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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

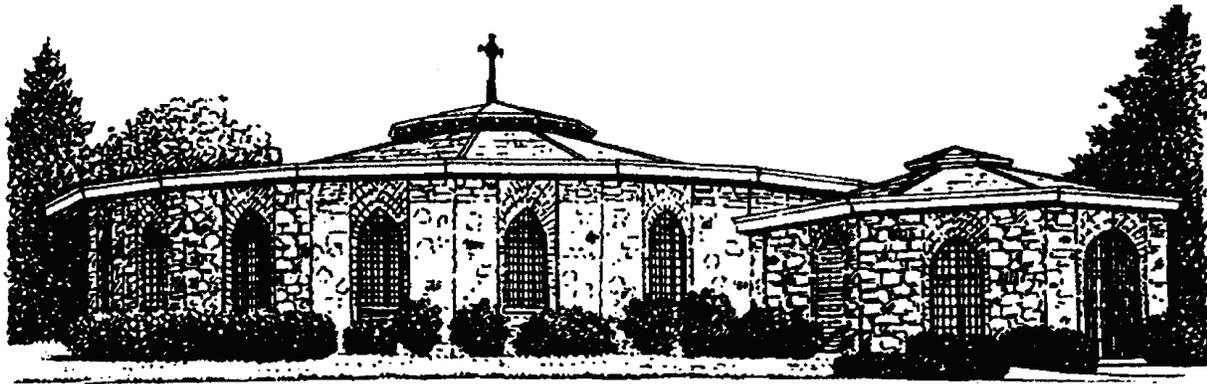
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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



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God's Plan for Giving

Collection of March 19, 2017
\$8578.00

Attendance—813 Envelopes— 236
Maintenance
\$2132.00 Envelopes-157

SATURDAY, March 25, 2017

7:00 Earl Michelin req. by Nancy Nelson

SUNDAY, March 26, 2017

8:00 A Special Intention
10:00 William Purdy req. by The Transfiguration Choir
12:00 Robert Fragola req. by Chris Kulusic

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 John Raffaele req. by Susan & William Marmo

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Katherine Weaver req. by Maureen Vanginderen

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Mary Degan req. by Maureen Vanginderen

THURSDAY

7:15 Irene Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope
9:00 Anna Matthews req. Helen Lennon

FRIDAY

7:15 David Zittle req. by Bill Hall
9:00 David Zittle req. by Bill Hall

SATURDAY

9:00 A Special Intention
5:00 David O'Shea req. by Kathleen O'Brien

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 A Special Intention
10:00 Kimberly Ramirez req. by The Ramirez Family
12:00 Anne C. Kolarich req. by Linda & Dan Lucia

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

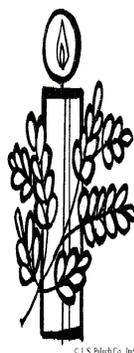
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Sister Laura Goidez C.R. req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of the recently deceased of our parish.

The Shrine candles are burning this week for World Peace.

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: First Saturday
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

—Blaise Pascal

VIETNAM TODAY

“What’s happened?”

Many asked me this question when I asked them to pray for my beloved country. They said, “I thought Vietnam was doing well”. This gives me an opportunity to tell the story of the real Vietnam today.

One can point out right away that Vietnam today is still in war. Someone may react: “What? I thought the Vietnam war ended long time ago.” True, that war was over four decades ago, but Vietnam has entered another war ever since; and this war is even more complicated and tricky to fight. Why? Because it is less visible and it destroys Vietnam from inside. Eventually, we have begun to recognize its existence through its deadly effects. This war is caused by GREED.

What would be the root of this greed? It is the atheistic-communist philosophy that has been imposed on the educational and political system of Vietnam. Among many misleading ideas, the communist government has forced into our society the idea that religions are superstitious and anti-science, that there is no God and life after death. Some people may find those points “interesting” for an intellectual debate; but for those who actually live within this ideology, they suffer tremendously. At the level of PRINCIPLES, if there were no God, there would be no real Holder of truth and norms for the moral life of the society. Conscience would lose its guiding value. Faith and trust among people would be absurd, except for the purpose of personal selfish gains. If there were no life after death, there would be no reason to live a good and virtuous life. All sacrifices would be pointless. This annihilates the purpose of being good. People would be bitterly despaired and selfish.

