

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

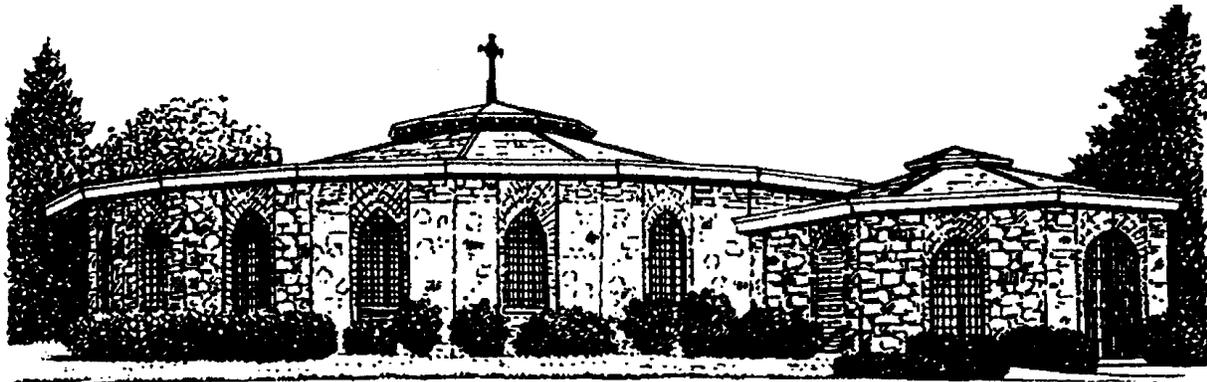
Tarrytown, New York 10591



Rev. Emiel Abalahin, O. Carm., Pastor  
Rev. Viet Dinh, O. Carm., Parochial Vicar  
Mrs. Elizabeth Rooney, Parish Secretary  
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director

Mr. Dan Nyarady, Lay Trustee  
Mrs. Rosemary Plunkett, Lay Trustee  
Nancy Nelson, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Elite Accounting Services, LLC

[www.transfiguration-tarrytown.org](http://www.transfiguration-tarrytown.org)  
[www.transfigurationschool.org](http://www.transfigurationschool.org)



*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 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 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.

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

**Transfiguration School**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-3737

**Religious Ed. Center**  
Prospect Avenue  
631-2380



# Weekly Offering



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## God's Plan for Giving

February 4, 2018

\$8,485.00

Attendance—568 Envelopes—211

School Maintenance

\$1,864.00 Envelopes-118

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday  
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence  
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716  
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

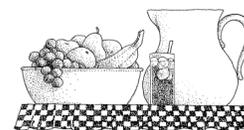
## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,

do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31



## SATURDAY, February 10, 2018

5:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

## SUNDAY, February 11, 2018

- 8:00 Giovanni DiNunzo req. by Josephine Tucci
- 10:00 Jeanne Collins Helbock req. by John & Marion McGinty
- 12:00 Hermine & John Chepiga req. by Patricia Chepiga

## MONDAY

- 7:15 Barbara Jekne Herrick req. by Carolyn Walters
- 9:00 Elmer Abalahin req. by Gloria Agro

## TUESDAY

- 7:15 Beata Banska
- 9:00 Maria Le Thu Ho req. by Gloria Agro

## WEDNESDAY—ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
- 9:00 Nick Ranieri req. by Kevin & Rosemary Plunkett
- 12:10 Anne Colucci req. by Terry Agar
- 7:30 A Special Intention

## THURSDAY

- 7:15 Joanna Sygnarszka
- 9:00 John Astorina req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Nyarady

## FRIDAY

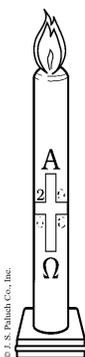
- 7:15 A Special Intention
- 9:00 Joseph Stanton req. by Kathleen & Richard Cross

## SATURDAY

- 9:00 The Fastiggi family req. by Eleanor Fastiggi
- 5:00 James & Dorothy Muldoon req. by Joyce Hufnagle

## SUNDAY

- 8:00 Giovanni DiNunzo req. by Tommaso Tucci & family
- 10:00 Jeanne Collins Helbock req. by the McGinty children
- 12:00 Mary, John, & William Fleming req. by James & Patricia Kennedy



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Dave O'Shea req. by Lisa

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of the recently deceased of our community.

