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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

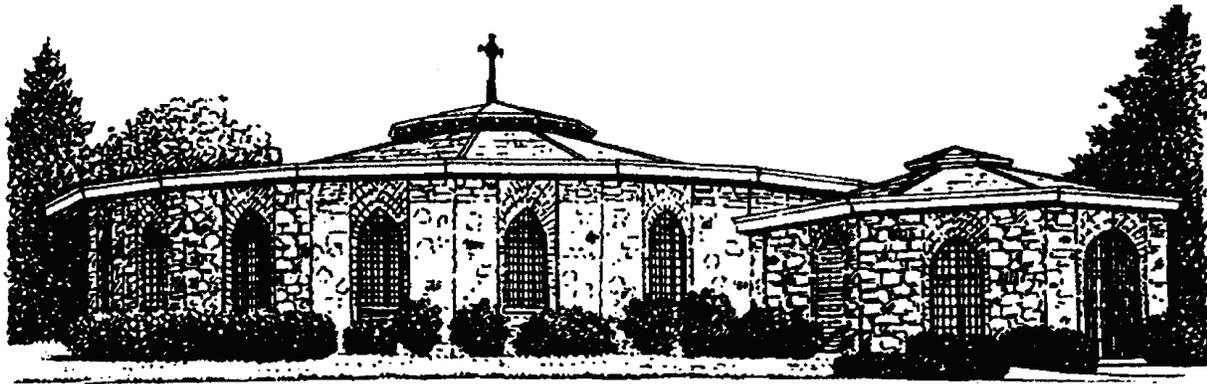
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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



Weekly Offering



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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of February 26, 2017
\$9011.00

Attendance—749 Envelopes-238

Maintenance

\$2455.00 Envelopes—160

SATURDAY, March 4, 2017

5:00 William Farrell req. by Carolyn Walters

SUNDAY, March 5, 2017

8:00 Michael Campbell (brother of Jack) req. by Claire & Mark O'Brien

10:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. by Michael & Carla Scazafave

12:00 Mary Farrell req. by The Farrell Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 The Pope's Intentions for March

9:00 Luigi Fantecone req. by Elvira Fantecone

TUESDAY

7:15 Emily Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick

9:00 Dennis McGinnity req. by Marty McGinnity

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Stephanie Nedwick req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick

9:00 John Thaler req. by Margret Bishop

THURSDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Carol Vital req. by James & Patricia Kennedy & Family

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Laura Martins Pullicino req. by Alice Droogan

SATURDAY

9:00 Anna Matthews req. by Rita O'Shea

5:00 Doris White req. by Pat White

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade

12:00 Rickey & Carmen Sbezzi req. J.P. Doyle's

TODAY'S READINGS

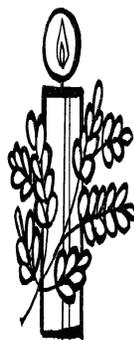
First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Stephanie Nedwick req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Anna Matthews req. by Netta Sloboda

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in the memory of Judy & Max Sher req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: St. John of God
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Abstinence
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

“CALL YOUR DAD/CALL YOUR MOM”: All of us who have moved out of our family home, this phrase becomes a familiar refrain, whether we hear it from our co-workers or our roommates, or spouses and kids, or even in our heads. We hear these words all our adult lives. We even tell ourselves, “I’ll call later, when I have time,” only to find that later means days, weeks, or even months. We drag our feet because we sometimes feel like we are doing it purely as an obligation. Occasionally, we receive the message at inconvenient times, like in the middle of a meeting, or during class, or even when we are having a night out. But these words are so important, because they break out us out of our routine and remind us to reconnect with the ones who loved us so much that they gave life to us, and love us unconditionally, so much so that they allow us the freedom to call them back when it is convenient for us. This refrain of “call your mom / dad” forces us to make our parents a priority once again in our lives, and to allow them to be present in a way that an e-mail or a text message cannot do. The conversations might feel banal at times, the topics uninteresting to us, but the words don’t matter. What is important is that moment of sharing and mutual care.

