

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

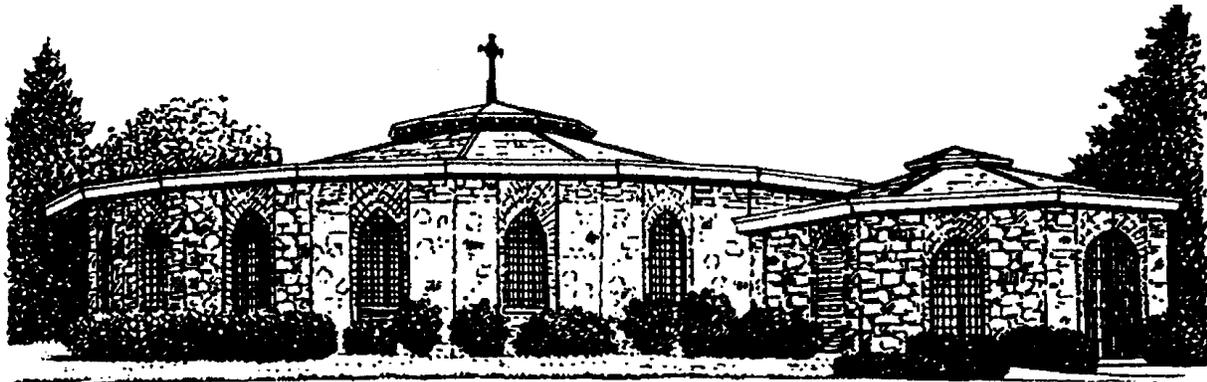


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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 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.

**Priory**  
268 So. Broadway  
631-1672

**Transfiguration School**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-3737

**Religious Ed. Center**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-2380



# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

January 7, 2018

\$8919.00

Attendance—689 Envelopes—228

Next week's second collection will be School Maintenance

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: St. Anthony  
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



## SATURDAY, January 13, 2018

5:00 The Paul Bushrod Burns family req. by Dolores Burns

## SUNDAY, January 14, 2018

8:00 Elizabeth Walters req. by Carolyn Walters  
10:00 Nick Ranieri req. by Frank & Georgine Morabito  
12:00 Eleanor Louise Holodak req. by Gloria Agro

## MONDAY—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

9:00 Mary "Mimi" Daly req. by Eleanor Hunt

## TUESDAY

7:15 Joseph Glatthaar req. by Carolyn Walters

9:00 Nick Ranieri req. by Kelly Agar

## WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Josephine Peiris req. by Gloria Agro

## THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Dominick Ranieri req. by the Latessa family

## FRIDAY

7:15 A healing of Michael Rosari req. by M. Estevez

9:00 Everett Weaver req. by Peggy & Kevin O'Sullivan

## SATURDAY

9:00 Bernardino Fastiggi req. by Eleanor Fastiggi

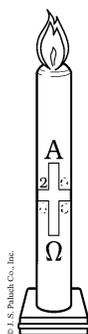
5:00 John Kunert req. by Kyle Broadway

## SUNDAY

8:00 Daniel Moriarity req. by Peggy & Kevin O'Sullivan

10:00 Guy Wilson req. by Jean Wilson

12:00 Henry L. Rang req. by Mr. & Mrs. T. Milanta



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of John Walpuck req. by Diana Walpuck

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week for people who are incarcerated.

The Shrine candles are burning this week is for people battling addiction.

## CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.—St. Francis de Sales

**RESOLUTIONS: KNOWING OUR LIMITATIONS AS AN AID TO PROPER GROWTH:**

Having just enough money to pay bills and living in a time when Asian ingredients in the supermarket was virtually unheard of, my parents had to get creative about feeding a family of six, with four growing boys. So in addition to the scrimping and saving and coupon clipping, my parents also had a garden in the backyard, which we would plant every spring. Every night was spent tending the garden: pulling up weeds, watering just as the sun went down, and getting rid of any unwanted insects who were in search of a fresh leaf to nibble on.

One of the essential tools for our planting was bag of Miracle-Gro, which would ensure robust plants that yielded a great harvest. I was fascinated how the incorporation of these little sky blue pellets into the soil helped the plants to flourish. So I decided to experiment. I thought that if a little Miracle-Gro made plants grow, then surely a bit more would make the plants grow even better. Ignoring the instructions on the box, I took a bit of soil and plopped in a tomato seed, followed by a generous scoop of the wonder mix, and covered the whole mass with dirt. I watered and tended the seed daily. Sure enough, a sprout broke through the ground, and grew by leaps and bounds. But just as quickly as it sprouted up, it began to wither, without producing even a single fruit. The Miracle-Gro prevented the plant from growing naturally, and prevented it from its normal yield.

It can be the same with our new year's resolutions. We aim high, promising to give up sugar or sweets, lose 100 pounds, or exercise an hour a day, without having some preceding practice that we already engage it. We make promises to run the marathon by the end of the month, having never put on a pair of sneakers and gone for a jog in the last year. We treat our resolutions like Miracle-Gro, hoping for a magical transformation, but instead, we find ourselves failing miserably, just as we had the year before.

The spiritual life is much the same. If we don't spend time with the Lord every day, then we should

not expect much interior growth. Praying together at Sunday Mass must have its effect and be nourished by our daily engagement with God; otherwise, going to church on Sunday devolves into a mere obligation, and we don't get to become the better for it.

