

*The People of God, called to form
the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

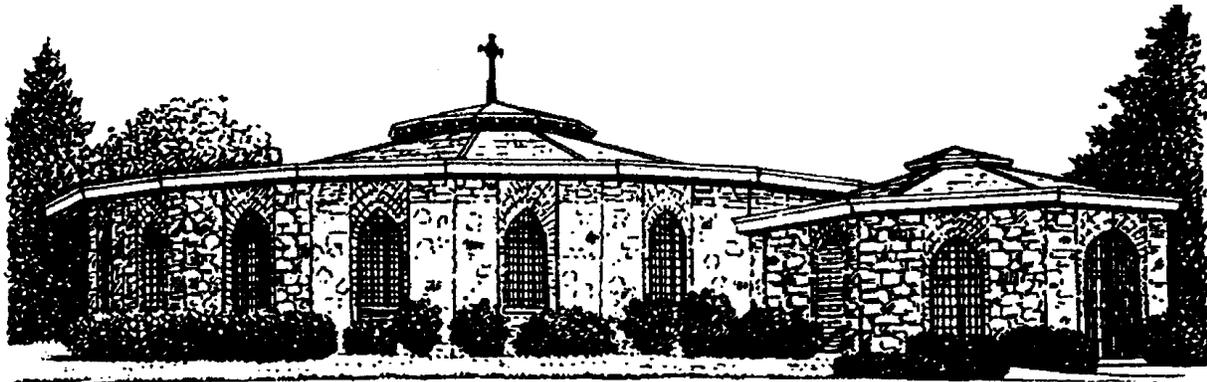
Tarrytown, New York 10591



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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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SATURDAY, September 30, 2017

:00 Lily & Martin Knapp req. by Patricia Chepiga

SUNDAY, October 1, 2017

8:00 St. Therese of the Child Jesus req. by
The Parishioners of Transfiguration
10:00 Kathryn McNichols req. by Marybeth McNichols
12:00 Rosalia Armesto req. by the Armesto Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Everett Weaver req. by Maureen Vanginderen
9:00 Julio & Novella & Dominick Grandetti

TUESDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by Karen Stanhope
9:00 Louis Agro Jr. req. by The Agro Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Brindly Fernando req. by Chithra Rodrigo
9:00 Margaret Mintern req. by The Transfiguration
Seniors

THURSDAY

7:15 Everett Weaver req. by Rita O'Shea
9:00 Joseph Thuc req. by Fr. Viet

FRIDAY

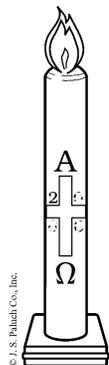
7:15 Karsandra Padgett req. By Sarah Ball
9:00 Margaret Mintern req. by Alice Koraca

SATURDAY

9:00 Margaret Mintern req. by Kitty Geissler
5:00 Tony Bischof req. by Margaret Bischof

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 William Foley req. by Peggy Foley
10:00 Stephen Busch req. by the Lanzetta Family
12:00 Bridget Connelly req. by Nick Bell, Brian Doyle



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Elmer Abalahin req. by the Latessa Family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week in the memory of Everett Weaver req. by Eleanor Cornett

The Shrine candles are burning this week in the memory of Gerald Donahue req. by Netta Sloboda

PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.
—St. Francis of Assisi

God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, September 24, 2017
\$8,723.00

Attendance—681 Envelopes—208
Church Maintenance
\$2,305.00 Envelopes-141

*Next week's second collection will be for:
School Maintenance*

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; First Friday
Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.—G.K. Chesterton

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

PART II: The Scapular after Vatican II

The most recent and authoritative Marian document for the Catholic Church today is the eighth chapter of *Lumen Gentium* – the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – issued by the Second Vatican Council on November 21, 1964. One notices that the notion “spiritual motherhood” of Mary is referred to in almost every one of the 17 numbers of this chapter. This notion is also a central theme in the Carmelite tradition. In this conciliar document, it took precedence over the language of *mediatrix* and its cognates, which had become common from the early twenties. Mary is our mother because of her role in the transmission of divine life. It is a maternal task to conceive, nurture and foster life. She is concerned that the life of Jesus be extended into the life of his mystical body the Church. The universal role of motherhood of Mary as understood in John 19:25-28, especially in the choice of Jesus’ addressing her as “Woman” instead of “Mary” or “Mother”, is of great importance. Since our theologians and spiritual writers spoke «easily of Mary as Mother of Carmelites», it will not be difficult to place Carmelite tradition on Mary as spiritual mother within the Church’s development of this understanding. We continue to deepen this theme in the next point on the Scapular.

One of the most challenging questions was the historicity of the Scapular vision of St. Simon Stock. For this reason, it attracted a lot of attention in the area of Marian devotion in Carmel after the Council. At first, it seemed to cause confusion and embarrassment. The present situation does not provide us with enough evidence to prove it false or authentic. This detail seems to be similar to many other Marian devotions. Basically, one finds it hard to prove or disprove them, if at all. That leaves space for faith and mystery which are real in a much deeper sense.

