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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

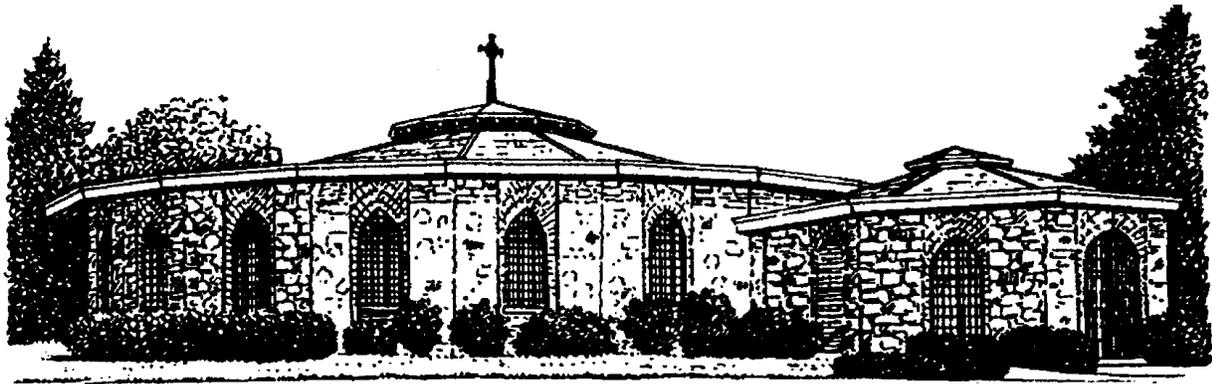
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

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# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

February 11, 2018

\$8,417.00

Attendance—604 Envelopes—204

### Peter's Pence

\$1,932.00 Envelopes-139

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 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
- Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: St. Peter Damian Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: **AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

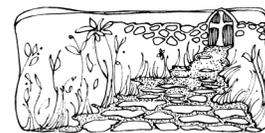
**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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## First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.—

*Psalm 25:4*



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## SATURDAY, February 17, 2018

5:00 James & Dorothy Muldoon req. by Joyce Hufnagle

## SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

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

## MONDAY—President's Day

9:00 Theodore & Elizabeth Walters req. by Carolyn Walters

## TUESDAY

7:15 Rose Veteri req. by Carolyn Walters

9:00 Fr. Brian Coffey req. by Peggy & Kevin O'Sullivan

## WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Frances & Louis Agro Sr. req. by Gloria Agro

## THURSDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Grace Carroll req. by Jean Dunnagan

## FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Elizabeth Downey req. by Peter Downey

## SATURDAY

9:00 Anne Colucci req. by Terry & Donald Smith

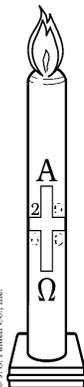
5:00 Gerard Donohue req. by Peter Downey

## SUNDAY

8:00 Kevin Joseph McNulty req. by William & Jean Cerbone

10:00 Lucille Bogusz req. by the McGlynn family

12:00 Timothy O'Connell req. by James & Patricia Kennedy



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of John Stiloski req. by Mary Lester & family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of the Lipka family req. by Eleanor Cornett

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory for Anne Colucci req. by Helen Long

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**HUMANAE VITAE: SECTION II: POPE PAUL VI's RESPONSE FROM THE MAGISTERIUM:**

In the bulletin from January 27-28, we looked at the introduction to the encyclical letter, and the historical context which caused the pope to compose the letter. In particular, he felt that the Commission on Birth Control, which he had set up to investigate the question, had not adequately considered the magisterium in their deliberations. In this section, he cites several doctrinal points that he believed were important in arriving at faithful conclusions to the question of contraception, i.e., the theological vision of married love, the obligations of responsible parenting, and the practical consequences of such an understanding in choosing appropriate methods of family development.

**THE GOODS OF MARRIAGE (nn. 7-9):**

St. Augustine posited that there are three goods that come from marriage: *permanence*, or the unbreakable bond between husband and wife; *fidelity*, in which the couple can develop and rely on a trusting and loyal relationship of total self-giving between one another, enriching one another through the gift of themselves; and *children*, that are born of their parents' openness to participation in the creative and generative action of God.

Pope Paul VI highlights these goods in his explanation of God's vision for married love. In this understanding of marriage, he underlines that the couple's union is not mere chance, but purposefully instituted by God as a means by which human love receives its source in, reflects and participates in God's own love. Through this type of love, the married couple, therefore, make one another holy.

**RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AND SEXUALITY (nn. 10-13):**

Sanctification, or becoming holy, therefore, extends to the development of the family and the creative action of sexual activity. The "biological processes," are a fundamental part of the human creation, and, like all other aspects of the human person, must be shaped and honed in order that it may properly sanctify as it is employed for the purposes of developing the relationship between the couple and engaging in God's creativity. As such, while taking

into account all of the various factors (economics, physical, social, and psychological conditions), the couple must always make the will of God the first priority.

