

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

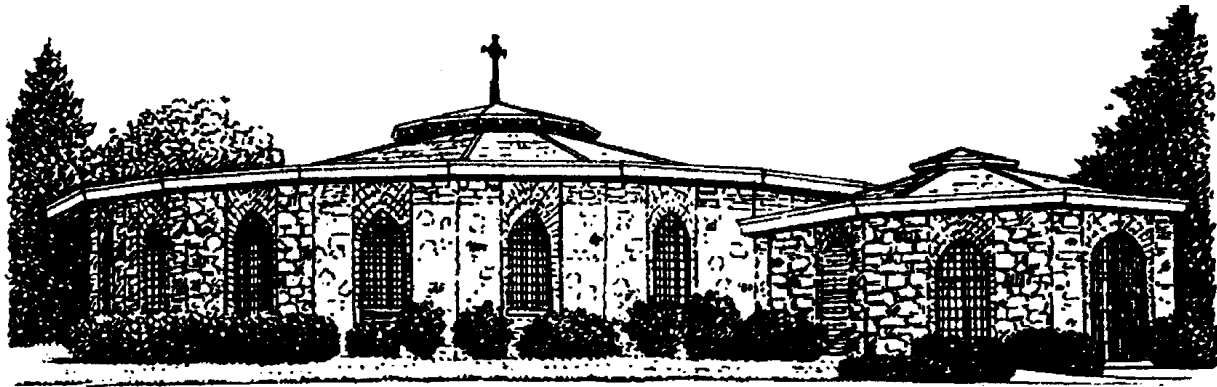
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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  
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# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, December 3, 2017

\$10,093.00

Attendance—785 Envelopes—243

*The second collection next week will be for the School Maintenance Fund*

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
- Monday: St. Damasus I  
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Wednesday: St. Lucy  
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: St. John of the Cross  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: *Las Posadas* begins  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

5:00 Dan Moriarty req. by Sarah Ball & Family

### SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

- 8:00 Isabelle & Edward Carroll req. by Tom & Barbara Coughlin
- 10:00 Special Intention by a Parishioner
- 12:00 William & Mary & John Fleming req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY

- 7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by a parishioner
- 9:00 The Pope's Intention for December: The Elderly

#### TUESDAY

- 7:15 Maria Le Thu Hu req. by a parishioner
- 9:00 For the Intentions of Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 Filomena Cillo req. by Mary King & Ann Motola
- 9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

#### THURSDAY

- 7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
- 9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Ann Miele

#### FRIDAY

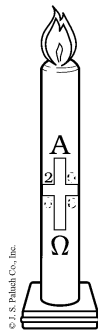
- 7:15 Marguerite McGlynn req. by Helen Lennon
- 9:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo

#### SATURDAY

- 9:00 Roger Ardanowski req. by The Baker Family
- 5:00 The Bagnell Family req. by Kitty Geissler

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:00 Myron Bennett req. by Helen Lennon
- 10:00 Dave O'Shea req. by Mary Lynch
- 12:00 Donald Ball, Sr, req. by The Ball Family



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of John & Mary Kunert req. by Janet & John Strilowich & Family

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

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of John & Mary Kunert req. by Janet & John Strilowich & Family

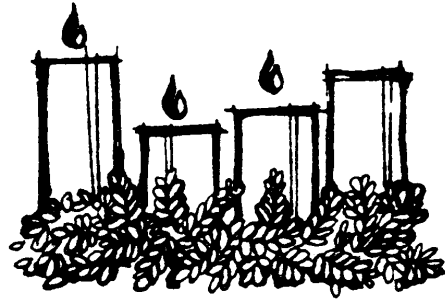


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## BANNS II

Tara Quigley & Christopher McGee

Our new Hymnals for the new Church Year are now in the church pews. Please treat them kindly. The Publishers advise us **not** to put the front cover of the missal into the front cover of the blue outside cover. Doing so shortens the usage of the cover. Thank you to all who helped us prepare and distribute the new books.