Now let’s take some examples as consequences of this ideology. Regarding the **communal life** which used to be a strong value for our culture identity, people have gradually lost the sense of care for one another and focused on their own interest. That’s why people knowingly put harmful chemicals into food and drink to make more money or produce fake food products for others to use. Greed! Consequently, we are facing hundreds of cases of critical and “strange diseases” each day besides

many cases of food poisoning. Safe food is hard to identify. Illnesses consume people’s wealth, energy and lives.

Politically, corruption is everywhere. Though communist officials claim to be “servants of the people”, they have robbed many poor people of their property and human rights. Greed! No one is strange to the so-called “Thu Tuc Dau Tien” (first procedure) which implies “where is the money?”, an act of bribery. If you want any public service that lawfully belongs to your right, you have to give some “under table money”, even in the emergency room; otherwise, wait as long as you want. Ironically, greed destroys the very ideal of Communism. Government officials are among the richest in the country. Furthermore, the political system of Vietnam is not as stable as it looks. As a matter of fact, many communist officials have opened bank accounts overseas, bought houses in other countries and sent their children there, just in case the system collapses. Several sources also point out that Vietnamese communists have sold to China strategic lands of the country under the disguise of long term leases to Chinese companies (greed!), but this has been said to be a way of invasion and occupation. Besides, there is no real freedom of speech and press in Vietnam. The media are instruments to protect the State power. In this condition, truth is only one-sided. Many people have been labeled and persecuted when they expressed their opinions against corruption and injustice.

Economically, one of the most recent “heated” incidents is the poisoning of the sea in the central part of Vietnam by a Taiwanese steel company named Formosa. Hundreds of tons of fish died from heavy metal contamination. The fishing industry of Vietnam which has been a main pillar for our economy collapsed. Millions of people lost their livelihood. The sea environment has been destroyed, and experts estimated that it would take decades before people could fish again. Fishers and their families have no other way to make ends meet while in debts. No one dares to eat sea fish. Sea tourism also suffers terribly because people are scared to go to the beach. Etc... One would wonder how the government could allow Formosa to enter Vietnam .

because this company had caused terrible damage to the environment in other countries like Cambodia and the US. Greed! Thousands of affected people have been on the street to protest non-violently against this company which is still operating till this very day. For some hidden reason, the Vietnamese government suppressed Vietnamese protestors cruelly. This oppressive act has created both fear and anger in people.

In the midst of all this, interestingly, the Catholic Church in Vietnam has become the leading voice for the poor and the oppressed, though some people still hold that the Church should not be involved in politics. This involvement actually has its root in the misuse of church properties confiscated by the Communists. Historically, when taking over Vietnam in 1975, the Communist government “borrowed” with force many church properties to use “for the public service of the people”. But then they began to sell them for their own interest. Greed! Church leaders objected to this dishonest action. The Communists attacked the Church fiercely and pushed the Church to the side of the oppressed. Since then; the oppressed, including non-Catholics, gradually found for them a voice in the Catholic Church.

The method to protest against injustice led by some Catholic priests is always **non-violent** following the footsteps of Jesus Christ. For example, Fr. Nam and Fr. Thuc asked people: *“We will march for our children’s future, but before we do that, do you promise you will stay calm and non-violent even when they beat you or kill you? Do you promise that when they strike you, you will sit down on the ground with your hands covering your face and pray and sing our Christian prayers. If you cannot promise that, stay home.”* Of course, the priests have been threatened day and night, beaten up on the way, and persecuted by the State media. The government attempted to provoke violent reactions from protestors so they could officially label them as rebels to systematically suppress them. But under the leadership of the Catholic priests, people have determined to stay non-violent even though they were beaten up, arrested and tortured terribly. It is very painful to see this happening.

At times I heard politicians in America mention the word “Vietnam”. But they seemed to be interested in the past war as a way to get some credit. No concerns have been shown for the real Vietnam suffering everyday under the grip of oppressive atheistic Communism. And this is painful, too.

