

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591



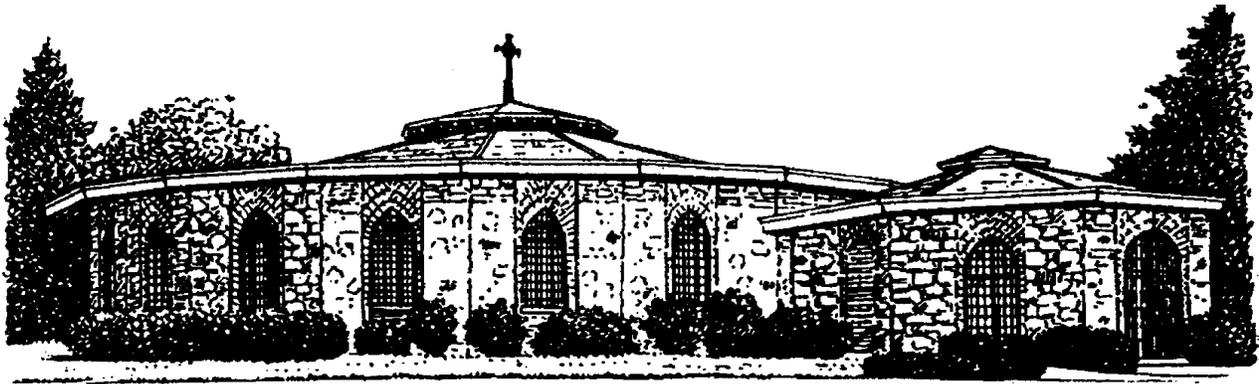
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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 7:30 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am 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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268 So. Broadway  
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**SATURDAY—JANUARY 5, 2019**

5:00 Joseph Palis req. by Jody Toth

**SUNDAY—JANUARY 6, 2019**

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire family Joan DeMayo

10:00 Murray Burke req. Donna Shaw

12:00 Frank Demers req. by Patricia Iannucci

**MONDAY**

7:15 Mary Elaine Suso req. by Carolyn Walters

9:00 Frank Demers req. by

**TUESDAY**

8:00 Mathew McConnel req. by Carolyn Walters

9:00 Catherine Thomas req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

**WEDNESDAY**

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Bernardino Fastiggi req. by Eleanor Fastiggi

**THURSDAY**

7:15 Ann Pirrone req. by Dona DeRosa

9:00 Mary Leonard req. by Alice Droogan

**FRIDAY**

7:15 Ann Pirrone req. by Rose DeRosa

9:00 Anthony Leppa req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Richard E. Cross req. by Dan & Pat Nyarady

5:00 Frank Cherico req. by Carolyn Walters

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Mary K. Smith req. by Bridget Murphy

10:00 Katherine Hevern req. by Carolyn Walters

12:00 Patrick Kennedy req. by Patricia & James Kennedy

**God's Plan for Giving**

**December 23, 2018**

\$8,946.00.00

Attendance—778 Envelopes—223

**Christmas**

\$22,996

Attendance—1,218 Envelopes—298

**READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord; Blessing of the Home; National Migration Week*  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: *St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas*  
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: *The Baptism of the Lord*  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*

**ROOTEDNESS**

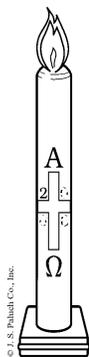
The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Ida Sher req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for the parishioners of Transfiguration for a happy and holy New Year.

The Shrine candles are burning this week is for the tsunami victims of Indonesia



**THE WAY TO HEAVEN**

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman

**YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD!:**

This year, the days surrounding and including Christmas Day were filled with a flurry of activity here in the parish, and required an all-hands-on-deck approach to making our celebrations joyous and dignified. I would like to personally thank all of you who participated in continuing to make our parish a real community of faith, hope and love. You have not only served our parish; you also gave Christian witness to our Cardinal and to all of our visitors.

First, I would like to thank all of those who helped with the **Cardinal's visit on December 22**, which was an amazing evening full of joy: to *Lee Ann Sullivan*, who coordinated the servers, and to the *servers* for attentively attending to the Cardinal and his secretary; to the ushers for ensuring that the congregation could worship in peace; to *Ksenia Lowenfels* and the *choirs* for the beautiful music; to the *lectors and eucharistic ministers* for enhancing our worship; to *Pat Nyarady and her crew* of parishioners involved in providing a festive and reception, to *Joe Agro and his crew* for the repairing the lights in the corona and for the fresh decorations, to *Fr. Huy* for the other decorations in the church and for assisting me with the Cardinal.

