

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

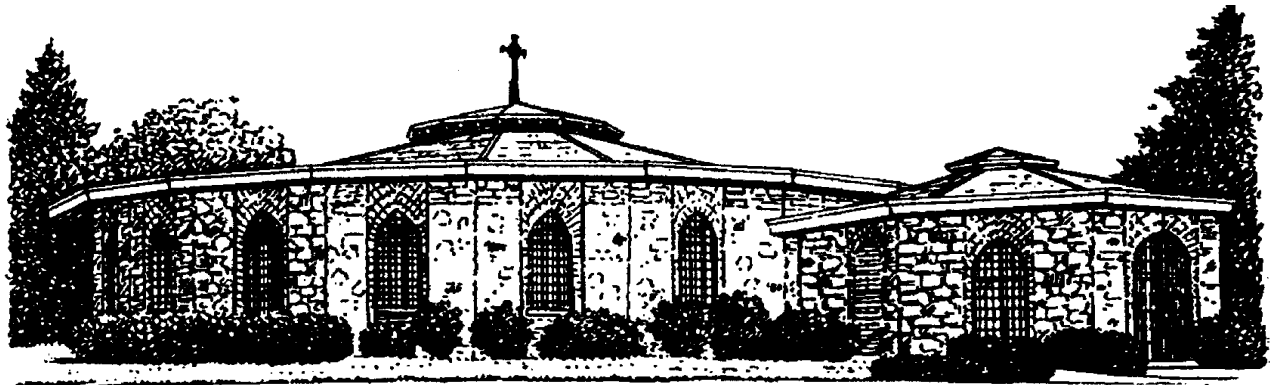


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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Monday thru 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 any-time for an appointment.
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

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

September 2, 2018

\$7,728.00

Attendance—602 Envelopes—201

Next week second collection: School Maintenance

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Patriot Day
1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: St. John Chrysostom
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5



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SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

5:00 Isabelle & Thomas Varian req. by Maureen & Tom Fleming

SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

8:00 Joan Irene Selkaitis req. by the Twinning Committee

10:00 Richard Dalby req. by Jasmine Rodrigo

12:00 Margaret, Breda, James & Robert Curran req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Robert K. Sorrentino req. by Elaine & Tom Smith

TUESDAY

7:15 George Phillips req. Jean Dunnagan

9:00 Robert Sorrentino req. Pete & Tila Adrino

WEDNESDAY:

7:15 Joan Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope

9:00 David Dietz req. by Evelyn Dietz

THURSDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Patricia Basini req. by Lois Duggan

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Ann Miele

SATURDAY

9:00 The Doyle & McGuire families req. by Joan DeMeo

5:00 John & Catherine Hufnagel req. by Joyce Hufnagle

SUNDAY

8:00 Maureen Coster req. by Rosemary & Kevin Plunkett

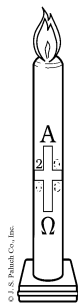
10:00 Carmelo Alba req. by Terri & Joe Carbone & family

12:00 Lorianne Cocozza req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Kyla Voltmer req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick DiMuro

The Shrine candles are burning this week for the healing of Tanya Celi req. by the Latessa family



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WHAT MAKES THE SACRAMENTS?:

I did most of my initial Catholic formation at inner city Catholic schools in Baltimore, where most of the children were poor, came from one-parent families, and witnessed crime, violence and drugs on almost a daily basis. So no story scandalized them, unlike me who lived in the countryside. When Sister related real life stories as examples in her teaching, my classmates were unfazed. I, on the other hand, took in all of these stories with fascination and, at times, horror.

I recall one story when she was teaching us about the sacraments, a lesson that was also meant to warn us of the dangers of alcohol. A priest had a habit of imbibing too much in the drink, so much so that he was often found passed out and had to be shaken awake by the sacristan, who came every morning to open the church and prepare for Mass, and would also prepare a hangover cure in the form of a pot of black coffee and a plate of eggs and sausages. One Sunday morning, with the Church full of parishioners, the priest began to celebrate Mass in his post-drunk haze. His head throbbed and hammered during the readings and the hymns, and his only care was about getting rid of his pain and nausea. At the time of the consecration of the bread and wine, all the priest could focus on was the cure for his bad humor: the bottle of whisky in the sacristy. When the time of communion arrived, the priest recognized the graveness of what he had done, and just after the kiss of peace, he apologized to the congregation, went into the sacristy, and brought out the blessed bottle. Because his attention had been squarely fixed on the rye, it, and not the wine on the altar, had been transformed into the Blood of Christ.

