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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

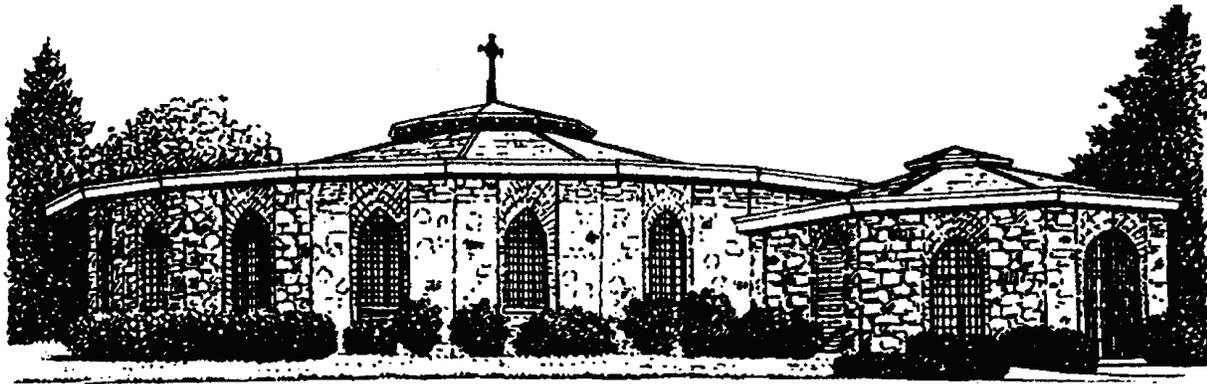
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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  
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# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

April 23, 2017

\$7,288.00

Attendance—768 Envelopes-228

Maintenance

\$2339.00 Envelopes-153

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial,  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: St. Athanasius  
Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,  
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James  
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;  
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo  
Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: First Saturday  
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6;  
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### SATURDAY, April 29, 2017

8:00 Frances Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths

### SUNDAY, April 30, 2017

- 8:00 Marietta Scipioni req. by Paola Mosca
- 10:00 The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus req. by the St. Elmo Council
- 12:00 David O'Shea req. by Noel O'Brien & Family

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY

- 7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
- 9:00 Jack Centofanti req. by Donna Shaw

#### TUESDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Marion Reilly req. by Gloria Agro

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Marion Reilly req. by Kevin & Rosemary Plunkett

#### THURSDAY

- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Mariannina Traontelli req. by Matilda Carrozzi

#### FRIDAY

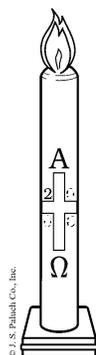
- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

#### SATURDAY

- 9:00 Kathleen Casey req. by Joanne & Ed Brady
- 5:00 Vincent Tien req. by Fr. Viet

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:00 James R. Kane req. by Kathleen Kane
- 10:00 Guy Wilson req. by Jean Wilson
- 12:00 Catherine Riveroso req. by Gloria Agro



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week for the Girardi Children req. by Mary Lou Murray.

The Chapel Candle is burning in the Chapel this week for Helen M. Jones req. by Maureen Vanginderen

The Shrine candles are burning this week for all our First Responders in our parish.

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## Confirmation Enrollment

On Sunday, May 7 at the 10:00 am Mass, our Confirmation students for 2018 will be making their commitment to pray, study, participate at Mass, and perform community service as part of their formation and preparation for the sacrament.

Please pray for these young people as they journey towards completing their initiation in the Church.



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**THE MISSION OF CHRIST TODAY - OUR PARISH OUTREACH: THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Continuing our reflections on the impact of the risen Christ in our parish life today, I would like to focus on a quiet but important ministry that, perhaps, we have never thought to avail ourselves, and that is the prayer shawl ministry. Below is a thoughtful sharing from Pat Nyarady, on the impact of this ministry on her life and on those who receive these gifts of prayer. If you are a knitter, or would like to learn how, please consider joining this wonderful group.

