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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

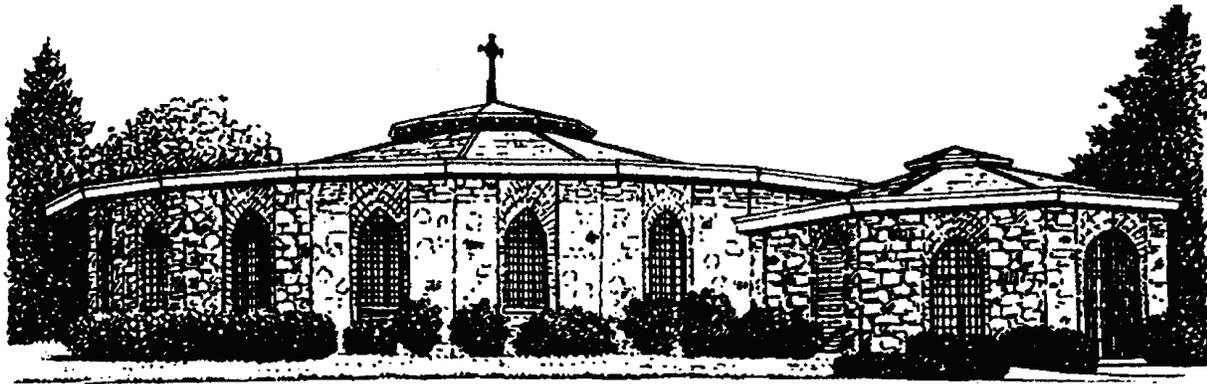
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Transfiguration School
Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
631-2380



Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of January 1, 2017
\$6515

Attendance—595 Envelopes-187

Solemnity of Mary

\$1,906 Envelopes— 107

SATURDAY, January 7, 2017

5:00 Lucia Franotta req by Betty Villarut

SUNDAY, January 8, 2017

8:00 William Flanagan req. by Patricia Flanagan
10:00 Carmelo & Rickie Sbezzi req. by Eleanor Hunt
12:00 Patrick Kennedy req. by Tom & Patricia Kennedy

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 For A Parishioner having surgery today.
9:00 The Intentions of the Pope for January

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Rickey & Carmelo Sbezzi req. by John & Peggy Kraft

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Jean Manzione req. Tom & Elaine Smith

FRIDAY

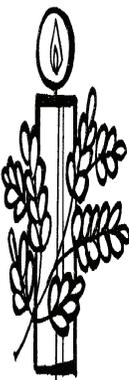
7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Bushrod Burns Family (Living) req. by Deloras Burns

SATURDAY

9:00 Juan Maria Duran
5:00 Elizabeth Walters req. by Carolyn Walters

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Pedro Raia req. by The Rana Family
10:00 Antonio Armesto req. The Armesto Family
12:00 Kevin Meaney req. Ira & Renee Schwidel



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of David O'Shea req. by Netta Sloboda

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of all our Deceased Transfiguration Parishioners.

The Shrine candles are burning this week for police, firefighters and emergency personnel.

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READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; 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: The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: St. Hilary
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over 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 (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

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

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EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning
Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century



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**FAMILY
LEARNING TO GROW WITH AND IN LOVE**

Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* continues to generate controversy since its promulgation in April. The result of the deliberations on the reality that families face today, especially families of faith, the Pope attempts to reiterate the Church's teaching on marriage while also recognizing that the concrete reality of many families does not fit this ideal. For four cardinals and several theologians, this document has made them nervous enough to ask the Pope for clarity, because they fear that the lack of clarity in the document could potentially cause confusion among the faithful. Needless to say, camps have formed around both Pope Francis and the cardinals, each defending their position. For Pope Francis and the members of the synod, they want to situate the teaching on family, and in particular marriage, within the context of pastoral reality that confronts priests and other ministers of the Church, and in which people find themselves. For the cardinals and questioning theologians, they believe that clarity will help people to understand how they should faithfully Christ and live their fidelity to the Church via their married lives. The Church, like all families, has our share of struggles and disagreements; yet all are part of the family of God. Indeed, all voices are important and necessary, in order that together, we might discern more clearly the will of God. In families, it is the same.

For the Church, the ideal family is one in which husband and wife have committed themselves to one another in a sacramental vow, meaning that they choose to enter and live out their unique relationship as a sign of Christ's relationship with His Church: faithful, wholly committed in an unbreakable bond, unconditionally loving, and open to the transformative and creative action of the Divine. Through this relationship, the couple enjoy what St. Augustine first coined the "three goods of marriage": the unbreakable bond, procreativity and openness to the possibility of creating new life; and chaste fidelity to one another, which means the healthy and appropriate use of sexuality to build up the couple's relationship. Together, the couple form a microcosm of the Church and, as the rite of baptism reminds us, they are the first teachers to their children of who God is. Because of the sacramental nature of marriage, the Church strives to honor and support all of those couples who have chosen to make their love a sign of Christ's love in the world.

At the same time, the nuclear family of mother, father, and child(ren) does not constitute the sole definition of family. In our parish, we have many expressions of family, including single parents and their children, separated or divorced couples and their children, and people who have formed deep supportive and lasting bonds with

friends. Some of us religious who consider our congregation or order our family as well. These families, who strive to love Christ all belong to the one family: Christ's Body, the Church. At times, we might not agree with one another, and not share the same perspective, but all of us are important, and all of us are challenged to love one another more truthfully, justly, compassionately and mercifully, and thus be signs of Christ to one another and to the world.

Let us, therefore, take some time to thank God for all those who we consider members of our family. And let us make some effort to express our love for them in a special way.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

I once lived in a rectory with two parish priests and an Irish sister of Mercy. The sister helped to run many groups in the parish. She was a little impatient when meetings ran too long. We all knew it was time to finish when, in the middle of a meeting, she would ask: "Well now, haven't ye all got homes to go to?"

