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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

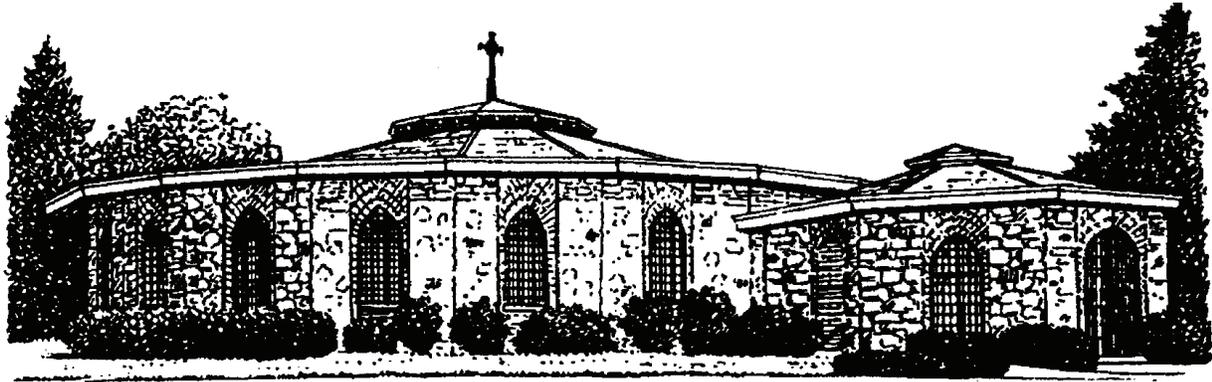
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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 SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 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

Religious Ed. Center
Prospect Avenue
631-2380



Weekly Offering



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SATURDAY, July 29, 2017

5:00 Marco Broadway req. by John & Peggy Kraft

SUNDAY, July 30, 2017

:00 Lindsay Doherty
10:00 David O'Shea req. by the Transfiguration Seniors
12:00 Rena & John Parlapiano req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Billy Martin & Richard Saponara req. by Denise Martin

TUESDAY

7:15 Frank Cherico req. by Carolyn Walters
9:00 Jean Mangione req. by Elaine Smith

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Maria Le Thi Ho req. by Rita O'Shea

THURSDAY

7:15 Teresa Tieuli req. by Marianne Larsh
9:00 Maria Le Thi Ho req. by The Transfiguration Seniors

FRIDAY

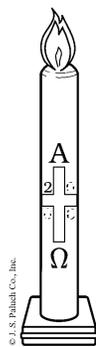
7:15 For the Healing of Michael Rosaro req. by His Mom & Loved Ones
9:00 Marion Reilly req. Kathy & Fred Gross

SATURDAY

9:00 Rose Helly req. by John & Katy Lough
5:00 Victoria Hughes req. by Cindy & Brian Fleming

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Joan M. Ricci req. by The Falcon Family
10:00 Anna Matthews req. by David & Rose Ann Peters & Family
12:00 David O'Shea req. by James & Patricia Kennedy & Family



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Mary Kunert req. by Teresa Broadway

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week in the memory of John Walpuck req. by Dianna Walpuck

The Shrine candles are burning this week in memory of William Fischer req. by Kathleen & Larry Fischer

God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, July 23, 2017
\$7,599.00

Attendance— 679 Envelopes—203

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]
- Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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PRAY

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul.

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

REGISTERING IN THE PARISH...WHY?:

Many people who regularly attend a given parish for Mass do not register as parishioners. There are many reasons for this. Single people might feel that they are not settled yet, and so, see no need to make this form of "commitment." Others come from countries where this is not the practice. Still others fear receiving junk mail, or are concerned that others might be privy to their weekly contributions and judged on this information.

BENEFITS: There are, however, some important benefits to registration. First, when someone is asked to be a godparent for someone to be baptized, or a sponsor for someone to be confirmed, registration gives the parish an immediate record that the potential godparent is an active Catholic who at least regularly practices their Sunday obligation of worshipping with the community. Second, for those who wish to receive the sacrament of matrimony or apply for holy orders (priesthood), being registered is one of the ways that demonstrate one's commitment to the faith. Third, sometimes an organization requires letters of recommendation from one's house of worship, and registration helps the parish to be able to write this letter with more confidence. Fourth, from an economic view, registration and making offertory contributions using envelopes enables the parish to keep a record of contributions which one can then claim as a deduction on their taxes.

