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the Christian Community of . . .*

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

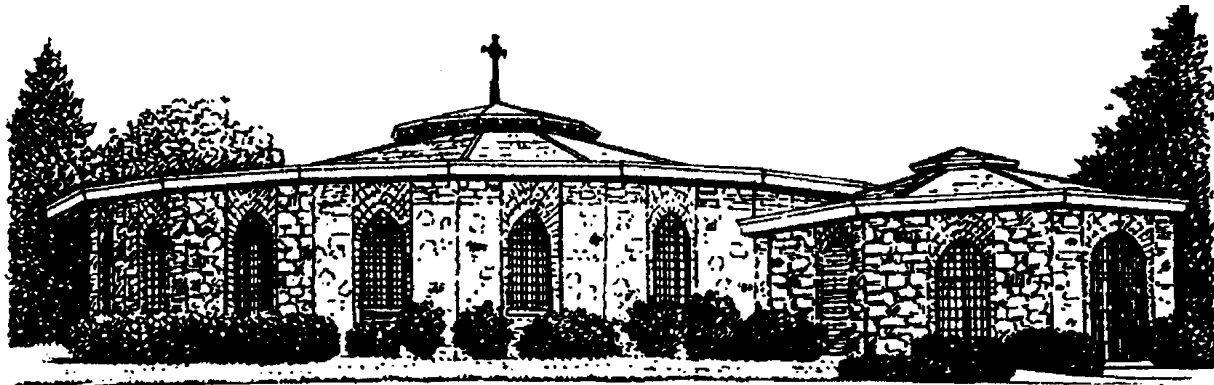
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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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631-3737

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Prospect Avenue
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READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SATURDAY, November 25, 2017

5:00 Patricia & Joseph Lydon req. by Maureen Fleming

SUNDAY, November 26, 2017

8:00 Hildegard Cofone req. by Frank Cofone
10:00 Stephen Kostelny req. by Carol, Meg & Rory Callahan
12:00 Raymond Muller req. by Margaret Posca

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

7:15 For a Special Intention req. by Mary King
9:00 Michael Hunt req. by Eleanor Hunt

TUESDAY

7:15 Susan Ciasco req. by Carolyn Walters
9:00 Clara Masquera req. by Her Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Linda Scaccianoce req. by Melissa Rabtoulis
9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by the Wiseman Family

THURSDAY

7:15 Dominica Innarelli req. by the Transfiguration Seniors
9:00 Dan Moriarity req. by the Wiseman Family

FRIDAY

7:15 Elmer Abalahin req. by Peggy & Kevin O'Sullivan
9:00 Jeanne Helbock req. by Rosemary & Kevin Plunkett

SATURDAY

9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by the Parish Twinning Committee
5:00 Frances & Anthony Tuths req. by Josephine Tuths

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 Frank O'Brien req. by Kathleen O'Brien
10:00 Marion Reilly req. by Don & Gena Marra
12:00 Rita Brady req. by Kitty Geissler

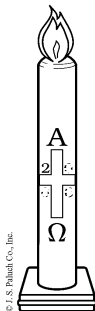
Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life
Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Emigdio Abalahin Jr.
The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Elmer Abalahin.
The Shrine candles are burning this week is for Those suffering from addictions.

GRATITUDE — Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future. —François Fénelon
HIDDEN TALENT — No one respects a talent that is concealed. —Desiderius Erasmus
A THANKFUL HEART — A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. —Cicero

HUMAN CONSCIENCE AND THE FAMILY:

On November 11, 2017, Pope Francis delivered the following address to the members of the Symposium on his last Apostolic exhortation, *Amoris laetitia*, an important document that talks about our Christian faith in the context of today's world. In his letter, he offers some interesting reflections on the human conscience and its capacity for forming life-giving relationships when well-informed and imbued with grace (the translation and commentary, in italics, are by Fr. Emiel):

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

I cordially greet all of you who attend the Third International Symposium on the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia* convened by the Family Pastoral Office of the Italian Bishops Conference.

The theme you have proposed: "The Gospel of Love: Between Conscience and Rules" is of great importance and can enlighten the path that the Churches in Italy are fulfilling, and also respond to the desire for family that emerges in the soul of the younger generations. The love between man and woman is clearly among the most generative human experiences, it is the ferment of the culture of encounter, and it brings to the present world an injection of sociality: indeed "the good of the family is decisive for the future of the world and of the Church" (*Amoris laetitia* 1). It is the family born from marriage that creates fertile bonds, which are the most effective antidote to rampant individualism; however, on the path of marital love and of family life there are situations that require arduous choices to be fulfilled according to moral virtue. In the domestic reality, sometimes there are concrete questions to be addressed with a prudent conscience on the part of each one involved. It is important that the spouses, the parents are not left alone in this struggle, but are accompanied by the commitment to apply the gospel to the concreteness of life. On the other hand, we are well aware that "we are called to form consciences, not to insist on substituting them" (*Amoris laetitia* 37. *Pope Francis is referring to the role of the Church*).