Our Lenten practices are meant to be our way of “calling our dad,” of making God the priority in our lives once again. Often, the topic surrounding Lent tends to be about what everyone is going to give up, or do. Sometimes people see it as an opportunity to go on a diet by giving up candy, cakes, and other sweets, and this is a good thing to do. Still others decide to be kinder and more patient, perhaps give a bigger donation to charity, and these, too, are all good and important works. But they are all signs for us that tell us to “call our dad,” because ultimately, Lent is about recognizing our relationship with Him and making Him our priority. We are meant to break our routine with these Lenten observances of prayer, almsgiving and fasting in order to return to God once again and know His unconditional love for us, a love that is so unconditional that He does not force us to love Him, but allows us to choose to love Him instead.

This is important to remember because, for example, I have occasionally received the complaint, “

Why does the Church force me to abstain from meat on Friday? I am hosting a party, and it will be so hard to feed the guests if there is no meat option,” or “I am going to a party on Friday, and I don’t want to inconvenience the hosts.” The reality is that no one is forcing us to observe these practices. No one is holding the fork to the table saying “no, don’t eat that chicken.” Nor is anyone forcing our hand into our wallets to pull out a five-dollar bill to give to the beggar on the street. We always have the choice. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving, like all of the obligations of our faith, are not meant to be served, but to serve us in deepening our relationship with God. So not eating a meatball on Friday is simply to abstain from meat is pointless without the deeper intention of changing my heart, of appreciating what I have, of knowing that all nourishes me comes from God, and that the very option to be able to say “no” is a luxury that most people do not have. Giving money to the poor is a waste of time if I do not also get to know the person who is asking for the money, to treat them as a fellow human being, and to give them proper respect. More prayer is not a good if all I do is talk about me and my problems, and do not spend time listening to what God has to say, whether in the Bible or the prayers at Mass, in spiritual reading, or in how He moves my heart. And prayer is also not good if I don’t become more compassionate, understanding and desirous of doing good in the world. If I do these Lenten practices only as an obligation, then I am wasting my time. These exercises should instead be free acts of my choice, to join with the rest of the Church in giving time and space, honor and glory to the One who made us, who saved us, and who lives in us.

So this Lent, don’t forget to call your Dad.

**CHANGE IN FRIDAYS IN LENT
A PROGRAM OF PRAYER**

March 3, 7:00pm: Way of the Cross

March 10, 7:00pm: Taize

March 24, 7:00pm: Lenten Film and Reflection

March 31: CANCELLED due to Parent’s Night in the Parish Hall

April 7, 7:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration

Children are invited to all events

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **OUR NEW MEMBERS:** Alba Cuevas, newborn; Catherine Rose Solano, Baptized.
- **OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS**
- **OUR SICK:** Lois Duggan, Mary Curtain, Bob Patterson, Carmen Rodriguez
- **OUR DECEASED:** David Zittle, Anna Matthews

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.

The Cardinal's Appeal

*Transfiguration's Goal: \$87,500.00
To Date 34,855.00*
As of Friday, February 24, 2017*

*The Cardinal's Appeal Supports:
**RETIRED PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS
with \$3 million***

Lifetime of spiritual service

We are grateful for the lifelong dedication and spiritual guidance of our priests. Through the *Appeal*, the Saint John Vianney Center for Retired Clergy, Egan Pavilion and Our Lady of Consolation residences can comfort our leaders as they once comforted and served us.

Thank you for generosity!

DADS LENTEN PROJECT—Parish Hall

Cleanup, Saturday, March 11, 10:00 am: Asking dads to spare an hour of free time to help remove broken and unused furniture from the parish hall. Any help would be appreciated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17: St. Patrick's Day is the patronal feast of the Archdiocese. Cardinal Dolan has given the archdiocese a dispensation from fasting and abstinence for this day.

ANNULMENTS: An annulment of marriage is a legal recognition that there was some problem at the moment the couple made their vows that impaired their ability to make these vows, thus rendering the marriage contract invalid. Canon law offers various situations that would permit the annulment of this contract.

