

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

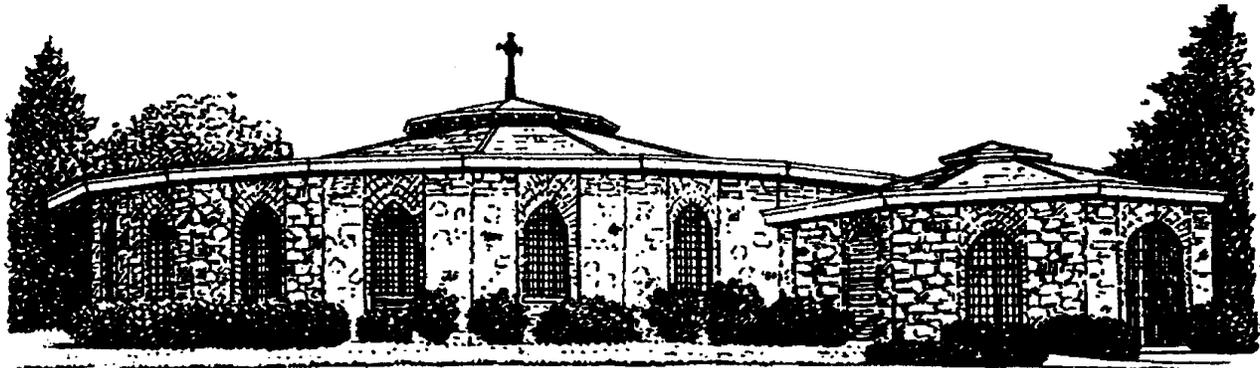


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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

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

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631-2380



# Weekly Offering



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## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2019

5:00 Amy Woicyk req. by Pat White

## SUNDAY— FEBRUARY 17, 2019

8:00 Anne Colucci req. by Pauline & George Gasperini  
10:00 Mary Leonard req. Eileen & Angelo Sabini  
12:00 Mary and John & William Fleming req. by James & Patricia Kennedy

## MONDAY—Presidents Day—Parish Office Closed

9:00 Katherine Geissler req. by Alice Korca

## TUESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Elizabeth & Theodore Walters

## WEDNESDAY

7:15 Ian Jennings req. by Louise DelCarpine-Cherico

9:00 Francis Uss req. by Gregory Holodak

## THURSDAY

7:15 Angela Belotti req. by Stefania Bonanni

9:00 Hector Perez req. by Elaine & Tom Smith

## FRIDAY

7:15 Rosina & Lugi Fantacone req. by Elvira Fantacone

9:00 A Special Intention

## SATURDAY

9:00 Elizabeth Downey req. by Peter Downey

5:00 Dorothy Bushel req. by Joe & Janet Kelly

## SUNDAY

8:00 Frank Demers req. by Clarice Pollack

10:00 Mary Ellen Doherty req. by Helen Lennon

12:00 Hermine & John Chepiga req. by Patricia Chepiga

## God's Plan for Giving

February 10, 2019

\$7,989.00

Attendance—642 Envelopes—231

**Peter's Pence**

\$1,962.00 Envelopes—189

Next weeks second collection is for:  
Church Maintenance

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: *Presidents' Day*  
Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26;  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: *St. Peter Damian*  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,  
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mk 8:27-33

Friday: *Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;*  
*Washington's Birthday*  
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: *St. Polycarp*  
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,  
10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

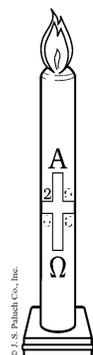
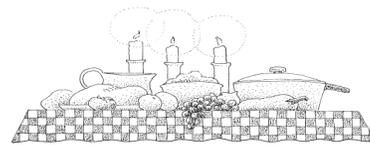
**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 17, 2019

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.”

— *Luke 6:20-21a*



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Mark Broadway req. by Theresa Broadway

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of John & Mary Kunert req. by the Strilowich family

The Shrine candles are burning this week for Victims of human trafficking.

## INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.—Anonymous

## NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.—Anonymous

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “Don’t put your pastor on a pedestal where he can be knocked down, but put him on a prayer list where he can be lifted up.”

**PASTOR’S LETTER:**

I was watching a program recently about professional religious ministers who had become atheists. These former believers have formed a support group that includes evangelical pastors, Jewish rabbis, and Muslim imams, some of whom continue to work in ministry, even openly as atheists.

Two of the people the documentary focused on were a married couple who were pastors of an evangelical church they founded 20 years ago. They began full of enthusiasm, but also full of questions that they were unable to resolve nor anyone to whom they could turn to discuss their queries.

The interviewer asked them what the turning point was, and the husband responded that it was a trip to India that changed his mind. He went in search of a pure Christianity that remained untainted from the influences of Western culture. He related that he went to a Christian service there and found young people dressed in skinny jeans, button up shirts, and sporting the latest hairstyles. It was at this point that he concluded that religion was simply a cultural phenomenon that had nothing to do with any divinity. He was looking for a Christian god that never moved beyond Asia Minor, and searching for a people who, upon discovering Christ, were so faithful to him that they became locked in time. Unsurprisingly, he never found that pure Christian God nor that pure religion.

