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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

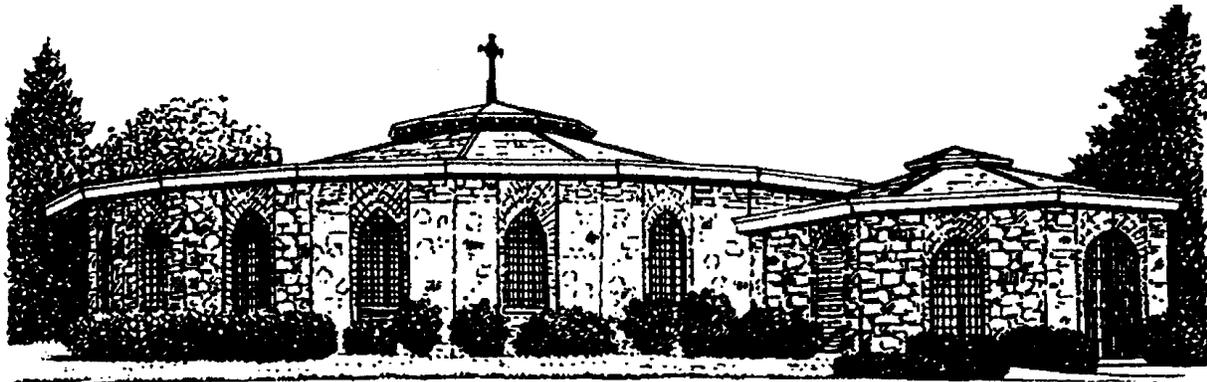
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

**Priory**  
268 So. Broadway  
631-1672

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Prospect Avenue  
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SATURDAY, October 28 2017

5:00 John & Mary Kunert req. by The Kunert Family

SUNDAY, October 29, 2017

8:00 Armistead Family req. by Mark Prescott  
 10:00 Frank Brady req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan  
 12:00 Vincent Maneri req. by Anna Muenzinger

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 Walter & Irene Selkaitis req. by Karen Stanhope  
 9:00 Margaret Mintern req. by Jean & Joe Balthazard

TUESDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by The McGlynn Family  
 9:00 Jack Crawford req. by Kathy & Fred Gross

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Bob & Gen Yanch req. by Monica Yanch  
 9:00 John Kolarich req. by Linda & Dan Lucia  
 12:10 Margaret Mintern req. by Mary Lester & Family  
 7:30 For the Parishioners of Transfiguration

THURSDAY

7:15 Josephine Peiris and Brindly Fernando req. by Chithra Rodrigo  
 9:00 Edward Regan req. by Gloria Agro  
 7:30 All Deceased Members of Transfiguration Parish

FRIDAY

7:15 Mary Mondell req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marcellaro  
 9:00 John Sullivan req. by Alice Casey & John Ford

SATURDAY

9:00 Margaret Mintern req. by Helen Lennon  
 5:00 John & Catharine Hufnagle req. by Joyce Hufnagle

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 The Parishioners of Transfiguration  
 10:00 Mary Ann Curtin req. by The Transfiguration Seniors  
 12:00 Karl Chepiga req. by Patricia Chepiga

God's Plan for Giving

*Sunday, October 22, 2017*

\$7,752.00

Attendance— 626 Envelopes—200

*World Mission Sunday*

\$1,720.00 Envelopes— 130

*Next week's second collection is for SCHOOL MAINTENANCE*

**READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day  
 Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Halloween  
 Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: All Saints  
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)  
 Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Friday: St. Martin de Porres; First Friday  
 Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Charles Borromeo; First Saturday Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends  
 Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

**TODAY'S READINGS**

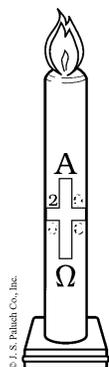
**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week in the memory of Marco Broadway req. by Janet & John Strilowich

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week in the memory of Dan Moriarity req. by Rita O'Shea

The Shrine candles are burning this week in the memory of Gerry Donohue req. By Helen Long

**RESPECT LIFE:** October is "Respect Life" month, during which we, the Church, are invited to reflect on the gift that is life in all of its aspects, i.e., from conception to death. For the next few Sundays, the bulletin will feature articles from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops that speak on this theme. Below is the second article:

### **What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion**

More women and girls consider abortion than we may realize. They are our relatives and friends, our babysitters, teammates, people who work with us or for us, married or unmarried. Even if someone identifies as being pro-life, the shock of an unexpected pregnancy, the devastation of a difficult prenatal diagnosis, shame, pressures, or fears may influence her to consider abortion.

If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? The answer can be summed up in an old adage: We have two ears and one mouth, and should use them in that proportion. Although the first instinct may be to convince her that abortion ends a baby's life, hearing facts is not the first thing she needs. Research shows that many women in a pregnancy crisis think, "This is the end of my life as I know it." To face the challenges before her, your friend needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone.

First listening to your friend will help build trust and facilitate openness. Eventually, when she knows you truly care about her and she trusts you, you can share the truth in love. You can share facts about abortion, her own intrinsic worth, and the practical help and support available so she can choose life for herself and her baby.

A truly loving approach reflects St. Paul's description of love in his first letter to the Corinthians: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. ... Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Cor. 13:1,4).

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond to

our friend in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?

Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™\*: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower.

### **L Listen and Learn**

First, prioritize listening over speaking. You don't have to worry about whether you may say something "wrong," and you don't need to have all the answers. Start by listening to her story.

Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. Do not interrupt, except to ask her to expound, when appropriate. For example: How did you feel when you first found out? Did you feel abandoned when he said that? What are your feelings now? What did you think about that? What do you think your parents will say or do? What value does that have for you? How does this relate to your religious beliefs? How important is that for you? In your heart of hearts, what do you really want to do? Ask open-ended questions and statements like, "Tell me more..."

Interpret and confirm what you think you are hearing: "Did I hear you say..."

Pay close attention to her body language. She may show from gestures of discomfort or a lack of eye contact that what she is saying does not actually reflect her innermost feelings, values, or wants.

Listen for clues to her needs so you can later bring up helpful ways to address those needs. Listen for her strengths and resources so you can later reflect them back to her, building up her confidence and courage.

### **O Open Options**

When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, always in a loving and caring way. You might share about the reality of abortion and the wounds that typically result. You might share experiences about having a baby, adoption, marriage, and how such things might apply in her situation. It's most helpful to keep the focus on her.

At the same time, avoid using the framework of

adoption versus abortion. Research indicates that a woman with an unexpected, unwanted pregnancy often views all the possible outcomes of her pregnancy negatively: keeping her child, abortion, and adoption (which she tends to see as the worst of three “evils”). Research also “suggests that in pitting adoption against abortion, adoption will be the hands-down loser.” It’s better to first focus on encouraging her that she can carry this baby to term.

### **V Vision and Value**

Awaken a vision in her for a healthier life (a vision she may never have had, or that may have dimmed). Help her value herself differently. She is a special creation, worthy of love. She is made in the image of God; as a woman, her maternity is a gift. Jesus loves her and even died for her.

Encourage her. Help her set and work towards goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her there is always hope and she is not alone. She can make positive, life-giving choices. She can do it.

### **E Extend and Empower**

Provide practical help and support. Her local pregnancy help center can offer consultation, lists of community resources, and ultrasound services. Consider keeping such lists of resources in your car, purse, or wallet. Help her plan next steps. What would help her? A call from you? How can you contact her?

Pray with her and for her and her baby. The L.O.V.E. Approach™ is a way to bring Christ’s love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment. We are created to walk with and support one another; we don’t need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God’s message that resounds throughout time: “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10).

Swope, Paul F., “Abortion: A Failure to Communicate,” *First Things*, April 1998. <https://www.firstthings.com/article/1998/04/004-abortion-a-failure-to-communicate>.

Heartbeat International provides a directory of pregnancy services, which is accessible at [www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory) or at [www.pregnancycenters.org](http://www.pregnancycenters.org). You can learn about setting up parish-based support for women who are pregnant and need assistance

by visiting the websites for The Gabriel Project ([www.gabrielproject.us](http://www.gabrielproject.us)) and Elizabeth Ministry ([www.elizabethministry.com](http://www.elizabethministry.com)), which have chapters across the country. For more information about how you can help, or for information about help that may be available, such as pregnancy care centers, maternity homes, and other assistance, contact your local diocesan Respect Life office. A list of diocesan Respect Life Ministry offices can be found at [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm).

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **OUR MILITARY:**

Nick O’Kelly

#### **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, Frank Wood

#### **OUR DECEASED:**

Nancy Murray

*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.*

**TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:**

- November 15, Wednesday: **VOLUNTEERS** needed for set-up at 9:30am—Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov. 16, Thursday: Thanksgiving Lunch 12:00 pm /Traditional Menu / Parish Hall / \$15.00 per person

**Sign up & remit payment by November 12th**

**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.

**Transfiguration Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its November meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:00 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Please note the new time 6:00 pm and 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](http://www.shawlministry.com)

**Important Parish Twinning Clarification:**

A prayer request at Mass several weeks ago has left some people with questions about the future of our program at St. Joseph the Worker School. We wish to clarify and address any misunderstanding. Despite some school administration issues that Fr. Emiel alluded to, there are still many children in the school who need and depend on our support in order to go to school. We plan to continue helping these children as we have in the past.

**BALANCE:** Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**ALL SOULS SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE:**

We shall honor and pray for all of the souls of our parishioners who have died since November 1, 2016 at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, November 5th. Individual votive candles will be lit around the altar in their memory, and prayers will be said for them all. Please come and join us in prayer as we continue to commend them to our loving God.

**NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT MASS:**

Each November, the whole Church prays for the souls of the deceased. Our faith teaches us that, being made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to be with Him for eternity. Our prayers for the souls of the dead are a loving and prayerful desire that these souls should share the same destiny to which we aspire, and to give them encouragement. We do this in a very profound way during Mass, when we are united to the heavenly liturgy, and in the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

If you would like your loved one remembered in a special way at all the Masses this month, then please complete the All Souls Remembrance envelope, which you can find at the parking lot entrance to the church, and return it in the collection basket or to the priory office

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** A bereavement group will begin on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:30PM and run for 6 weeks ending on December 12th. This group will have as its purpose, to provide a forum for each member to share about those we have lost through death, to learn coping skills and to move towards healing. Grief seems to get lighter when we share it with others who understand.

If you are interested in participating, please call Sr. Betty at 917-754-1912 to register.



There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Our hosts will be Annette O'Hanlon and Eileen Wiseman. All are invited to come and mingle with their fellow parishioners. *Next week our hosts will be Susan Facciola and Sheila McHale.*

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