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory for Anna Biro's req. by Netta Sloboda

**POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT**

**2018:** We will take a break from our reflections on *Humanae Vitae*, as Pope Francis has given his annual message for the start of Lent (translation by Libreria Editrice Vaticana). Please use his words as inspiration for living a holy Lent. God bless. -- Fr. Emiel

***“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion” (cf. *Roman Missal*, Italian translation, Collect for the First Sunday of Lent). Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

***False prophets***

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves,

and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (*Jn 8:44*), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

***A cold heart***

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice (*Inferno XXXIV*, 28-29), in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (*1 Tim 6:10*). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments (“It is curious, but many times we are afraid of consolation, of being comforted. Or rather, we feel more secure in sorrow and desolation. Do you know why? Because in sorrow we feel almost as protagonists. However, in consolation the Holy Spirit is the protagonist!” (*Angelus*, 7 December 2014)). All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this

cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 76-109).

### ***What are we to do?***

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception (Cf. BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter *Spe Salvi*, 33), and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

*Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor* 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps

someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God (alone is capable of satisfying our hunger. Cf. PIUS XII, Encyclical Letter *Fidei Donum*, III).

*Fasting* weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

### ***The fire of Easter***

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle.

*Continued next page*

Drawn from the “new fire”, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds” (Roman Missal (Third Edition), Easter Vigil, Lucernarium), and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

From the Vatican, 1 November 2017  
Solemnity of All Saints

FRANCIS

### *Ash Wednesday, February 14th*

**Ash Wednesday** takes place on *February 14th* and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Following archdiocesan policy, ashes will be distributed during Masses at 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM.

\* Ashes will **NOT** be distributed outside of these times.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

##### **OUR MILITARY:**

Anthony Correia, Nick O’Kelly

**OUR SICK:** Justin Baker, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Ray Bintrim, Mary Conity, Florence Gilroy, Mary Lester, Sharon Lynch, Peg Mahoney, Marie Minuck, Diane O’Connell, Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr., Robert Sorrentino, Evelyn Trufflo

**OUR DECEASED:** Anna Biro, Catherine Bragato, Zenida Casingal, JoAnn Cerussi, Maureen Coster, Carles Gadino, Sueharie Guzman, William J. Hegarty, Jr., Ralph W. Savage III, Susan Trevino

*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**

- Thursday, February 15th—St Valentine’s Party—1:00 pm. Join us for prizes, candies and cakes celebrating St. Valentine. Raffles & prizes
- Call & SIGN UP for St. Patrick’s Day lunch, Thursday March 15th at 12:00 pm

### **Parish Lenten Project Week 1:**

This is a parish-based ministry. Our Society is part of a worldwide Catholic lay organization of men and women founded in 1833. In confidentiality, through person-to-person contact, we care for the spiritual health as well as physical needs of our neighbors. Our collection will take place next weekend (February 17 & 18), as part of the Parish Lenten Project.

#### We are in particular need of:

canned tuna                      paper towels  
canned chicken                toilet paper  
canned fruit

Each month, food is distributed to 51 underprivileged families in our own community. If you are unable to make a purchase for donation, please consider taking an envelope from the vestibule and making a monetary donation.

**FLU SEASON:** With people getting sick at this time of year, the Mass can prove a bit challenging. The archdiocese offers the following recommendations for staying healthy.

- If you are afraid of becoming ill, you do not have to shake hands at the kiss of peace. You may offer a different gesture or a verbal greeting.
- If you are ill, **do not** receive from the chalice.
- Please use an alcohol based antibacterial hand sanitizer to keep the germs at bay
- If you have a **gluten allergy**, please let the priest or minister of Holy Communion know **before Mass**, so that we can have a gluten free host consecrated and available for you.

#### **A BOOK TO READ**

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.—G. K. Chesterton

INFORMATION SHEET

Church name: Transfiguration

Bulletin number: 511472

Date of publication: February 4, 2018

Number of pages transmitted: Cover + text pages + this page = 6 (6-1-JL)

Special instructions: Please call Liz Rooney @ 914-631-1672 /cell 914-419-9729