Vietnam is on the way of the Cross. Please continue to pray for us that we overcome the temptation of greed and violence.

Thank you and have a blessed Lent!

- Fr. Viet

LENT - A PROGRAM OF PRAYER:

March 31, 6:00pm: Lenten Dinner and Reflection Evening--Sign up in the parish office by Monday, March 27th

April 7, 7:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration

Children are invited to all events

PLEASE PRAY :

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS: 1LT Matthew Coughlin, Army Ranger

OUR SICK: Mary Ann Curtin, Helen Jones, Sadie Ryan

OUR DECEASED: Maria Luisa Bruno, Julia Kostelny, and Marian DiCaprio

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.

Mass and Healing Prayers

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Elmsford, will be hosting Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga , from Rwanda to celebrate a Healing Mass on Monday April 3 at 7 pm and a meditation workshop on Forgiveness Wednesday April 5 at 7 pm.

Come and pray with us as Fr Ubald brings his gift of healing prayers to our community. Everyone is invited!

To learn more about Fr Ubald's Ministry of Healing go to www.frubald.com

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Carolina & Patrick Molloy & George Guastella. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



**THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT
PRAY / FAST / GIVE**

Transfiguration parish has started our weekly Lenten service collections.

This week- Open Door Family Medical Center– Located in Ossining and Sleepy Hollow OPEN DOOR is a patient centered health care service. Since 1972 the center has served low income families. We are supporting their **Baby Box Project**. This is a new born starter kit for moms in need. The box serves as a bassinet with a firm mattress, mattress cover and sheet. We will help fill the boxes with **size 1 diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash cream and other appropriate new born needs.**

Next week- Midnight Run and Covenant House Covenant House servers homeless youth and Midnight Run helps the needy of all ages living on the streets. We are collecting **toiletries: regular size for Covenant House and travel size for Midnight Run. New soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoos, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm, moisturizers and wash cloths, etc.**

April 8/9 -St Vincent de Paul Easter Collection

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



Congratulations to our confirmandi who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 25th

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| Madison Ardanowski | James McCoy |
| Marcus Calica | Nicholas Morabito |
| Talon Carsto | Cecelia Moriarty |
| Isabella Chambers | Ella Mourani |
| Olivia Chambers | Caleb Moyer |
| Emma Clark | Julian Mueller |
| Thomas Coleman | Christopher Naughton |
| Emma Correia | Madeline Navin |
| Caleb Curry | Nicole Roberts |
| Robert DelVecchio | Michael Rosario |
| Jane Doyle | Zachary Rudder |
| Patricia Fernandes | Kira Schaefer |
| Madelyn Fortugno | Angelina Smajlaj |
| Antonia Franciosa | Dylan Smith |
| Alexandra Godin | Patrick Smith |
| Benjamin Good | James Springer |
| Harrison Halesworth | Daniel Sullivan |
| Shannan Harrison | Kevin Sullivan |
| Luke Johnson | Sadie Swenson |
| Weston Latessa | Isaiah Thompson |
| Tailer Law | Grace Vacca |
| Jaida Lawrence | Claire Ward |
| Cassandra McGuire | James Welch |

Please join for the Transfiguration School for our Spring Fundraiser, *“Denim & Diamonds”*, April 29th, Saturday from 7:00 pm to 10:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Dancing—Music—Live Auction—Silent Auction
\$20,000 Raffle

The dinner is catered by the Westchester Manor Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door. This is an adult only event.



Transfiguration CYO Basketball Program

Our annual fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 1st** at 6:00pm in the school gym. The event cost is \$25.00, which includes the NCCA

FINAL FOUR games on the largest screen in Westchester, delicious food from JP Doyle’s, a chance to win a flat screen TV and our always popular few throw contest. You need to be 21 or older to attend. Please contact Rob Sullivan , 646-529-0413 or Rob-Sullivan@Optonline.net to purchase a ticket. Please feel free to invite family and friends to this great Transfiguration tradition.

APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

—Mark Twain

Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on April 6th, Thursday at 7 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Newcomers Welcome. For more information contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007 or visit www.shawlministry.com

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