The Prior General Healy saw it important to emphasize the Christocentrism of all our devotions including the Scapular, particularly in the context of the years right after the Council. Thus he wrote in 1969: «The Scapular must bring us to Christ. We insist on repeating this because we want to avoid any danger of leaving the impression, sometimes falsely given, that Mary is a loving, forgiving mother whose role is to temper the severe justice of her Divine Son, who is our Judge. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The mercy of Jesus does not need to be tempered by Mary. Her mercy is really only a manifestation of the mercy of Christ. All that Mary has, including her own redemption, is from Christ.

Hence, the loving mercy of Mary toward us is simply a reflection and expression of the merciful love of Jesus for us. It is Jesus who has redeemed us and who pours forth his love through grace into our hearts, and who chose Mary to cooperate with him in the work of salvation» (HEALY, *Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Carmel*).

Then examining recent papal teachings, particularly of Pius XII in 1950 about the Scapular, and doing more careful and honest reflective research, our theologians have been approaching it from an angle of the dimension of “sacramental” and able to distill and attach the most basic meaning of the Scapular devotion to the significance of consecration which is theologically sound in the modern context. Indeed, the practice of consecration of individuals and the world to Mary has come very much to the fore. We can quickly recall this from the time of Pius XII to John Paul II (especially on March 25, 1984). It’s worth noting that the term “consecration” is first of all an act toward God alone, and so this term is used only in an analogous sense to Mary. There is a preferred interpretation of consecration as entrustment in the case of Mary. Consecration to Mary hence can be viewed as «a recognition of the full implications of her motherhood [...]. As she is the Mother who intercedes, it is natural that we entrust ourselves to her. As she is exemplar, she forms our response to God in discipleship of her Son. Since she is our Mother, and an abiding presence in our lives, we are right to commit ourselves to her care» (C. O’DONNELL, *Loving Presence*). In brief, there are various reasons to hold that «the Scapular devotion is valid for the future [and]... has a sound doctrinal basis in the spiritual motherhood of Mary» (HEALY). As a sign of consecration or entrustment, this devotion fits in with the true Marian devotion of the Church demanded by the Second Vatican Council. There can be no true devotion without imitation, and the Scapular is a continual reminder that we must imitate the faith humility, purity, obedience and love of Mary. Only in this way will we share her life with Christ (Cf. HEALY). The Carmelite Marian Commission gives a conclusion for the Carmelite application of the notion of “consecration”, especially found in the active and loving action of God to us through the gift of Mary: «Hence our Carmelite “consecration” has two focal points: we consecrate ourselves to God in the spirit of Mary, symbolized by the Scapular, because the goal of consecration is God himself. And more profoundly, God consecrates us through giving us Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, as our patroness, mother and sister – we are consecrated in the receiving of this great gift.

The gift must mean for us what it meant for the beloved disciple on Calvary – that we take Mary “unto our own,” both the person of Mary and the concrete community of which she is the full embodiment, that is, the Church, the body of Christ, and more specifically our Carmelite family. Renewal of Carmelite dedication, of Scapular consecration, involves both deeper acceptance of the gift of his Mother from the Savior and deeper commitment to the community she represents» (CARMELITE MARIAN COMMISSION, *Interim Report*)

Pope St. John Paul II, in his message on March 25, 2001 to the whole Carmelite Family, on the 750th anniversary of the bestowal of the Scapular, revealed that he had been wearing the Scapular of Carmel over his heart for a long time. In the spirit and language of Vatican II and its Mariology, he reminded us Carmelites of our rich Marian tradition that has honored and imitated the Blessed Virgin Mary as our loving spiritual Mother, Patroness, Model, Sister, Most Pure Virgin,... He affirmed: “the rich Marian heritage of Carmel had become, through the spread of the Holy Scapular devotion, a treasure for the whole Church.... The sign of the Scapular points to an effective synthesis of Marian spirituality, which nourishes the devotion of believers and makes them sensitive to the Virgin Mother's loving presence in their lives. The Scapular is essentially a "habit". Those who receive it are associated more or less closely with the Order of Carmel and dedicate themselves to the service of Our Lady for the good of the whole Church... and the whole of humanity» (JOHN PAUL II, *Letter of His Holiness Pope John Paul II for the Carmelite Marian Year*).

The pope gives us a succinct presentation on the meaning of the Scapular devotion in the context of the world of today, the world in the new millennium: «Therefore two truths are evoked by the sign of the Scapular: on the one hand, the constant protection of the Blessed Virgin, not only on life's journey, but also at the moment of passing into the fullness of eternal glory; on the other, the awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honour on certain occasions, but must become a "habit", that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way the Scapular becomes a sign of the "covenant" and reciprocal communion between Mary and the faithful: indeed, it concretely translates the gift of his Mother, which Jesus gave on the Cross to John and, through him, to all of us, and the entrustment of the beloved Apostle and of us to her, who became our spiritual Mother» (Ibid.)