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The Church of the Transfiguration  
Invites you to

**LUNCH AND AN  
ADVENT REFLECTION:**

**DECEMBER 17 - After the 12:00 pm Mass**

We are inviting our parishioners to join us for lunch and an afternoon of reflections on Advent given by **Fr. Peter Hill, CSsR**, mission preacher and currently formator of Redemptorist novices in Houston, Texas. Adults and children are welcomed. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer of the Church, so we have an accurate headcount for lunch.

### Transfiguration Family Life Ministry

Invites all families to come and pray together at our Advent Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 pm.



Finger food, small sweets, hot chocolate, coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall following the 5:00 pm Mass prior to the Candlelight Service at 6:30 pm.

Please RSVP to [transfigurationparents@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationparents@gmail.com). Let us know the family name and number of adults/children.

### ADVENT

#### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The sacrament of Penance will be offered at the following times:

- John Paul the Great / Immaculate Conception - Thursday, December 14th—7:30 PM
- Church of the Transfiguration—Monday, December 18th 3:00 to 6:00 PM, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
- St. Teresa of Avila—Thursday, December 21 at 7:30 PM

Confession will be in both English and Spanish at all services

## St. Vincent de Paul Giving Trees

The St. Vincent de Paul Giving Trees are up in the church and the gifts will be due back to Transfiguration Church no later than Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 12:00 mass. The tags contain the child's name, age and grade. Some of the tags have gift suggestions but any age appropriate items are welcome. Please note that gifts do not have to be expensive or extravagant. The children are quite content to receive a toy, craft, ball, book or any other item you feel comfortable purchasing. The gifts should be wrapped, and the tags should be affixed to the outside of the package. We ask that you purchase one gift. If you would like to purchase multiples items, feel free to take more than one tag. Wrapped gifts can be placed on the altar at mass on the weekend of December 16/17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sponsor a child, but are unable to purchase or return a gift, we will gladly take donations and do the shopping for you. Please put a donation in one of the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes in the vestibule (under the bulletin board) and mark it "Giving Tree". Thank you so much for your generosity and participation. If you have any questions or if you want to sponsor a child please contact Linnae Latessa at 914-584-9438 or [llessa@aol.com](mailto:llessa@aol.com).



Volunteers are also needed to help sort and inventory the gifts on Sunday December 17th at 4:00 pm in the Church. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Linnae Latessa at 914-584-9438 or [llessa@aol.com](mailto:llessa@aol.com). Community service forms will be provided. All are welcome!

## TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:

**December 14th, Thursday—**

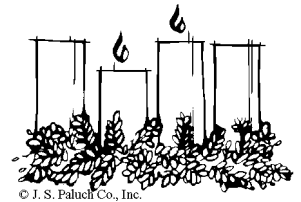
Volunteers needed for set up for the Christmas Lunch at 9:30 am.

**December 15th, Friday—** Christmas Lunch at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

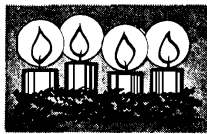
Guests: \$15.00 prepaid by December 10th. Members & Guests call to sign-up/head count



This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because we have such a short Advent this year, midweek marks the middle of Advent. Are you well on your way to preparing your heart for the celebration of the birth of Christ?



**Religious Education Advent Sale:** We will be selling Advent wreaths, candles, calendars and Bibles after the 10:00 am Mass. The table will be in the Parish hall during the Coffee Hour. If you missed us, please call Nancy Nelson at 631-2380.



Did you know that when we bless ourselves with Holy Water upon entering the church, we do so to remind ourselves that we are baptized, claimed by Jesus Christ, claimed by the One who chose to come and live among us? Through our baptism we belong to Him. What greater gift is there, than to belong to Christ Jesus? That precious gift is given to each of us!

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, →

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 PM

This Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30 PM in the Chapel we will celebrate evening prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome.



**Oplatek, the Blessed Bread** is available for those wishing to observe this wonderful tradition. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick some up. A free will offering is greatly appreciated.



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

*Next week our hosts will be Maren Marinopolous and Cathy Ruhland.*



particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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