The contemporary world is likely to confuse the primacy of the conscience, which is always to be respected, with the exclusive autonomy of the individual in relation to the relationships he or she lives (*Here, Pope Francis differentiates between listening to one's conscience and obeying one's feelings. The letter continues to illustrate what this means*).

As I said recently to the Pontifical Academy for Life, "there are those who even speak of egotism, that is, of a true worship of the ego, on whose altar it sacrifices everything, including one's dearest loved ones. This perspective is not harmless: it shapes the person into a subject that looks constantly in the mirror, until he or she becomes incapable of turning his or her eyes to others and the world. The spread of this attitude has serious consequences for all the affections and relationships in life" (speech on October 5, 2017). This is a "pollution" that corrodes souls and confuses minds and hearts, producing false illusions.

Romano Guardini (*a famous German theologian*), in a text on the theme of the conscience, indicates the way to the search for the true good. He writes: "From this imprisonment in myself I am free only if I find a point, which is not my ego; a greatness far above me, a solid and active something that is firmly established in my interior. And here we come to the core, i.e., the religious reality. That good is something alive. It is the fullness of worth of the same living God" (*La coscienza*, 32-33).

In the intimacy of each person there is a place where the Mystery reveals itself and enlightens the person, making it the protagonist of his or her history. The conscience - recalls Vatican II, is this "the most secret core and sanctuary of the human person, where he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths" (*Gaudium et spes* 16). The Christian must be vigilant so that divine grace does not lack in this kind of tabernacle, which illuminates and strengthens married love and parental mission. Grace fills the "vessels" of human hearts with an extraordinary capacity for giving of oneself, renewing for the families of today the miracle of the wedding at Cana.

Commenting on that evangelical episode, I would say that "transforming into wine the water of the vessels used for the ritual purification of the Jews" (John 2:6), Jesus makes an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, the bearer of joy." [6] Jesus points in particular to the medicine of mercy, which cures the hardness of the heart, restoring the relationship between husband and wife, and between parents and children.

Dear brothers and sisters, I wish you all the best for your work in this Symposium. May it help the Church in Italy to assimilate and develop *Amoris laetitia's* content and style; may it contribute to the formation of animators family groups in parishes, in associations, and in religious movements; may it support the journey of so many families, helping them to live the joy of the Gospel and to be active members in the community. I bless you, and I beg you to pray for me.

-- Pope Francis

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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DECEMBER 17 -

LUNCH AND ADVENT REFLECTION:

The 12:00 Mass on Sunday, December 17 will be followed by a luncheon and afternoon of reflections on Advent given by **Fr. Peter Hill, CSsR**, mission preacher and currently formator of Redemptorist novices in Houston, Texas. Adults and children are welcomed.

Please **RSVP by December 10** at parishtransfiguration@gmail.com or leave a note in the parish office if you plan to join us for lunch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY:

Nick O'Kelly

OUR SICK:

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

OUR DECEASED:

Marguerite McGlynn, Frank Wood

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.



Guadalupe Door Collection for Sayapango: Next Sunday, December 3rd, members of the parish twinning committee will be at the door after Mass to accept contributions for our scholarship program in our twinned parish in El Salvador. We thank all those who have already contributed, as well as those who will give to this collection.

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.

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.

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS:
December 14th, Thursday—Volunteers needed for set up for the Christmas Lunch at 9:30 am.

December 15th, Friday— Christmas Lunch at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Guests: \$15.00 prepaid by December 10th. Members & Guests call to sign-up/head count



Society of St. Vincent DePaul:

- The giving trees for annual Christmas gift drive will go up on Saturday, December 2nd. **Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th by the end of the 12:00 pm Mass.**
- Volunteers are needed to help make tags and decorate the giving trees. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am on December 2nd. Depending on the number of volunteers, we should finish around 1:00 pm. Community service forms will be provided and pizza lunch will be served. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call, text or email Linnae Latessa at 914-584-9438 or llatessa@aol.com.

THE TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00 PM in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Please note the 6:00 PM time. You must 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 be found at www.shawlministry.com.



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CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).
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CATHOLIC EXTENSION MAGAZINE:

The Winter 2017 issue of Catholic Extension's magazine, Extension features a cover story about Blessed Father Stanley Rother, an inspiring missionary from Oklahoma who was martyred in Guatemala and in September became the first U.S. born beatified man.

It also presents this year's Lumen Christi Award recipient, Father Enrique Herrera, who leads a vibrant farmworker parish in Greenfield in California's Salinas Valley, "America's Salad Bowl."

Pick up a free copy of Extension in the foyer. Its inspiring stories will help you learn more about important efforts underway to build churches and the Church in America's poorest places, where faith is strong but resources are limited.

There will be a Coffee Hour today, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall.



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Our hosts will be Laura Plunkett and Monique McCoy. All are invited to come and mingle with

their fellow parishioners.
Next week our hosts will be Lee Anne Sullivan and Jennifer Kachnowski.

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. —Anonymous

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