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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

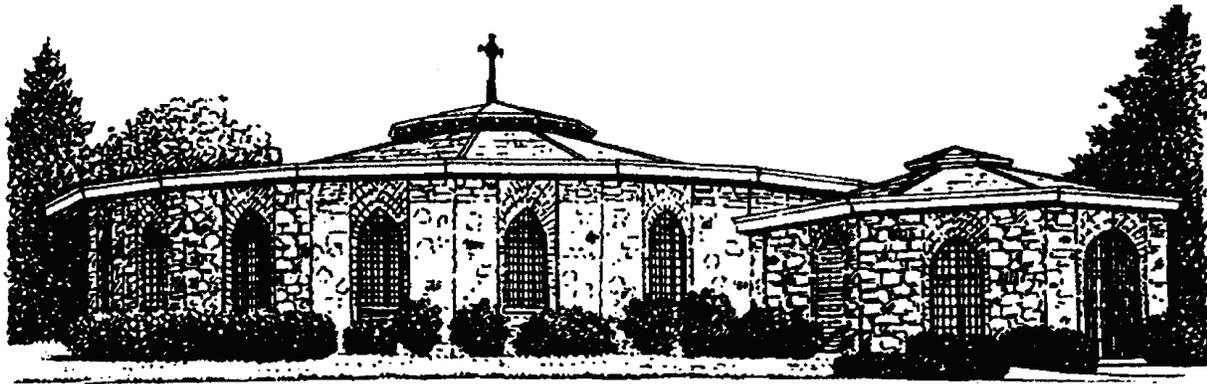
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

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268 So. Broadway
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READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]
- Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children; St. Vincent;
St. Marianne Cope
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
*or any of a number of readings for the Day
of Prayer*
- Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales
Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35
- Friday: St. Angela Merici
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas;
Chinese New Year 4715
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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SATURDAY, January 21, 2017

5:00 James Irving Magee req. by Mary Elizabeth Hartnett

SUNDAY, January 22, 2017

8:00 The Doyle-McGuire req. by Joan DeMeo
10:00 Guy Wilson req. by Jean Wilson
12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Gloria Agro

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Rosemarie Tarziano req. by Judy Bucci
9:00 A Special Intention

TUESDAY

7:15 Edward J. Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick
9:00 A Special Intention

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 The Fastiggi Family req. by Eleanor Fastiggi

THURSDAY

7:15 Margaret C. Warren req. by the Peg Warren Estate
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

FRIDAY

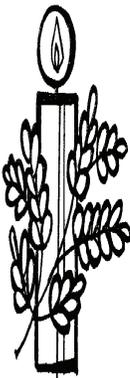
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9:00 A Special Intention

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Russo req by Susan & Chris Vacca
5:00 The Geissler Family req. by Kitty Geissler

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 David O'Shea req. by Helen Lennon
10:00 Carmen & Rickey Sbezzi req. by Carolyn Walter
12:00 John & Martha Kunert req. by The Kunert family



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of John Kunert req. by Kyle Broadway

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for all the First Responders of our parish. Thank you for the work you do.

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of Elizabeth Mazziotta req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fleming

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WRESTLING WITH GOD: One of my favorite stories in Sacred Scripture is the wrestling match between Jacob and the angel in Genesis 32:22-31. Imagine being alone and encountering a stranger who wants to fight you, and engaging in a match of strength that lasts the entire night. Finally, at daybreak, the man delivers the crushing blow that renders you completely helpless. Rather than finishing you off, however, he delivers the news that he is a messenger of God, who awards you for willing to go toe-to-toe with God by giving you a great blessing because “you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” This is what it means to have faith.

Indeed, throughout the whole of the Scriptures, we are constantly offered examples of people who struggle with what it means to believe in God, and what that means for one’s living, and all these people are held up as great people of faith: Job, Joseph and Mary, the Apostles, and St. Paul to name a few. Even the early Christian communities struggle with the meaning of their lives. In his life on earth, Christ models for us this type of faith.