"Our Prayer Shawl Ministry began with a simple mission...to share our creative skills while expressing to our extended Transfiguration family that, as a community of believers, we are one. We celebrate together. We pray together. We suffer and heal together. This expression of prayerful comfort symbolized in the gift of our hand knitted shawls, has bonded our small group together in a way that none of us could have anticipated. We are united in an effort that is filled with surprises ...and joy. Nor did any of us expect the depth of gratitude so often expressed by those we have ministered to over the years...but then who can explain this grace that is surely amazing. Most of us learned to knit while watching our mothers' busy hands, during times that were simpler, less frantic, and quieter. Our beginning prayer brings us back to those times and reminds us to "stay on course" and ground us while recognizing that our blessed hands are humble tools, instruments of love and gifts of great importance. We ask at the beginning of each meeting that God hold us close and bless us as we cast off negative energy and as we bind in positive energy. The fruits of our labor, colorfully created, are knit in combinations of 3 stitches to represent the Trinity and the many aspects of Christianity that are expressed in 3's.... Father, Son and Holy Spirit.... Faith, Hope and Charity... Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The shawls are again lovingly prayed over by all members, labeled as gifts from the Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry, packed and delivered with more prayers of healing and blessings from our community to those who are suffering the effects of illness, enduring the day to day trials of care giving responsibilities or

mourning the loss of a loved one. At times we also create small pocket prayer shawls knitted with a Crucifix designed in its center for those people who find it more practical to carry a prayerful reminder of the community in their pocket rather than the larger wrap around variety. Fr. Viet, Fr. Hasley and Father Joseph were recipients of dozens of these smaller prayer shawls as gifts from our community to theirs in Trinidad and Vietnam. Our reward is always in the giving itself; no further response is necessary, yet the unexpected notes from recipients have been overwhelming with profound written expressions of faith, gratitude and God-given wisdom which we read aloud before our monthly meetings. The depth of thanksgiving from the recipients often stuns us into silence at hearing the impact our humble gifts have meant to others. One parishioner wrote that our shawl helped her to muster the "strength to surrender and trust" that God was with her. Another spoke of being wrapped in a "mantle of goodness" while another thanked us for a gift that was symbolic of the "caring community" she had "always experienced at Transfiguration Parish". Others speak of the "warmth and healing comfort of the Holy Spirit" that is felt when wrapped in one of our shawls. Long after their ordeal is but a memory, one wrote that, "even after treatment was completed", she "continued to use the shawl as a reminder of the generosity of this wonderful parish". Such a simple gift yet clearly a powerful instrument of prayer and love! One young woman, a longtime, personal friend of mine, wrote that when she wrapped herself in her shawl after her chemo treatments, she sat at her window and felt overwhelming peace to face whatever might come. When she passed away, those words gave comfort not only to her family, but to me as well. One gentleman noted that this was the most thoughtful gift he had ever received while another recipient wrote that, as our enclosed prayer indicated, he truly did feel "cradled in hope, graced with peace and wrapped in love". Given the overwhelming feedback we so often receive, the knowledge that our message has made such an impact is both energizing and humbling at the same time. On a very basic level, the simple mission of our Prayer Shawl Ministry is of gift giving, yet on a

deeper level our work is so much more as the Holy Spirit transforms this gift giving into a life giving instrument that renews the spirit of both giver and receiver. It is a blessing to be a part of a ministry that supports the Christian bond of community, where joy and peace can triumph over fear and where God's amazing grace is so marvelously experienced.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- **OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS**
- **OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**
- **OUR SICK:** Andrew Sze
- **OUR DECEASED:** Helen Jones

*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.*

***REVIVE! A CLUSTER MISSION:***

Coming to Mass every Sunday, but still feel a longing for more? Come join us for an evening of reflection on God's love and to understand His plan for us. The three-day *REVIVE* mission will be held Monday–Wednesday, May 8, 9 10. Adoration from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The mission will start at 7:00 pm.

Please visit: [www.FaithEveryDay.com](http://www.FaithEveryDay.com) for more information.

You will find sign-up cards are in the Church foyer. Next to the sign-up cards you will find a box to leave your completed sign-up.

**LATEST NEWS:** Our website includes videos of our latest events, as well as articles and the weekly bulletin. Please check it out at: <https://transfiguration-tarrytown.org/>

**TRANSFIGURATION  
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Will meet on Thursday evening May 4 at 7 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome. For further information please contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007 or visit [www.prayershawlministry.com](http://www.prayershawlministry.com)

***The Society of St. Vincent de Paul***

- Our next food pantry collection will be on the weekend of May 13th & 14th.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday May 18th at 7:30 in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. New members are welcome.