"FATHER SHOULD RECOGNIZE ME BECAUSE I'M HERE EVERY SUNDAY" and "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY":

These are two arguments that are sometimes raised. While it is true that the priests might recognize your face, particularly if you see them after Mass every Sunday, they might not know your full name. And if you never greet the priests, but leave instead by other exits, the priests might not recognize you at all. So registration helps the priests to learn parishioners' names, and in the event of emergencies, such as a sick call, the priests can attend to your needs more readily.

With regard to the money, the parish does OK financially, so we are not concerned about the amount of every person's offertory giving. On the contrary, our

parishioners are fully aware that the running of the parish and the maintenance of the school require funding, and thankfully, your weekly contributions reflect this. So on the parish level, our motivation is not financial. Instead, we would like to know who our parishioners are, and in doing so, learn how best to serve your needs.

So if you have not done so, please consider registering in the parish at your earliest convenience.

"I WAS BAPTIZED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVED ALL MY SACRAMENTS THERE, AND I GO THERE WHENEVER I AM IN TOWN":

Our office often receives requests from people who desire or who have been asked to be godparents or confirmation sponsors. Below are the requirements as outlined in canon law:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must be a baptized Catholic who has completed the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- May not be the parent of the child being baptized.
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, and living their faith.
- The two godparents do not have to be married to one another.
- A baptized non-Catholic may not be a godparent but may serve as a witness along with a Catholic godparent.
- Non-baptized persons may not serve as witnesses or godparent.

So those of you who might choose a godparent or sponsor, or become one in the future, the Church asks you to make the person's faith life the main criterion.

WHY ALL THE RULES? It seems like a lot of requirements for someone to fulfill, but for those of us who regularly practice our faith, they really are our normal practice. If this is the case, then why do we specify these requirements?

On the one hand, the Church takes seriously both the relationship of the person with God and, in the case of children, the parents' desire that their child should

be raised according to the faith that they themselves want to share with their child. For us as people of faith, there is no greater gift that one can receive than to become a child of God and a member of the Body of Christ, which is what happens in baptism. We want to ensure, therefore, that the person has the best means possible for developing this relationship, including the godparent chosen for them. Therefore, the godparent should be one who takes the faith as seriously as they and the parents do.

On the other hand, the godparent also represents the Church to both the child and their parents as a sign of Christian faith, and helps to concretize the relationship between the family and the Church.

Sometimes, we get requests for letters of recommendation for sponsorship from people who are the relatives of the parents and are chosen as godparents because they believe that the role of the godparent is to take over parental responsibility of the child should the parents become incapable of carrying out their duties. These people might have been received all of their sacraments here and attended the elementary school; however, they have not attended Church in years, or only participate in the community worship occasionally. Of course, they are always welcome to be part of the Eucharist, but it is clear that their relationship to the faith is tenuous, and therefore, would not be able to fulfill the duties required of Christian godparents.

THE CHALLENGE FOR US: Understanding this to be the case, we can appreciate, therefore, that our weekly participation in the Eucharist is not just for ourselves. As members of the Body of Christ, we have the blessing of participating in a faith that is so deep and profound that there is always something new to discover and learn. We pray for those entering the Church, those struggling in or indifferent to their faith, and their families. And we prepare ourselves in case God might call us to help these families by becoming godparents and sponsors.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: One of the most undervalued sacraments is that of anointing of the sick. This sacrament has its origins in the letter of James, wherein the apostle advises the sick to see the priest. We offer this sacrament for all those who will undergo serious health tests, or become seriously ill, or have a serious change in their health status. Please see the priests at any time after Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER PARISHIONERS:

OUR SICK: Anita O'Connor, Elmer Abalahin, Frank Haigh, Anne Colucci, Maria Hao

OUR DECEASED:

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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Having done the funerals of various parishioners, it has come to my attention that these parishioners were unable to attend Mass on Sunday for years because of their health issues, and yet, never asked to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion bring them the Eucharist on a regular basis. This is one of the EMHC's duties. So if you or someone you know will be unable to attend Sunday Mass for some extended period and are homebound, but would like to receive communion, please contact the office and leave your contact information. Lois Duggan, head of the EMHCs, will contact you and arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you once a week for the duration of your illness.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS:

We wish to congratulate **SEAMUS WISEMAN** for completing his Eagle Scout project of refurbishing our kneelers. He and his team have worked very hard for the last 8 months, providing materials, time and effort, in order to make our worship space more beautiful and functional. He completed his work this past Monday by ensuring that the kneelers were functioning properly. We are grateful for his leadership and conscientious dedication to this project.