In prayer, Christ enjoyed the intimate relationship of Son with His Father. Throughout his public ministry, he worked miracles and stirred hearts to conversion, manifesting the loving mercy of God. In his passion and death, he revealed that the cross is a fundamental part of maturing in faith. Through it we learn to love God for Himself, and not just for His blessings, and we seek to do His will as an expression of our love for Him and for our sisters and brothers.

Mature faith, therefore, is not one where one always receives good feelings when they pray, or lives in a zen-like state. In spiritually, we call these good feelings and peaceful states “consolations,” which are God’s way of assuring us of His loving presence in our lives. Authentic consolations are purely divine gift, and cannot be conjured up by any efforts of our own, except to make ourselves available to them through prayer, when God wants to give them to us. Instead, a well-developing faith accepts the reality that life has both ups and downs, good and bad moments, while also recognizing that God is ever present and inviting us to do His will in whatever situation we find ourselves.

Some elements of this interior wrestling can also apply to our personal relationships, especially with those whom we love. Our wrestling with God takes place within an atmosphere of loving trust, meaning that, while we struggle to understand God, we know that He loves us and has our best interests at heart. In order to have healthy discussions, disagreements, or even arguments,

with one another, we must first nurture a basic bond and understanding of mutual love, respect, and care for one another. In this way, the points of tension may be understood properly as either a difference of opinion or a real concern for the other, rather than an attack on the person’s character. Furthermore, both must be willing to be truthful with the other, a courageous act that requires vulnerability on both sides, and firm trust in the love that they have developed with one another. This vulnerability also means focusing on the best conclusion for the situation, and not on winning the argument.

Our wrestling with God, therefore, also has profound impact on our relationships with one another. So let us see and use our struggles and challenges as opportunities for growth in love, in self-knowledge, and in knowledge of God and one another.

“WHY THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER?”

Saturday, February 4th, 9:30 AM

As part of the training for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, we study the parts and purpose of the Eucharistic Prayer during which we consecrate the bread and the wine. I invite all of you who are interested all of you who are interested in this topic to stay after Mass to join our trainees and learn more about what we pray and why. All are welcome

Church of the Transfiguration Hours

Winter Hours

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



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.

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noon-time test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

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TWINNING: New High School Scholarship Students from Saint Joseph the Worker in Soyapango are posted on the twinning bulletin board in the church entrance.

LIBRARY

More books are now available downstairs on the far wall of the library room as you enter. These newer books and donations which are shelved according to the library's eleven categories; each shelf has a category number. All books from the library should be signed out. We hope you will take advantage of this new, wide range of readings.

Catholic Cruise Alaskan Explorer with Glacier Bay

Come sail away on a 7 night Alaskan Explorer with Glacier Bay Cruise with Fr. David Cooper, July 8-15 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Seattle, Washington — Ports of call: Juneau, Glacier Bay National Park, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, British Columbia. Prices begin at \$2984.00 for two passengers with included all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. For further information contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

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



The Transfiguration School Presents 2016/2017 OPEN HOUSE Celebration

Sunday, January 29th from 1:00 PM thru 4:00 PM

The week of January 30th through February 3rd 2017
From 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM

Join us for an informal gathering for prospective
new students!

There will be tours of our Pre-Kindergarten 3 yr. old
through 8th grade programs

Meet and greet our Principal, GinaMarie Fonte
Along with teachers, current parents and staff.

"Transfiguration is a school that honors Catholic traditions while delivering a first class education. We are blessed to be part of such a welcoming and caring community."

Tim & Laura Plunkett

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transfigurationsschool.org and apply online
Visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
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Lectio Divina: The Lectio Divina group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings in the parish library at 7:00 PM to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. The format can be used at home as well as in the group. Please feel free to come to a session to see how it works.

GRIEVING PARENTS: For those who grieve the lost of a child who has died, no matter how long ago, the En-naus 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

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.

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.

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.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food for our Food Pantry 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.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP

We are a Catholic Social Widows and Widowers Group. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Church of St. Pius X, 91 Secor Road Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the small chapel off the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments. Our next meeting date is Monday, January 23rd. We plan activities and have meals a local restaurants. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance (“darkness”) and sin (the “yoke”).

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of “Christ's party.” The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

INFORMATION SHEET

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