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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

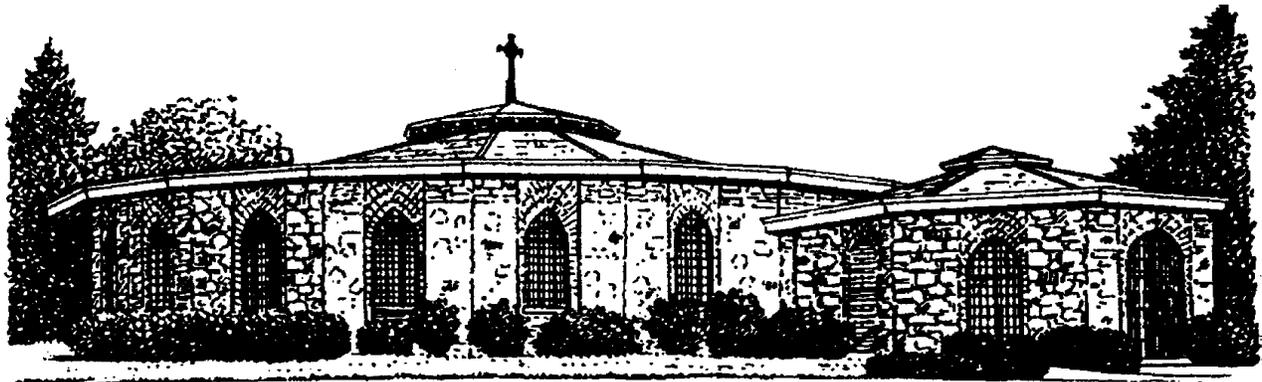


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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 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.  
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

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## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### SATURDAY—AUGUST 18, 2018

5:00 Richard Kilsheimer req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Trumbetas and family

### SUNDAY—AUGUST 19, 2018

8:00 Joseph D'Eufemia req. by Anne & Karl Muenzinger

10:00 Giovanni DiNunzio req. by Elvira Fantecone

12:00 Ann Palmer req. by Ron Palmer

### MONDAY

7:15 Lois Gougis Taplin Bronz req. by Karen Schatzel

9:00 Marnie McGinnis req. by Peter Downey

### TUESDAY

7:15 Celestine Dunnagan req. by Jean Dunnagan

9:00 Brian Lynch req. by Netta Sloboda

### WEDNESDAY:

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Antonio, Agar & Antoinette Pujia req. by Mary Pujia

### THURSDAY

7:15 Gloria Astudello req. by Michelle Fazzino

9:00 Joseph D'Eufemia req. by Peggy & Art Kasper

### FRIDAY

7:15 Joan Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope

9:00 Angela Ballotti (living) & family

### SATURDAY

9:00 Joseph D'Eufemia req. by the McGowan siblings

5:00 Marguerite McGlynn req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan

### SUNDAY

8:00 Angela Constantino req. by Stephen Holodak & Bruna Sida

10:00 Nick Ranieri req. by the Ranieri family

12:00 Rena & John Parlapiano req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

## Weekly Offering



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### God's Plan for Giving

*August 12, 2018*

\$6,660.00

Attendance—588 Envelopes—187

*School Maintenance*

\$1,741.00

### **READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7;  
Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Monday: St. Bernard  
Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: St. Pius X  
Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;  
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: St. Rose of Lima  
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: St. Bartholomew  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz;  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

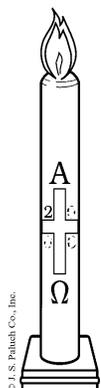
**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 19, 2018**

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— *John 6:53*



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Rosemary Poullos req. by the Latessa family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Tony Benitez req. by Patty Garcia & family

The Shrine candles are burning this week for all children separated from their families and loved ones.

# Sloth! Wrath! Greed! Oh My!

## What the Seven Deadly Sins Mean Today

By Mary Ann Steutermann August 1, 2018



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I will go ahead and admit it. The last time I went to confession, I said to the priest, “I have to tell you about the same sin I talked about last time.” In fact, that same sin has come up every time I’ve been to confession as far back as I can remember — pride. A big challenge for me is keeping my ego in check, especially when it comes to being “right.” On more than one occasion, I have said hurtful things to people I care about in my desire to prove that my position is the correct one whenever we disagree. In the moment, I think I’m merely arguing my position. But when I reflect upon it later, I recognize those conversations for what they are — excessive pride. I really just wanted to win the debate and come out on top.

This time in confession was different, though. This time, the priest asked me to reflect on why the sin of pride has been such a challenge for me as my penance. The weeks after that confession, I did a lot of prayerful thinking, not only about pride but about each of the “seven deadly sins.” Also known as the “capital vices,” these sins include pride, envy, wrath, greed, lust, sloth, and gluttony. Although they may seem like antiquated doctrine, I have come to understand them as seven ways we separate ourselves from God’s embrace. Truly understanding them and how they work can provide a lot of relevant guidance for us today. As a result of my penance, I came to three new conclusions about the seven deadly sins.