The following day, the **Family Life Ministry** organized a caroling celebration at Brightview. The turnout for the event was even better than expected, with more than 50 people coming together to bring joy to our more mature parishioners and their families. The original vision of this ministry was to foster and nourish family life in all of its aspects, and so it is wonderful to see that all of those involved have taken this vision and continue to develop it in new and exciting ways. Thank you!

About 1500 people came to our parish for the **Christmas celebrations**, and all of our visitors commented on how beautiful everything was. The decorations were fantastic this year, as they are every year, and this is because of *Gloria Agro, Elaine Smith and the flower crew*, who gave us color and beauty, as well as to *Mildred Gonzales*, who added further wonderful decorations to our candle holders and to the chapel. To *Lee Ann Sullivan* and *Liz Rooney* for coordinating the Christmas pageant, and to all of the children who participated. We had a huge group of enthusiastic participants this year. I would like to thank all of the *altar servers* who helped out, especially those who served more than one Mass. Thanks also to their families, who made their children available for service. We also had a nice turn out for the carol service before the 11:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, and the choir sang some beautiful music. Thank you to the *choir, musicians, and the cantors* who worked hard at this and all of the Masses. Thank you also to all of our ministers—lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers—who provided great assistance to me and Fr. Huy.

To all those I forgot to mention, I wish to express my gratitude to you as well.

**All of you who helped out during this season have made our parish proud.**

On a personal note, I wish to also thank all of those who sent me personal Christmas greetings through cards and gifts. Such expressions are not necessary, but I am grateful for your appreciation and thoughtfulness. They mean very much.

As we continue to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus during this Christmas season, let us also continue to give Christian witness to one another, and to all. God bless.

–Fr. Emiel

### STEWARDSHIP—ELECTRICITY AND PROPERTY:

#### ELECTRICITY:

As most of you know, Con Ed has raised its rates over the last year, and we have seen the impact of this in our billing. While our energy consumption has generally been the same, our bills have gone up tremendously. Because of this, I ask that all of us be diligent about electricity consumption in our meeting spaces, including the parish hall and kitchen. Please feel free to use the lights and the technology that you require for your gatherings, but also remember to **turn everything off when you are done**, including the lights. If you are unsure how to do this, please ask and we will show you.

#### PROPERTY:

In addition, as all the meeting spaces are for our parish activities, and we want to keep them secure, we ask to please **close the doors to the rooms** once you have finished your meeting. We keep the doors to all of the meeting rooms locked. This helps to ensure that our parish valuables are secure, and provides a fire stop in the event of a fire.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**OUR MILITARY:** Anthony Correia

#### OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, William Duggan,  
Ann Duggan Baker, Alexander Isadoro  
Sophie Janos, Peggy Lahoz,  
Marie Minuck, Peg Mahoney,  
Michael Mohoney, Diane O'Connell,  
Edward F. Parzyk, Carmen Rodriguez,  
Evelyn Santiago, Aurelio Semeraro,

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

**OUR DECEASED:** Audrey Capra,  
Loretta Sullivan

*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.*

### FAMILY MASS

We invite all our families to participate in the Family Mass. They will take place on Saturday at the 5:00 PM Mass.

#### 2019

- January 5th (Epiphany) and 19th
- February 2nd and 16th
- March 2nd, 16th and 30th
- April 13th and 27th
- May 11th and 25th
- June 8th

Please join us!

### Lectio Divina

Consider joining us for Lent. Wednesday evenings  
at 7:00 pm in the Priory

## FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our food collection will take place next weekend. Please consider bring a food donation to help support people in own community.

The items we need are noted below:

Pasta	Peanut butter
Pasta Sauce	Jelly
Canned Tuna	Mac & Cheese
Canned Soup	Stuffing
Canned Veggies	Gravy
Canned Fruit	Canned Chicken
Canned Ham	Tunafish
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Cereal	

THANK YOU!!

## Care of Mind, Body & Spirit for the Al-Anon, Nar-Anon Journey:

De-stress and nourish physical and spiritual wellbeing through meditation, prayer practices, breathing techniques, biofeedback, etc.

*Must be following a 12 step program.*

*Mariandale, January 16, 23, &30 5:30– 7:30 PM  
\$45.00    [www.mariandale.org](http://www.mariandale.org)*

## TWINNING CONTRIBUTIONS

Twining contribution forms can be found in the rack across from the elevator in the church entrance. Any size donation is welcome in support of the project in Soyapango

## Loose Change for Soyapango:

This weekend at Mass, we will be collecting the loose change, the children have been collectiong during advent for the children in Soyapango. Or they can bring it to religion class when they return from vacation. Thanks to everyone who participated in this project.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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**\*\*Don't forget to buy Stop & Shop Gift Cards and C-Town Certificates from the Priory Office before going food shopping. Our Church earns 5% of all that are sold!\*\***

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