As an adult and as a priest, I am now fully aware that this is a ridiculous story. However, this is also a useful story for helping us to really understand the relationship between the priest and the sacraments that he ministers. The priest is the representative of Christ and the usual or “ordinary” minister of the sacraments. In certain circumstances, the ordinary minister is someone else, such as the bishop who does ordinations, or deacons who can preside at baptisms or weddings, just like the priests. In weddings, the bride and groom make the sacrament in God with one another. Some exceptions are also made wherein even a non-Catholic might minister the sacrament, such as an emergency baptism where someone is in imminent danger of death and desires to be baptized. The sacraments, therefore, do not depend on the holiness of the person who administers them, but on Jesus Christ, who is the one who actually the minister of the sacrament. Remember that sacraments are the “outward sign of an invisible reality,” i.e., that they are encounters with, reception of, and incorporation into the life of grace with the Trinity.

In addition, the whole Church, both lay people and clergy play a crucial role in making the sacraments holy where it is lacking. We make up for the lack of holiness, to a certain extent, through our own holiness as members of the Body of Christ. Of course, we expect, desire and pray that our priests are holy, and certainly I ask that you pray for all of us priests who serve you. But priests are human beings who are just as faulty as any other human being, and for

this reason, we do not rely on the priest's holiness to make the sacrament efficacious or effective.

In addition, the sacraments are holy despite the individual nature of the priest because they do not come from him, but from the tradition handed down to us from Jesus Christ through the Apostles. What we do and what we learn remains consistent. A pope, cardinal, bishop, or priest might highlight certain aspects of the teaching over others, but the teaching remains the same. Those who teach erroneously are corrected, and even if they disregard their censures or penalties, they cannot change the teaching and tradition of the whole Church, and that includes the sacraments.

So let us pray that the whole Church, whether lay people, religious, or clerics, may strive to live holy lives, and allow people to experience the fullness of grace through the sacraments.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

"Africa is a wealthy continent, and its greatest, most valuable resource is its young people. They should be able to choose between letting themselves be overcome by difficulty or transforming the difficulty into an opportunity. The most effective way to help them in this choice is to invest in their education. If young people don't have the possibility of education, what future can they have? Let us pray that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries."

Please see the original video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JLX11Iz71Y>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY: Anthony Correia

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

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

OUR DECEASED: Kevin Michael Patrick Rebsch

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.

PARISH TWINNING COMMITTEE:

The first meeting of the Parish Twinning committee will be this coming Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Focus of discussion will be the upcoming visit to El Salvador in November. Meetings are always open; please feel free to come and join us.

SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND:

Beginning this month, many of you will have received envelopes that are designated for School Building Maintenance. According to the Archdiocese, with whom I agree, I should publicly and explicitly state what this fund is for. Therefore, I inform you that the monies contributed will be used solely for capital improvements to the property that are our responsibility as the property owners.

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold their first fall meeting on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018** at 6 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Prayer Shawls give comfort, warmth, love and peace to those in need or in thanksgiving. Please find details of the larger ministry at www.shawlministry.com or contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007. All are welcome to join us on the 12th.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS—CONTEMPLATION...AND BOOK STUDY:

Sr. Catherine Bennet runs a group on Contemplative prayer that will begin again on **September 5**. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays: 10:15-11:00am - Marymount Convent
Fridays: 7:45-8:05am – Transfiguration Chapel, after Mass

Book Study: Thursdays beginning September 13, 9:30-10:30am at Transfiguration Church. We will read *A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life* by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Dear Families,



Our **Religious Education Program** is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms are available for pick up in the Church Vestibule. If you prefer, we can email the forms, simply send a request to our new religious education email:

transfigurationprep@gmail.com or call our office 914-631-1672.

Deadline for registration is Monday September 10th. Please note that our first class meets Wednesday September 12th and no registrations will be accepted/processed on that day. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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 – 8th 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, or to arrange a tour, please call the school at 914-631-3737.

Volunteer Tutors Needed
Literacy Volunteers of The Tarrytowns,
Warner Library, Tarrytown

Tutor Training Workshop Sept. 29, October 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17 (9:00 AM-NOON)
Call;; 914-488-4250, visit www.lvtarrytown.org

EDUCATION

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of an education.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

THOUGHTS

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.—Marcus Aurelius

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