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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

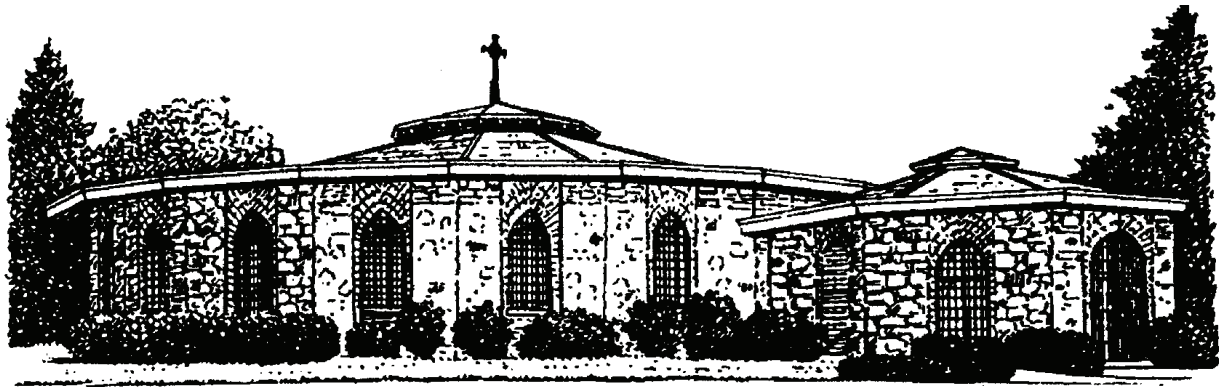
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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 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 to Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 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

Priory
268 So. Broadway
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
631-2380



READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SATURDAY, December 24, 2016

- 5:00 Frances & Anthony Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths
- 8:00 Catherine & Joseph Riveriso, Louis Agro Jr, & Frances & Louis Agro Jr, reg by Gloria Agro
- 11:00 Galina Bylim req, by Helen DelVecchio

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016

- 8:00 Deceased members of the Kemp & Walters Families req. by Carolyn Walters
- 10:00 Rosetti Family req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Balthazard
- 12:00 Joseph Duggan req. by Lois Duggan

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

TUESDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Victoria Corke req. by Lois Duggan

WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 Thomas & Margaret Ford
- 9:00 Henritetta Sbezzi req. by Lucy & Patrick DiMuro

THURSDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Joseph Miele req., By Mary Lou Murray

FRIDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Ronald Baker req. by The Ardenowski Family

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Andrew Salajcik req, by Dolores Burns
- 5:00 Louis Agro Jr. req. by Gloria Agro

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:00 Mary A. Farrell req. by The Farrell Family
- 10:00 Cy, Kathrynne & Marjorie Neubert req. by The Neubert Children
- 12:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

SUNDAY OFFERING



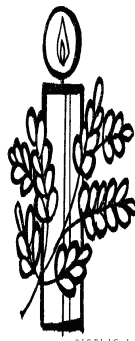
God's Plan for Giving

Collection of December 18, 2016
\$9117.00

Attendance—745 Envelopes-204

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: St. John
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of James A. Bell req. by Kathleen Bell



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of the Deceased members of the Walpuck Family req, by Maureen Vanginderen

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of John Walpuck req. by The Walpuck Family

TWINNING CONTRIBUTIONS: The twinning committee wishes to thank all who have responded so far. For those still planning to contribute these is still plenty of time. Additional forms are in the rack by the elevator.

LOOSE CHANGE FOR SOYAPANGO

Each year during Advent children of the parish collect loose change for St. Joseph the Worker School in our twinned parish in El Salvador. Children are asked to bring their gifts to Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, which will be on January 8th or to bring them to class when they return from vacation. Adults are welcome to participate as well. Container labels are in the rack by the elevator, in the church vestibule.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas. The parish staff wishes you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

I was in line at a supermarket checkout some years ago, behind two women who were lamenting all of the things they had to do to get ready for Christmas. There was so much to do, from buying and wrapping gifts for family, friends, acquaintances, and acquaintances they didn’t like but had to placate, to cleaning the house and realizing the menus for their seeming well-attended respective Christmas dinners. At one point, one woman turned to the other and said, “Do you know what annoys me? How all of these churches promote coming to services (continued)

on Christmas Day. You see it everywhere! I mean, really, what does Christ have to do with Christmas?”

While the irony of that statement was completely lost on these two women, their comment speaks about a deeper truth that impacts us Christians as well. God became man to be with us over two millennia ago. God broke into human history and invited us to a new way of approaching ourselves and our fellow human beings. Most importantly, His Incarnation communicates to us the fact that God-is-with-us, even now. How does this reality touch our lives?

From a secular perspective, Christmas is a time for family and friends, for good feeling and warmth, for sharing and being together. For us, too, this season means taking time out to enjoy the gifts that God has given us. Yet Christ’s coming also invites us to recognize and appreciate how He is present in our lives from day to day, to see how He makes His love for us concrete in every moment of our lives. And so, I share this invitation with you as well, to take some time this season to think about and recognize in what ways Jesus Christ has acted in your past, and how he is with you in the present.

At the same time, the Incarnation challenges us to think about people other than ourselves, and those we love or like. In his birth as a helpless child. And beginning his life as a refugee, he also confronts us with our brothers and sisters who suffer under similar circumstances and to respond to their crises as he responds to ours. We live in a town where we can live relatively peacefully; yet behind the walls of some homes, our neighbors confront real issues and problems. Some of those who sit next to us in the pews of the Church will be alone this Christmas. Slaves work under oppressive conditions within our own borders. The faces of the poor, the afflicted in our nation, as well as refugees both here and abroad constantly appear in the news. While we are unable to solve the world’s problems, in the Incarnation of Christ, God challenges us to do something, because we are the Body of Christ, and therefore, the continuation of Christ’s transforming advent into the world. We are, as St. Teresa of Avila says, His hands and His feet to do good in the world.

So as we gather together with our loved ones, during our love only to these. Rather, let us fully celebrate Christ’s coming by allowing Him to continue His work in us, for the good and salvation of the world.

God bless you all.

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