For those who have married in the Catholic Church and have divorced, or those who were non-Catholic and in a civilly recognized marriage to another non-Catholic and who have since divorced and would like to have their situation regularized, should have their first marriage annulled. For further information, please visit the archdiocesan website at: <https://archny.org/faq-annulments>, and make an appointment with one of the priests here in the parish as well. We would be happy to help you with any questions or concerns and accompany you in the process.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It is not too early to make our summer plans. Don't forget to include Vacation Bible School as one of your child's July activities. Our theme this year is "**MIGHTY FORTESS, in Jesus the victory is won.**"

Journey with us from July 10th through 14th as we find our King in the castles of our hearts. Children from 3 to 12 years old are invited to be princesses and princes in the kingdom of the Lord. Have fun while learning about Jesus through His Word. Look for registration forms in the weeks to come.

Call Nancy Nelson at (914)631-2380 or e-mail nancynelson2380@gmail.com for more information.

**TRANSFIGURATION REGIONAL SCHOOL
TOURING TUESDAYS**

**March 14 and April 4
From 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester invites you to experience Catholic Schools in action by visiting on a TOURING TUESDAY open house event. Prospective parents are invited to visit between the hours of 9-11 AM or by appointment to RSVP please call 914-631-3737 or www.buildboldfutures.org

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





Looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the Sanctuary; light dusting, swiffing, and cleaning the holy water fonts. It should take about twenty minutes. And would be once every three months or so. Please call Marge Murphy for more information, 914-631-0465

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2017:

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass for all couples who will celebrate their 50th anniversaries this year. To register, call the parish office before March 1, 2017, and we will register you. Three tickets will be reserved (2 for the couple + 1 for a family member or friend, if assistance is needed) in the center aisle pews. Additional non-reserved seating will be available for other family and friends.

Iona Prep Basketball Clinic Information

Iona Prep is having two basketball clinics which are designed for students entering grades 3—8. The dates for the 2017 clinics are as follows:

- February 20-23
- June 26-29
- July 31– August 3 (Only Grades 6-9)
- August 7-10

If interested contact Coach Vic Quirolo at Iona Prep (914)632-0714 extension 231

vquirol@ionaprep.org

To access our website or to download a brochure, go to www.ionaprep.org and click athletics.



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TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS

Thursday, March 9th, St. Patrick's Luncheon at **12 noon** \$15.00 Members \$20 Guests
Sign Up by March 5th.
Traditional corned beef & cabbage menu.
SET UP in Hall on Wed 3/8 at 9:30 AM.
Volunteers appreciated!

Twining Contributions:

Thanks to all who have contributed for the 2017 calendar year which is the school year in Soyapango. If you planned to contribute and did not yet do so, the committee is still happy to accept contributions. Forms can be found in the rack by the elevator. Or contact Ted Sohn at sonhpt@msn.com to have a form emailed.

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT PRAY / FAST / GIVE

Transfiguration parish has started our weekly Lenten service collections.

This week we are collecting for the **RSHM LIFE CENTER**. The center is located on Beekman Avenue in Sleepy Hollow, serving all these in need from all faiths and cultures, toddlers to seniors.

Wish List: pencils, loose leaf paper, two-pocket folders, spiral and marble notebooks, construction paper, index cards, crayons, markers, glue sticks. Please no pens or highlighters.

Next week we will be collecting for the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection**. This is a parish based ministry. In confidentially, through person to person contact, we care for the spiritual health as well as physical needs of our neighbors.

Pantry needs: toilet paper, paper towels, jarred pasta sauce 26oz., canned chicken 12.5oz., canned tuna 6oz., small jars of jelly 15oz., canned fruit (in juice not syrup), canned vegetables, canned soup. Monetary donations always accepted.

March 18/19-Paws Crossed Animal Rescue.

March 25/26- Open Door Family Medical Center

April 1/2- Midnight Run and Covenant House

April 8/9 -St Vincent de Paul Collection

Please place your donations in the green St. Vincent de Paul truck in the parking lot vestibule.

INFORMATION SHEET

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