At the same time, we cannot go in one day or one month from never praying during the week to praying two hours a day. The spiritual masters would consider this spiritual suicide. You would kill yourself spiritually before every giving yourself a chance, and quite possibly put yourself off completely from trying to grow in your relationship with God. So I would like to offer some suggestions for those who would like to begin or who are on the road to spiritual growth. Do not do all of them, but choose those that you can do at the moment and can turn into a daily habit:

- When you wake up, spend a couple of minutes giving thanks to God for the morning. If it helps, pray one "Our Father." At night, before you sleep, do the same, giving thanks for all that took place during the day, all within the span of a couple of minutes. If it helps, pray one "Glory Be." As you feel comfortable, add a couple of minutes to each prayer.
- Go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and read the gospel for the day. Then spend a couple of minutes in silence thinking about what meaning the reading has for your life. As you get more comfortable, add on another couple of minutes.
- Pray one decade of the rosary every day. When you feel comfortable, add on another decade until, at the end of the year, you are able to pray a whole rosary of five decades.
- Before lunch, say a prayer of thanksgiving to God. The easiest is: "Bless me/us, O Lord, and these, Your gifts, which I am/we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen." Eventually, add on dinner and breakfast, as well as snacks, and also invite your family and friends to pray with you, before you all eat.

- Bless your children by marking the cross on their heads and kissing their foreheads before they go to sleep. Eventually, bless your spouse and invite them to bless you in the same way before you both settle into bed. Give thanks to God for your family as you close your eyes to sleep.

Whatever you choose to do, start small, but *do something*. And if you forget, try again. You do not fail if you fall down, but get up again. So let's all try to grow in our relationship with our God, who in love, came to be with us and build up our relationship with him in Christ Jesus. God bless.

**FIRST THANKS OF 2018:** Last week, I thanked all those who made the Christmas celebrations a really festive time this year. There are, however, other people who worked in the background, preparing us through Advent with their quiet work. I would like to recognize the following people:

The **Family Life Ministry**, who helped us to prepare for Christmas with an Advent candlelight service and constant spiritual support for families.

The **Twining Group** helped us to look beyond our community and beyond our borders to our sisters and brothers in Soyapango with whom we have a relationship in Christ.

The **Church Cleaning Team**, made up of parish volunteers, ensure that the sanctuary is a clean space for worship, and that holy water is made available to all.

As you can see, many hearts and hands have been involved in making our prayer and community life in the parish the rich treasure that it is. I ask you to consider giving of your time and talents to building up our relationship with God and our parish family.



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**Monday, January 15th  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday. There will be a 9:00 am Mass in the morning.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### OUR MILITARY:

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

#### OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, William Duggan,  
Ann Duggan Baker, Charles Gadino,  
Norbert & Patricia Godin, Mary Lester,  
Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez,  
Robert Sorrentino

#### OUR DECEASED:

Mary Miele, Lindsey Schaefer White

*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.*

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Monique Koslowski and Marge Murphy.



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All are invited to come and mingle with their fellow parishioners.

*Next week our hosts will be Tricia McNally and Chris Sinopoli.*

### TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:

- **Thursday, January 18th at 1:00 pm:** Meeting in the Parish Hall.  
Renew membership dues \$10.00

\*Remember, if schools are closed due to weather our meeting will be cancelled.



Transfiguration School - 40 Prospect Ave.

Tarrytown, NY - Open Houses - from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. daily and evenings by appointment only for the Months of January & February. We are accepting applications for students in our Pre-K 3 and 4-Year-Old **Full Day** program. Our school provides an excellent elementary education to students from Pre-K3 to 8th grade.

Transfiguration Elementary school endeavors to embody the ideals of primary level education in exemplary fashion. Our philosophy and structure focus on the developmental needs of early adolescents. We seek to foster a highly challenging intellectual environment that is also very nurturing and supportive and within which students can experience a level of academic and personal success. Our goal is to have students begin to develop sound habits of mind and a life-long love of learning.

The Middle School endeavors to provide students with a rich experience both in and beyond the classroom. Through numerous activities with a focus on community service, our students and families sustain a strong school spirit. We offer a variety of after school activities, such as band, enrichment activities and sports such as Track, CYO Basketball. and Volleyball.

Our school aspires to be vibrant and dynamic, alive with the excitement and energy of this age group and the spirit of shared intellectual and personal growth. We are part of a community which has high academic expectations for students. At the same time, we offer our students a full range of support services as they navigate the twists and turns of early adolescence. We take pride in our school and the sense of community and empathy it fosters. The school has a long-standing commitment to faith and community service.

Please contact us@ 914-631-3737 about any aspects of our program that may interest you.

GinaMarie Fonte, Principal



Did you know that the readings for the Sunday Mass run on a 3 year cycle? That means that they repeat every three years. They are read to us from two different books. The Lectionary is used by the lector who reads the first and second reading, and if there is no cantor, the lector reads the responsorial psalm.

The Book of the Gospels, which is carried in by the Lector, is revered and placed on the altar at the beginning of Mass. As the Alleluia verse is sung and the congregation stands, the priest takes the book with great reverence to the pulpit and then proclaims the Good News, the Gospel.

The first reading and the Gospel are usually thematically connected and the second reading is on a different theme. This gives the priest a choice on which to preach. He shares his insights on the readings in the homily, giving the congregation something to ponder during the week. As the Word of God is "living and active", each one can receive a different insight. You might try praying the Gospel reading during the week. Let God's Word speak to you!

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE...WITH THE CHOIR:** Would you like to serve the parish community but aren't sure how? Do you like to sing? Consider joining the parish choir! Under the direction of our music director, Ksenia Lowenfels, we sing an interesting and wide-ranging repertoire. Adults and children are all invited to participate in this parish ministry. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Ksenia Lowenfels, our organist / director, (917) 510-3979 or (917) 717-1372, or contact Alice Droogan at (914) 332-4899.

Once again, we have **Stop & Shop gift cards**. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick some up. The parish receives 5% of your purchase.

INFORMATION SHEET

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