As such, married couples, as everyone in the Church, are called to live out their sexual lives, chastely, i.e., in a responsible way in accordance with God's will. Marital chastity, in particular, must remain open to the possibility of transmitting life, because God has designed humanity in such a way that the act of physical love becomes the means by which He continues to generate humanity. In this way, via their sexual and generative relationship, they live out their fidelity to God's design for humanity and for the couple in particular.

**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT METHODS (nn. 14-17):**

Given the above criteria, the pope immediately names those means of birth control which are absolutely contrary to God's procreative and generative design, and therefore deemed **unlawful**:

1. abortion and other direct interruption of the generative process that has already begun;
2. direct sterilization of either the man or women, whether permanent or temporary;
3. any method or means used to stop the generative process immediately after intercourse.

Recognizing that people might have some practical reasons for opting for these methods, the pope, nonetheless, underlines a fundamental principle of Catholic morality: the ends never justifies the means. This means that, even if the outcome is a morally good one, one can never resort to immoral means to arrive at such a conclusion. The whole process must be a moral one, and this includes the development and growth of one's family by means of birth control. At the same time, he recognizes that their might be cases where the cure of some physical illness might indirectly result in the impediment of creation, and these means can be considered licit, as long as the direct intended purpose is to impede in any way the generative process.

On the other hand, the pope proposes as a **lawful** method of birth control the employment of the

infertile periods of a woman's cycle. In this case, the couple uses the natural design of the human person to responsibly control the growth of their family, rather than using artificial contraceptives. In this way, the couple still remain open to the possibility of life, while using methods that help them to grow their family sensibly.

Because of the unreliability of the rhythm method, in which the couple follows the woman's menstrual cycle, scientific study was done to arrive at a more useful and reliable method tracking the infertile periods. After much research, the Church found that the Sympto-Thermal Method had a 99% effective rate in determining these periods and was completely natural. The Church now promotes this method as part of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** (for further information on NFP, please go to the bishops' website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/what-is-nfp/index.cfm>).

Why should the pope have been concerned about the use of artificial contraception, even between husband and wife? He offers several reasons:

1. it opens the way to marital infidelity and lowering of moral standards;
2. it lowers men's respect for women, and reduces them to objects for satisfying his whims;
3. it would give license to government to impose immoral means of population control on couples

As such, the pope explains, humanity must accept that there is a moral limit to what we can and should be allowed to do, because to exceed those boundaries would result in the degradation of humanity and its natural capabilities. Knowing this, and recognizing that some may find the teaching difficult or even unacceptable, the Church must still hold to these teachings since God's design for human love and the laws governing it come from Him, and the Church has the responsibility for guarding this law and arbitrating for it. Her ultimate goal is to foster a truly human society as God has always planned.

## **LENTEN FRIDAYS:**

**February 23, 7:30pm:** This week, the Twinning group has been invited to lead the **Stations of the Cross: "In the Footsteps of Romero"**, following the way of the cross with quotes and images from Bl. Óscar Romero and the church of El Rosario in San Salvador.

**March 2, 7:30pm: Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary**

**March 9, 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross** led by the Religious Education Program

**March 16: 7:30pm: HEALING MASS**

**March 23, 7:30pm: Penance Service** led by the Family Life Ministry

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### **OUR MILITARY:**

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

**OUR SICK:** Justin Baker, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Ray Bintrim, Mary Conity, Kitty Giessler, 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, Maureen Coster, Carles Gadino, Sueharie Guzman, Frank Haigh, 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.*

## **GOD'S POWER**

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.—St. Perpetua

## **Lectio Divina**

Consider joining us for Lent. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Priory

### *Embracing the Gift of Light in Times of Darkness A Lenten Spiritual Retreat*

- March 11, 2018, Laetare Sunday,
- 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Maryknoll Sisters Center  
10 Pinesbridge Road Maryknoll, N.Y.
- Presenter Fr. Larry Lewis, MM
- Participants men and women 20-40
- Suggested donation \$15.00
- RSVP by March 2, 2018
- Sister Maureen Hanahoe at  
mhahahoe@mksisters.org

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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## **TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS**

Call & SIGN UP for St. Patrick's Day lunch, Thursday March 15th at 12:00 pm

- \$15.00 members, \$20.00 guests
- Please sign up & pay by March 11 as a courtesy.
- If you are unable to do so—please sign up, but Pay by check/exact\$ on 3/15

**Help needed!** Wednesday, March 14—Set up for the St. Pat's Lunch—Parish Hall 9:30 am

### *Transfiguration Lenten Service Project*

**February 24/25:** Paws Crossed Animal Shelter, Elmsford, New York

Items needed:

- Dog/puppy food
- Cat/kitten food
- (wet & dry) slip leads
- Litter boxes
- Easy walk harnesses
- Milkbones
- Poop bags
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer, clean old sheets and towels
- Feeding / water bowls (no plastic)

## **COFFEE HOUR**

There will be **NO** Coffee Hour this week. Please join us next week when our hosts will be Elizabeth Wieckowski and Mary Ann Chambers.

## **PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT**

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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