First, although each one is a “bad” thing, **each one is rooted in a “good” thing but taken to unhealthy extremes.** For example, it’s a good thing to set goals and provide for one’s family, but when it becomes excessive or divorced from a healthy purpose, it turns into greed. An attorney friend of mine told me that she very nearly destroyed her marriage in pursuit of her goal to bill the most hours of any junior associate at her firm. Likewise, it’s a good thing to have self-respect and feel confident, but when taken to the extreme, it becomes pride. And while it’s great to take a break from continual activity and spend the whole morning in bed, that same impulse on steroids can become sloth.

Second, **at their very core is one central, uncomfortable feeling – fear.** Perhaps envy is just an unhealthy response to the fear that I’m not good enough just as I am. To this day, I still remember my envy of the girl who sat next to me in chemistry class during high school. She was smart, beautiful, thin, and popular. It wasn’t until much later I realized that this wasted emotion was really my fear that I wasn’t as talented or attractive as she was. Similarly, wrath may be a maladaptive response to the fear that I will be hurt again. And the core dynamic at work within lust just might be the fear that we will not know the joy and pleasure of true intimacy.

Third, the reason each is so “deadly” is because it separates us from our true selves, our real identity as children of God. Think of the toddler who is perfectly happy playing on the family room floor knowing that Mommy is right there to care for his every need. But then he looks up and doesn’t see Mommy. She may have walked to the other side of the room, but in that instant, the toddler doesn’t know that. So his immediate response is fear that results in panicked shrieking until Mommy comes back into view. In many ways, we are just like that toddler. We’re whole and healthy when we feel God is right there with us. But when we fail to trust that God is truly “in the room,” we become afraid, which leads us to sin. We react by taking good things to unhealthy extremes so that we can mask our feelings of fear.

If I’m being honest and realistic, I know that pride may still come up during confession for me in the future. But I do believe that by coming to a deeper understanding of how the seven deadly sins work, I have a better shot at avoiding them.

### **Mary Ann Steutermann**

“Mary Ann Steutermann is currently the director of campus ministry at Assumption High School, an all-girls Catholic high school in Louisville, Kentucky. A career educator, she has more than 20 years experience as an English teacher, assistant principal, and principal and does freelance writing on the side. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and two master's degrees in education. Mary Ann lives in Louisville with her husband and son.”

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- **2018-2019 REGISTRATION:** Registration is open for all those wishing to enroll their children for the coming year. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Mariana Dalsass at [transfigurationprep@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationprep@gmail.com) or 914-631-2380
- Our Religious Education Program is currently seeking a few assistants to help us lead our young parishioners to fully embrace and live out the teachings of the Gospels. If you are energetic and passionate about living your life with Christ then you must answer the call to join us and lend us a hand. Training will be provided free of charge, stop by our office, speak to Fr. Emiel or Mariana after any of our Sunday Masses. Remember that God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:**

We would like to invite all *Students and Educators* to bring your school bags to have them blessed. The event will take place on **September 1st at the 5:00 Mass**. Refreshments will be served in the parking lot after the Mass.



### **THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK:**

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect children and young people. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org) Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR MILITARY:** Anthony Correia

**OUR SICK:** Justin Baker, Ralph Bartolacci,  
Richard Cross, Vincent Donnelly,  
William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker,  
Troy Edwards, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck,  
Michael Mohoney, Diane O'Connell,  
Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr. ,  
Cromwell Smith, Evelyn Santiago,  
Frank Spardaro, Carri Porter Snoddy,  
Carina Yacovone-Neves

For our parishioners suffering from depression and those who are dealing with addictions

**OUR DECEASED:**

*If you would like to include others in this prayer list, please contact the priory office. Names will remain on*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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**HELP WANTED:**

We are looking for people to cover the desk and the phone in the evenings (4:00 pm to 7:00 pm) and weekends.

Please contact us at (914) 631-1672 or [Transfigurationsec@gmail.com](mailto:Transfigurationsec@gmail.com)

**THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST**

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Transfiguration School**

The 2018-2019 Registration for Transfiguration School is ongoing. We offer an academically sound and faith-filled Catholic education for students in PK3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Developing each child's potential infusing Catholic values and providing a solid foundation of academics adhering to New York Common Core standards are our objective. Our PreK3 & PreK4 programs are full day. Tuition is more affordable than ever, with expanded scholarships and financial assistance. To find out more about a Catholic education can help put your child on the path to a bright future, please visit us online at [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org), or to arrange a tour, please call the school at 914-631-3737.

**THE GIFT OF GRACE**

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.—St. Rose of Lima

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