**Transfiguration Seniors Club**

Thursday, May 18th, 1:00 pm Senior Pizza Party.

Please sign up. Guests are \$5.00



**JUNE 24-25: SAVE THE DATE!!!**

This year, the parish celebrates 50 years in the current church building. To mark this auspicious occasion, we will have a parish picnic on Saturday, June 24 at 6:30pm, and on Sunday, June 25, we will have a solemn Mass at 12:00pm followed by a reception. We will need help with the preparations, so please check out for the flyer in the bulletin.

The Coffee Hour today, is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Elmo Council honoring their deceased members. The coffee hour will be after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Mareen Marinopolous and Cait Cain. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.



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.

## CATECHIST'S CORNER: REFLECTIONS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The Catholic Church teaches that the Bible was composed through Divine Revelation. We must keep in mind that the authors were men, and their humanity comes into play. God did not use them like robots, merely to write as He dictated. He inspired them to give us His message. These writers used a variety of literary forms to explain what God wanted us to know.

I love the story of Jonah. God told him to go to Nineveh and tell them to repent. He was reluctant to go to these pagan people who were ruthless in their destruction of Israel and tell them what to do. So Jonah tried to escape from God. Was there a whale involved? Probably not. I can relate to Jonah. I think of myself as a modern-day Jonah. The chaplain at the Middletown Psychiatric Center needed Catholics to help with liturgies, etc. This was a huge facility housing many clients. Someone asked me to attend Mass there and to meet the chaplain. I went with a group of people. After Mass, we were sitting in a courtyard to talk about the needs and challenges we were facing. We were soon surrounded by people asking questions and asking for bibles. I felt drawn to this ministry. When I inquired who was interested in volunteering, everyone had an excuse why they couldn't do it. I knew God wanted me to reach out to those suffering from mental illness. I said, "Lord, I can't go alone. I'm afraid. You sent your disciples out in pairs." I did not respond to God's call at that time.

The coming months saw many changes on the political scene. The new governor wanted to close this state facility, and he eventually convinced enough of his fellow politicians that funding this institution was a waste of taxpayers' money. This inhumane action caused severe hardship for those already burdened by illness. Many people were cast out into the streets until housing could be found. Some were fortunate enough to be placed in group homes. Most had long been abandoned by their families.

I was the leader of a prayer group at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown. We met every Monday night at 7:00pm in the church basement. One night, several new people arrived. They were looking for consolation, comfort, love—in essence, God. I welcomed them. At the end of our evening of prayer and praise, one woman told me that she didn't have anywhere to go for the evening. She had been

guaranteed a room in the morning in a group home. I couldn't let fear interfere with my doing the Lord's will again, so I asked her if she wanted to sleep at my home that evening. She accepted my offer. Years later, she shared that on that night, her life was turned around. She eventually obtained her own apartment and was reunited with her grown children whom she hadn't seen since they were babies. Her children forgave and understood their mother's difficulty. They knew at last their mothers' love. They were happy to have her in their children's lives.

More and more men and women suffering from mental illness came to the prayer group. Some were very spiritual, and possessed many gifts that they were eager to share. Others were just looking for community and someone to care. The core group was enriched by several women who came every week. To my holiday table, I invited those who were alone, despite my children's complaints. Eventually, a small community was formed and they shared holidays together.

Many of our group's members provided transportation to Mass and the Monday night meeting. I attended many anniversaries of sobriety. We advocated for these people in any way we could. One of our members was a doctor, and he treated them whenever they needed medical attention. When you pray with someone they become family. There were many blessings over the years and the peace that comes from doing the Lord's will. Since I wouldn't go to God's people, He sent them to me. So take a lesson from Jonah and me. Give in to God's call, because sooner or later, you will.

*-Nancy Nelson*

## **Twinning Reception:**

On Sunday, May 7, in the church hall after the noon Mass, the Twinning Committee will hold a reception for those who have supported the project in El Salvador over the years. Following the reception, for those who can stay, there will be a showing of a **powerful new documentary on Archbishop Romero** and his role in the civil war that led to his martyrdom. All welcome.

RSVP to [sohnpat@msn.com](mailto:sohnpat@msn.com) or 631-4596 if you plan to attend the reception.

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