The reality, at least for us Christians, is that such a god would be impossible, and indeed, ridiculous to find because we believe that God entered a particular period of history with a particular set of people who were part of a larger, international context. The Middle East was, and continues to be, the intersection between East and West, and the convergence of goods and ideas from all sides. This means that the people to who encountered Jesus, and later, the Apostles, were people from different countries, with their own ways of understanding this experience and sharing it with others. So seeking a “pure” Christianity is already a non-starter.

As Catholics, we recognize the reality and the gift of such a multicultural start, and this is why we say that our Christian faith is grounded in Scripture and Tradition. Namely, before the gospels came to be written down and accepted as the official texts of Jesus life, there were stories from all of the early Christians about the Jesus they encountered or learned about from the disciples and others. The Church took these stories, looking at those that gave a consistent picture of the person of Jesus, one that correlated with the one whom they worshipped and prayed to.

Not only that, we also recognize that Christ came to save all people and comes to each one’s particular context. Thus, while we share a common, universal faith, we also encourage the expression of this faith through the various cultural lenses of the people of God. This means, for example, that while Mass is the cornerstone of the worship of every Catholic, the

celebration of that Mass reflects the community that celebrates it, whether through liturgical dance in Africa and African-influenced communities, Latin rhythms in Hispanic countries, and even kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the practice in the US (the universal rules for Mass, called *rubrics*, actually call for standing at that time). In return, these various cultural experiences inform our universal faith by giving us concrete examples of holiness.

Ultimately, this means that Jesus Christ is not a relic of the past to be discovered in a remote village or in a dusty book. Nor will he be found in a beaker or test tube. Rather, he is the living God to be encountered in every age by us who maintain what he taught but who also encounter and relate to him according to our own lives and our own historical context.

**SAVE THE DATE: - Sunday, March 3rd:**

Fr. Hugh MacSherry, OFM will give us an afternoon of reflection in preparation for Lent. A buffet lunch after the 12:00 noon Mass will precede it .  
Please sign up in the church vestibule.

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY – HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

“Although we try to ignore it, slavery is not something from other times. Faced with this tragic reality, no one can wash their hands of it without being, in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity. We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today as there was before, or perhaps more. Let us pray for a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.”

*Please see the original video on our parish website.*

**MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – Thursday, February 21**

**at 7:00pm in the parish hall:** Please join Fr. Emiel for a brainstorming regarding how we as a parish can best meet the needs of you families who have particular requirements during Mass.

**ARCHDIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Do you have a passion for the Church and an interest in joining a dynamic fundraising team? The Archdiocese of New York is hiring a Campaign Manager, who will play a crucial role in working with pastors on parish fundraising efforts and in promoting the work of the Church. Sales, customer service, or volunteer management experience is highly valued. Please contact Juliette Picciano at [juliette.picciano@archny.org](mailto:juliette.picciano@archny.org) for more information!

**MARRIAGES WE CELEBRATE:** The archdiocese has recognized two couples in our parish whose marriages are among the longest in the archdiocese. They are:

John and Janet Harrison - 68 years of marriage  
Stanley and Josie Maciocha - 76 years of marriage

We thank them for witnessing to us the power of Christ's love in their marriage, and sacramentally, also testifying to Christ's love for us. We also congratulate them all and wish them continued joy and peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR MILITARY:** Anthony Correia

**OUR SICK:**

,Justin Baker, Edna Belanich,  
William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker,  
Mary Elizabeth Groth, Alexander Isadoro,  
Sophie Janos, James Keely,  
Peggy Lahoz, Marie Minuck,  
Peg Mahoney, Michael Mohoney,  
Tatum Avery Nedwick, Brent Newbury  
Edward F. Parzyk,  
Carmen Rodriguez, Collin Rodriguez  
Aurelio Semeraro,

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

**OUR DECEASED:**

Maria Alvarez, Irene Dachter,  
Dr. Chauncey & Joan Dobson  
Ian Jennings

*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.*

**Transfiguration School:**

Transfiguration School is now accepting ap-  
plications for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Pre-K3—8th grade Catholic Ele-  
mentary School. Please call  
914-631-3737 to set up a tour.



**TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:**

**February 21, Thursday: St Valentine’s Party**  
1:00 PM

**March 13th, Wednesday: Setup hall for St.**  
**Patrick’s luncheon. 9:30 am—10:30 am**

**March 14th, Thursday: 12:00 pm Seniors St.**  
**Patrick’s Luncheon in the parish hall**

**Coffee Hour;**

**There will be NO Coffee Hour this week-**  
**end because of the holiday weekend.**

Next weeks hosts will be Pam Cicalo and



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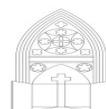


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