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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

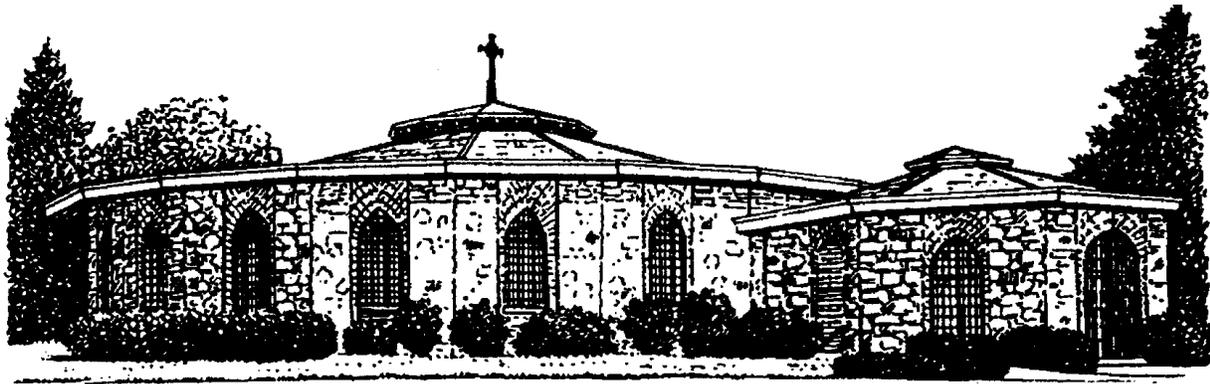
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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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268 So. Broadway
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue
631-3737

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SATURDAY, October 14, 2017

5:00 Amy Woicyk req. by Pat White

SUNDAY, October 15, 2017

8:00 Walter Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope
10:00 St Teresa of Jesus req. by The Parishioners
Of Transfiguration
12:00 Kathleen Casey req. by Linda & Danny Lucia

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 John Prescott req. by Mark Prescott

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Theodore Walters req. by Caroline Walters

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Walter Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope
9:00 Jeanne Holbock req. by Lois Duggan

THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Joseph Miele req. by Ann Miele

FRIDAY

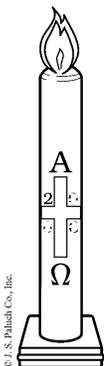
7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Jeanne Holbock req. by the Latessa Family

SATURDAY

9:00 Corrie Vidal req. by the Vidal Family
5:00 Elizabeth & Thomas Fleming req. by
Maureen Fleming

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Roger Ardanowski req. by Eleanor Hunt
10:00 Joseph D. Mahoney (30th Anniversary)
Req. by Peg Mahoney
12:00 Theresa req. by the PK class



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Richard Moore req. by Kathleen Bell

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

The Shrine candles are burning this week in memory for John & Mary Kunert req. by Janet & John Strilowich & Family

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God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, October 8, 2017

\$7820.00

Attendance— 796 Envelopes—213

School Maintenance

\$2,472 Envelopes— 175

Hurricane Relief

\$2,335.00

*Next week's second collection is for
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY*

**READINGS, SAINTS AND
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]
- Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
National Boss's Day
Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: St. Luke
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9
- Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues,
and Companions
Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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THE JOY OF LOVE: In recent months, we have seen a lot of controversy regarding Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris laetitia*, "The Joy of Love." First, in November of last year, four cardinals published a series of *dubia* or questionable points in the document. Then last week, 60 theologians, and lay and clergy scholars published a filial correction to the document that had already been sent to Pope Francis in July. The news presents it as an ongoing battle of liberal vs. conservative sensibilities, and between progressiveness and orthodoxy, between Pope Francis and certain cardinals, theologians, and priests.

Some of the arguments are silly, such as affirming the divinity of Christ, because the document never challenges this. On the other hand, there are some more pertinent questions that have to do with the following questions:

1. the possibility of divorced and remarried Catholics who have not had their marriages annulled to receive communion;
2. the question of absolute moral norms;
3. whether circumstances can mitigate the objective sinfulness of the situation of habitual sin;
4. whether an intrinsically evil act can ever be subjectively good;
5. whether the conscience can ever legitimately make exceptions to absolute moral norms regarding intrinsically evil acts.

Some of us have taken sides. Some of us are indifferent because we believe that it does not have anything to do with our lives. So far, Pope Francis has not responded, except to say that while their response was respectable, the moral teaching is a continuation, and not a change, to Church teaching, and is also very much founded on Thomistic moral theology. What's really happening is the challenge that is presented us in today's readings. i.e., how to integrate the God's law and justice with His mercy and compassion.

In our first reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28), the LORD takes on challenges to his mercy. Human law says that if someone commits an offense, then he or she must suffer the consequences of his or her actions. God, on the other hand, holds that, while that is generally correct, if the offender has a conversion of heart, he or she must be given the opportunity to

change his or her ways. Here, God affirms that the natural consequence of wickedness is death, but forgiveness and mercy.

Jesus makes a similar challenge in the gospel (Matthew 21:28-32). The parable of the two sons is not simply a lesson on obedience. It challenges some very ingrained concepts of middle Eastern society, i.e., honor and law. In addressing the chief priests and the elders, he was challenging the whole notion of lip service, a key practice of many Asian cultures, even today. Rather than say 'no' to an unwanted request, many Asians would not want to offend the requester, and thus respond either with a 'yes' that implies a 'no,' or a 'thank you' or a smile that indicates that they are honored to be asked and also implies their negative response. At the same time, he was also challenging the role of the law. Tax collectors and prostitutes, by nature of their work, do not follow the law, and are therefore considered outcasts and condemned by God. But Jesus points out that true discipleship involves doing *the will of the Father*, which involves not only living by the Law of God, but employing it in a way that edifies our fellow human beings and affords them the opportunity to know and to grow in God's love. Such values are not legislatable, but must come from human relationship.

