trees. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am on December 2nd. Depending on the number of volunteers, we should finish around 1:00 pm. Community service forms will be provided and pizza lunch will be served. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call, text or email Linnae Latessa at 914-584-9438 or llatessa@aol.com.

Guadalupe Door Collection for Sayapango: Next Sunday, December 3rd, members of the parish twinning committee will be at the door after Mass to accept contributions for our scholarship program in our twinned parish in El Salvador. We thank all those who have already contributed, as well as those who will give to this collection.

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 their fellow parishioners. *Next week our hosts will be Lee Anne Sullivan and Jennifer Kachnowski.*



FROM FR. JETS MEDINA:

St. Peter Church
 PO Box 430657
 Big Pine Key FL 33042

Dear Fr. Emiel

I want to take the time to sincerely thank you for spreading the word with your parishioners about our parish at St. Peter Catholic Church. Your efforts and the generosity of your people will help us in our recovery here in Big Pine Key, Florida.

It was very sad the our church property has been so severely damaged by wind and water from the storm surge. Our single-story church building went under water and is unusable and needs to be rebuilt to code on a higher level. The priest's rectory is uninhabitable and needs to be reconstructed.

We are blessed to still have our seven-classroom Ministry Center building standing strong. Here will be our temporary chapel, offices, meeting rooms and class rooms for the kids in our Sunday school. Our open-air pavilion will be our temporary church on weekends during peak seasons. We will set up a new place for our Food Bank and kitchen as well that we may continue to serve the poor around us as we do year round. Our parish will work together to help our community recover. We thank God for your support.

Please continue to pray for us as we pray for you and all our benefactors especially in our Mass celebrations. May the good Lord richly bless you and your loved ones and parishioners.

Fraternally
 Rev. Jesus "Fr. Jets" Medina
 Pastor

Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice:

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Catholic Charities will direct the funds back to parishes and community based organizations to fund local projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information can be found at www.catholiccharitiesny.org

USING TALENTS

If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five.—Richard Meux Benson

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