This bulletin announcement marks the official end of his work, so if any repairs need to be done to the kneelers, please refer it to the priests, and not Seamus.

Thank you.



SAFETY AND FUN: The Girl Scouts and their families, while not officially connected to the parish, are still an integral part of our parish family. Below is a recap of a recent event that combined the joy of cycling with important safety tips:

Girl Scouts Cycle to Safety at Transfiguration

On June 3rd, Transfiguration hosted a Bike Rodeo for the Girl Scouts of the Tarrytowns. The event, which focused on teaching safe cycling skills, was created and staffed by volunteers from Westchester Cycle Club (WCC) with help from the Girl Scouts. After registration, each girl's bike was checked for safety by volunteer mechanics. Brakes were tested, seat heights adjusted, tires inflated, chains cleaned, and minor repairs completed. The mechanics even fixed a couple of adult bikes so parents could ride with their daughters. Once their bike was deemed safe, girls were led through a series of stations where WCC volunteers taught proper starting, stopping, scanning, signaling, riding in a straight line, leaning the bike for turning and balance.

As a capstone to the event, experienced cyclists from WCC offered to lead girls on a supported ride along the North County Trailway. Girls who wanted had to participate in this ride were required to complete the Rodeo and then audition for the ride by demonstrating their new skills. Ten girls and three volunteers enjoyed a lovely seven mile ride along the Tarrytown lakes and beyond.

In total, about 30 girls attended the Bicycle Rodeo. Each girl learned new skills, had fun, and a couple even learned to ride on two wheels for the first time. After completing all the stations the girls received a certificate and a bell for their bike.



The Girls Scouts of the Tarrytowns would like to thank Westchester Cycle Club, Transfiguration parish, and Transfiguration School for their enthusiastic support of this event, especially Father Emiel, school principal Gina Marie Fonte and parish secretary, Elizabeth Rooney.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Many of our Religious Education families have already re-registered for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you for putting your child's faith formation ahead of other activities.

If you have not re-registered PLEASE do so now. We cannot know how many classrooms we will need to reserve until all the students are registered. No registrations will be accepted after our program has begun.

Call Nancy Nelson at 914-631-2380 or e-mail: nancynelson2380@gmail.com if you have any questions

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Our Vacation Bible School has come to an end with sounds of praise and laughter still ringing in our ears. We wish to thank God Almighty for all the blessings we received. Many people contributed to the success of our VBS. We thank them all. Our young people: Gavin Barmann, Amanda Diaz, Antonio Franciosa, Caroline Grimes, Catherine Grimes, Maggie Keogh, Michal Kozlowski, Pietros Kozlowski, Michael Mauguin, Gibran Moutani, Julian Mueller, Nathaniel Moyer, Killian Nelson, Jon Ramos, Beth Rooney, Emily Slattery, Ryan Schatzel, Kevin Sullivan, Grace Vacca and Brendan Wiseman. Our junior councilors Peyton Kelly, Jackson Manfredi, Zoey Millstein, Isabelle Moyer, Samantha Pateman, Mari Rooney and Leanna Singh were fabulous. Our adult volunteers were invaluable Gloria Agro, Elaine Smith, Ann Walsh, Rita O'Shea, Maureen Vanginderen and Pat Franciosa. Thanks to Rob Sullivan and Monique Kozlowski for helping set up. A special thank you to Liz Rooney for all her work behind the scenes. She was a great support for the VBS.

We especially thank God for our priests Fr. Emiel and Fr. Viet who were very supportive of the Bible School. They prayed, painted and laughed with us and were interested in all the activities the children participated in.

- Nancy Nelson

INFORMATION SHEET

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