Joseph Viet Dinh, O.Carm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK:

Fr. Dany Abi-Akar, Anne Colucci,
Frank Haigh, Norbert & Patricia Godin,
Maria Hao, Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez,

OUR DECEASED: Elmer Abalahin,

Louis Cirillo, Gerald Donohue, Joan Selkaitis,
Ethel Vincenzo, Everett Weaver

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.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR. EMIEL: I want to thank all of you for your kind words and for your prayers, Masses, and candles offered for my brother Elmer. These expressions of condolence and unity in faith gave my family and me great solace, knowing that you all shared in our prayers for him. My mother is especially touched by your sympathy. I also apologize for not being able to thank you all personally for your touching thoughtfulness, but I also did not want to forget anyone.

Please know that together with the parish I pray for you every day. Thanks once again. God bless.

BLOOD DRIVE - THANKS: The blood drive was a huge success, thanks to all who donated blood, but most especially to **Patty Garcia**, who organized the event and coordinated everything between the parish and our volunteers, and the staff of the New York Blood Center. We surpassed our quota of 44 donors, to have 55 eligible donors give blood and platelets to those in need. Thanks to all who volunteered: Sr. Betty Kolb, Linnae Latessa, Elizabeth Rooney, Lee Ann Sullivan, Pat White, Diane Windas, as well as our young people: Kevin Sullivan, Daniel Callanan, Gelly Reimundez, Mary Rooney, and Dani Vanover.

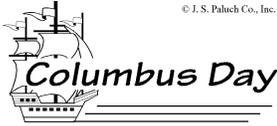


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There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Eleanor Hunt & Marge Murphy. All are invited to come and mingle with fellow parishioners.

Next week our hosts will be Monique Koslowski and Cathy Ruland.

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS



- October 11, Wednesday—Volunteers needed for set up of Columbus Day Lunch 9:30 AM.
- October 12, Thursday, 12:00 PM Columbus Day Lunch—(\$10.00 members, \$15.00 guest)
- **Sign Up by 10/8 for head count & remit all payment.**

THE TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL

MINISTRY will hold its October meeting on Wednesday evening, October 4, at **6 pm** in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Please note the new time (SIX PM). Please enter through the Priory door. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Alice Blood at 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady at 631-5007. Details can also be found at www.shawlministry.com.

A “**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**” a brief service of scripture readings and hymns, will be held on Sunday, Oct 1st, in the church parking lot at 1:30 PM, in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of God’s creatures. His feast day is Wednesday, Oct. 4th. If the weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held in the Parish Hall.



Transfiguration Family Life Ministry

Invites and welcomes

Parish Families of **All Shapes and Sizes**
to our very first....

“**Family Fun Activity Night**”

Saturday, October 14th 6pm to 8pm

COME and JOIN in the FUN!

A Pasta dinner will be served. Just bring a
dessert and/or beverage

PLEASE RSVP no later than October 7th

email us at transfigurationpaents@gmail.com

- We need to know the number of Adults and Children who will attend!
- Childcare will be provided for those who Pre-register for it.

HELP, PLEASE, FOR A FRIEND OF FR. EMIEL: A friend of mine, Fr. Jets Medina, is asking for help for his parish after Hurricane Irma. He sent me the following message, which he asked me to share with anyone who might be able to help:

Dear friends,

This is Fr. Jets Medina, new pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Big Pine Key, Florida, hardest hit by Hurricane Irma. Our church and rectory were severely damaged. I am homeless and churchless at the moment, temporarily staying at the retreat house in St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West. My office is my car and my cell phone, as we do the cleanup. Would you help us, please? since I have nowhere to store things to give to our local people at the moment, gift cards to our local stores would be great: Winn Dixie, Ace Hardware, Walgreens, CVS, Bealls Outlet, or Visa, MasterCard, etc. The best would be checks to help rebuild our church and rectory. Kindly mail them to our church PO Box:

St. Peter Catholic Church

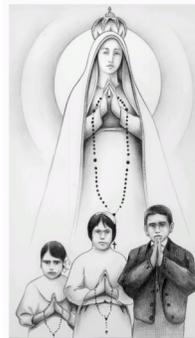
PO Box 430657

31300 Overseas Hwy

Big Pine Key, FL 33043

Please continue to pray for me and our people as we recover and build our homes, our church, and our community in the Keys. We will rise above this, I know, with the help of God and yours. I pray for you and your loved ones. God bless us all.

-- Fr. Jets



On **Saturday, October 14th**, at 1:00 PM please join us in praying the rosary to celebrate the Miracle of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. We will be reciting the Joyful Mystery of the Rosary as we pray for world peace, the conversion of sinners and for the souls in Purgatory. The rosary will be said outside in front of the church. The rosary captain is

Marge Murphy. Any questions please call Maryann Hogan @ 914-316-9593.



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