We would like everyone to enjoy, experiencing the atmosphere of the church during the day without such disturbance, and so I offer you all the following winter opening hours of the parish:

Monday to Thursday: 7:00 AM to Dusk

Friday: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM to after 12:00 noon Mass

Snow Days: the church will be open for the scheduled Masses for the day, and then closed immediately after the last Mass

ENCOURAGE: The archdiocese wishes to offer support for those with same-sex attractions and their families in fidelity to Catholic teachings on marriage and sexuality. They have created a new website which you can visit: www.encourageny.com

CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR

FAITH?: The archdiocese and Fordham University have partnered to offer new online courses for those in ministry and those who want to know more. Sign up at www.nyccatholicfaith.org/learn.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES:

Catholic Charities has set up a hotline to help answer any questions and offer referrals. Please call 1-900-566-7636 Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM for help. Also see the bulletin board in the parking lot vestibule.

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.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Many thanks for helping to brighten Christmas for our families through the Giving Trees and our Food Pantry collection.

Our next Food Pantry collection will be on the weekend of January 14th & 15th. We will pack and distribute on Saturday, January 21st.

The next SVDP meeting will be on January 19th at 7:30 Pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room.

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

Thursday, January 19th Meeting , 1:00 PM, Church Hall

\$10 Membership Dues due In JANUARY

Thursday, February 16th, 1:00 PM our Annual St. Valentine's Party!

Thursday, March 9th, St. Patrick's Luncheon at **12 noon** \$15.00 Members \$20 Guests
Sign Up by March 5th.

GRIEVING PARENTS: For those who grieve the lost of a child who has died, no matter how long ago, the Ennaus Ministry for Grieving Parents is offering spiritual retreats on Saturday February 11, and Saturday February 25, at St. Joseph's Seminary and on Saturday, April 1 at the Church of the Magdalene. For further information, refer to the bulletin board in the parking lot vestibule, or go to the website: www.emfgp.org/archny

When reading our bulletin please be sure to check out the back page consisting of various advertisements. The printing of our bulletin is funded by the ads you see there. If anyone wishes to advertise there also, please call the phone number in the bottom right corner.

The JOY of PARENTING

Inviting parents of **All** ages and of **All** experiences to please come join us for a POT LUCK DINNER for PARENTS. Come bring a favorite dish; come share your stories, needs and your gift of parenting. Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. It all takes place on Saturday, February 11th at 6 pm (following the 5 o'clock mass) in the church hall. Wine and beverages will be provided.

Please email your RSVP by February 4th
TRANSFIGURATIONPARENTS@gmail.com



THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TWINNING COMMITTEE

Lisa Falcon, a member of our parish, hosted Gilda Marie Castillo when she visited as a college student with our friends from El Salvador in September 2014. Lisa recently got this email from Gilda Marie. It is a great testimony to the value of our program. Gilda Marie grew up in the Soyapango slum served by St. Joseph the Worker School and was an early Padrino scholarship recipient her grade school and middle school years and then a high school scholarship recipient. When she graduated from high school she received a Transfiguration College Scholarship. A year and a half into college she was given a full ride by the National University of El Salvador. See her recent note to Lisa:

Hello, Lisa. I hope this finds you well and that the (your) young people are doing well with their studies. I am writing to tell you that I finally graduated. I am a physics teacher and I can't stop telling you and hope for my part to give many thanks to the members of the Padrino Program because you were part of this accomplishment in my life. Also to wish you a beautiful Christmas and that God bless you abundantly. I remember you all with much affection. Many hugs.

2016 Contribution Statements

The 2016 Contribution Statements will be available starting January 16th. You can pick them up from the Parish Office from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM or we can mail them to you. Please phone, 914-631-1672 or email: Transfigurationsec@gamil.com with your preference.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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Ladies of Charity

Of The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

1)Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in Parishes, Nursing Homes, Child Care Agencies and other institutions that care for the marginalized. 2)The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve. 3)Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers

For more information 212-371-1000 x2542

FREEBIES IN THE MAIL: This is the time of year when the mailboxes fills up with pretty calendars , ornaments and other unwanted clutter that can be rather annoying to deal with. Some have left these items in the church in hopes of not wasting them. We throw all of these items immediately in the trash because they create unnecessary clutter. So please enjoy the satisfaction of throwing these items away at home.

Phelps Memorial Hospital Needs Weekend Volunteers!!

Do you have four hours a week to spare? Want to feel good about giving back to the community and helping your neighbors? **How about becoming a Phelps Hospital Volunteer!** Come reap the rewards that only volunteering can offer. We have openings in the following areas of the hospital; Comfort Shawl knitters, Clerical Assistance, Sunday Information Desk, Certified Holistic Practitioners; Musicians (harp, guitar, violin) to play soft soothing music to patients, Artists and possibly Errand Transport. If you are interested, please call the Volunteer Services Department at 914-366-3170 or visit our website www.phelpshospital.org to complete an online application.

Coffee &
Donuts



There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.

REGISTRATION: Please help us update our records. If you are currently registered at Transfiguration but are not receiving envelopes but wish to , or you are receiving them but no longer want them, or your information has changed, please contact the Parish Office. Anyone who is new to our area or has been attending but never formally registered is encouraged to do so. Being registered and participating in a parish is very important if you wish to obtain a sponsor form for either Baptism or Confirmation. You can pick up our registration form in the Parish Office or call (914-631-1672) and we will mail one to you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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LIBRARY

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN—The lowest shelf of our upstairs bookcase will be reserved for the young children attending mass. Parents and young ones are invited to borrow books from the shelf and return immediately after mass for the use of others.

INFORMATION SHEET

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