Thus Paul's appeal in the second reading (Philippians 2:1-5) does not come as a series of commands: "Participate in the Spirit," "Don't be selfish or vain," "Be humble," because they cannot be made into law. The way these ideals are exercised depends on circumstances and relationships. Ultimately, they must come from a personal and communal relationship with Christ. This is why Paul says, to have the same attitude that we have in Jesus Christ." So our goodness does not come from the Law, but from the love of Christ.

This brings us back to *Amoris laetitia*. The first thing we have to understand is that *Amoris laetitia* is an apostolic exhortation, which means that, unlike a papal encyclical, it does not define Church doctrine, but instead invites the Church to consider a particular path for addressing certain questions.

Second, *Amoris laetitia* is the product of the Synod on the Family. In 2014-2015, about 230 cardinals

and bishops congregated, together with other participants, including lay and non-Catholics, to discuss the situation of the family today, and to address the various challenges that families must face, and produced a final report that became the basis for *Amoris laetitia*. The document is not simply an affirmation of Church teaching, but the Church also facing the questions and struggles together with family. So rather than just responding to these with a repetition of Church Law, the Pope and hierarchy attempt to recognize that the answers also must have a humane and Christian component.

Furthermore, this document is not simply the response of Pope Francis, but that of the whole hierarchy of the Church. So put into context, only four cardinals put forward the *dubia*, and the 60 theologians are very few compared to those who support the Pope and the hierarchy's position.

Third, the Pope's simple and silent response to his critics is appropriate because Law cannot answer every situation. As Jesus reminds us time and time again, and as St. Paul teaches in his letters, we were not made to be slaves to the Law. Instead, our Christian laws provide us with the basic structures that enable us grow in our relationships in a healthy way, providing not only boundaries, but also avenues for appropriate growth. But they still cannot legislate everything. People and their circumstances are different, situations are different, and the Church, exercising God's mercy and compassion, holds fast to God's law while also recognizing the reality of the individual, or society.

For those of you who still find this concept difficult to grasp, it is like a couple who has several children. The parents maintain the same rule for the entire household and hold all of the children to the same standard, but also recognize that each child has their own personality, their own talents, and their own needs. Because of this, the way in which the rules are implemented differ based on each child, in order for all of the children to reach the same standard. All of the children must be treated with leniency and compassion from time to time in order to help them to learn, or even to recognize that they might not be capable of reaching the ideal.

In *Amoris laetitia*, following Christ's gospel, the Pope Francis and the hierarchy encourage the Church, therefore, to follow this path of maturity. It

is not easy, and does not always offer easy answers. But in following this way, we as Church attempt to do the will of the Father and to truly discover the joy of love.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, Louis Cirillo, Anne Colucci, Catherine Dietz, Frank Haigh, Mary Lester, Norbert & Patricia Godin, Maria Ho Sharon Lynch, Nancy Murray, Carmen Rodriguez,

OUR DECEASED:

Gerald Donohue, Ethel Vincenzo

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.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: There are many events going on throughout the archdiocese, too many of which can be included in the parish bulletin. Further information on the following events can be found on the parish bulletin board at the parking lot entrance to the church:

- **Kennedy High School Open House: October 18, 22**
- **Dominican College Open House: October 21**
- **"The Great War and Catholic Memory": October 21**
- **2017-2018 Catholic High Schools Listing and Entrance Exam: November 3**
- **Chat with Pope Francis on Facebook Messenger: Oct. 21-22**

YOUNG ADULTS 21-35:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00pm:

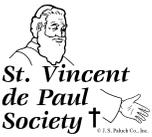
All young adults, single and married, are invited to a social gathering downstairs in the parish hall on October 15 at 6:00pm. It will be an opportunity to just get together and socialize and to see how the Spirit will move us in growing together for our parish community. Please also invite anyone who you think might be interested. See you there!



ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY PIES:

Support Transfiguration Regional school and order your dessert for the holidays. The school will be holding its annual pie and cookie dough sale. Delicious *Grandmas Pies* in a variety of flavors as well

as cookie dough will be available to order (we have gluten free options). The pies and cookie dough can be picked up on Tuesday November 21st in the school lobby from 2:30-5:30 pm. If you would like to see what is available brochures and order forms are available in the church lobby .You can drop off your order form at the school, parish office or you can call Xiomara Kluge at 914-494-4969 or email her at X.Kluge@aol.com with any questions or with your order.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend we are collecting for our Food Pantry. We need non-perishable food: canned vegetables, fruit, soups, chicken & tuna fish. Also peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, paper towels and toilet paper. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. The delivery of the food will be Saturday, October 21st after the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome!

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love. —St. Paul of the Cross

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- We are in need of volunteers. Please consider giving some of your time to this important ministry. We need catechists, and substitutes for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Office help is also appreciated.
- Don't miss out on a lifechanging opportunity. Anne Quinn, MS, CASAC, will be here at Transfiguration on October 28th from 9:00am to 12:30 pm. **The title of her workshop is "Managing Our Stress in Extremely Stressful Times (Finding Spiritual Solutions to Human Dilemmas).** The presentation is ideal for folks who are juggling work and family and giving their all to both. Come and relax and get re-energized. Please RSVP to Nancy Nelson (914)631-2380 or email nancynelson2380@gmail.com



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd:

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope" to learn more about his missions. Scan this year's World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith, Director of Human Resources and Volunteers, at 914-693-6800 X5932.



There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Pam Cicalo and Theresa Cicalo. All are invited to come and mingle with their fellow parishioners.

Next week our hosts will be *Laura Chmielewski and Christina Soddano*



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