

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

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

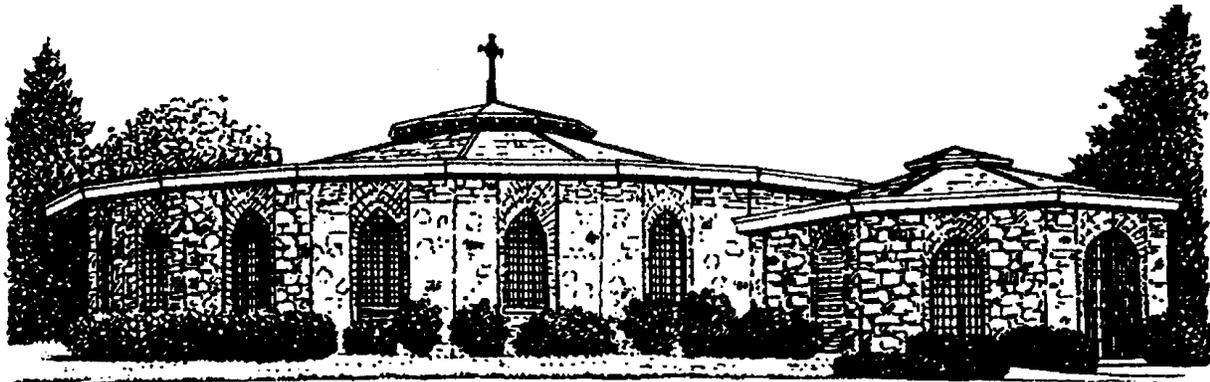
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord. 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: 3:00 - 4:00 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  
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**Transfiguration School**  
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**Religious Ed. Center**  
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# Weekly Offering



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## God's Plan for Giving

April 22, 2018

\$7,545.00

Attendance—677 Envelopes—203

Church Maintenance

\$2039.00 Envelopes—150

## READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: St. Pius V  
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: St. Athanasius  
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer  
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: First Friday  
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo  
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18



COMMITTED TO TRUTH

## SATURDAY—April 28, 2018

5:00 Marguerite McGlynn req. by the Latessa family

## SUNDAY— April 29, 2018

8:00 Evangeline Maloubier req. by Karen Stanhope

10:00 Hector Cruz req. by the Remierz family

12:00 Erb Linn req. by Nadine & Tom

## MONDAY

7:15 Stephen Kostelny req. by Susan Kostelny

9:00 Marietta Scipioni req. by Paola Mosca

## TUESDAY

7:15 For the recipients of prayer shawls from the Prayer Shawl Ministry req. by Albert Cerussi

9:00 Mario Bernal req. by the Costa family

## WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Kitty Geissler req. by Maureen Vanginderen

## THURSDAY

7:15 For the recipients of prayer shawls from the Prayer Shawl Ministry req. by Albert Cerussi

9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

## FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Kitty Geissler req. by Pat & Dan Nyarady

## SATURDAY

9:00 Katherine M. Geissler req. by Ann Walsh

5:00 Guy Wilson req. by Jean Wilson

## SUNDAY

8:00 Teresa Engelberg req. by George & Gloria Hofgartner

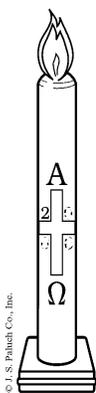
10:00 Frank Wood req. by Desmond Rigerro & family

12:00 Daniel Brady req. by Shelia & Denis Sullivan

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of Emily Parzyk req. by the Nedwick family

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in the memory of Alfie Evans

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory of the victims of the Toronto van mas-sace.



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: **TWO WEEKS AGO**, the Bishop of Gozo, Msgr. Mario Grech, published the below Op-Ed piece in Malta's *Independent* newspaper. While the bishop is speaking about his own context in Gozo, I think it is a challenging and thought-provoking piece which I offer to you as a means for discussing what we want to see in our own community as committed Catholics. I do not intend this article as a criticism of the Church or of our community; but instead, as a challenge to come up with ways in which we can improve our community to help the whole Church to grow.

For the last couple of years, our parish has not had an RCIA program, because I believed that we as a community needed healing. While this process of healing is continuous, I believe that we are now on our way. Our challenge, therefore, is to develop an inviting community, and to invite people to join us. It would be helpful if you as a community talk amongst yourselves. If you feel moved to respond in writing, you may leave a note at the parish office or e-mail me directly at [pastortransfig10591@gmail.com](mailto:pastortransfig10591@gmail.com).

Remember, finally, that we are not simply a Church of ideas, but one that must also carry out Christ's mission. So as you come up with your thoughts, please also consider what you are willing to contribute to making these ideas a reality. Thanks for your generosity of time and talent. God bless.

**Recently**, a young man asked me what change I wished to see in our society. My answer surprised him. I wish that a certain category of Christians, in particular those in the inner circles of the Church, would change their way of seeing their faith. I have an inkling that local Catholics are suffering from exhaustion, falsification and banalization of our faith in Christ!

No scientific study is needed to draw the conclusion that several of the baptized young and the not so young are abandoning religion. Our religious community is turning into a white-haired community! Those abandoning the Church do not lack intelligence and they are neither adverse to the religious phenomenon. They have simply lost interest or feel pushed away because they view us as "playing at Church". It is the way we are presenting the Gospel, celebrating our liturgy and our blatant incoherence that is causing people to feel spiritually deluded.

Auguste Comte was wrong when he said that man was to pass from the religious dimension into the scientific or "positivist" dimension. Neither was Karl Marx correct when he said that religion would disappear since it only offered illusory consolations. Nowadays many philosophers confirm that religious desire is an anthropological datum which can take many forms but which cannot be eradicated. For me this confirms that there is an implicit desire for Christ in the heart of each man.

It is the Church's mission to facilitate this encounter. Therefore, we Catholics need to ensure that we are not in any way hindering those who are searching for the truth. We need to ensure that our nostalgic passions for the past, our uncertainties and inner fears do not make us put forward a deformed Christianity. I am afraid that we are surrounded by such a deformed Christianity. I am not passing judgement here but stating a fact confident that some of those who have this *forma mentis* are in *bona fide*.

Max Weber, Marcel Gauchet and Charles Taylor all speak of the disenchantment of the world. Modern and ultra-modern man's expectations of the relationship between faith and religion have changed. Contemporary man still thirsts for faith, but maybe less for religion. Due to his disenchantment in matters which concern faith, he prefers to walk a different path. Modern man has a fresh view of the world and yet we, as a Church, still hang on to a stale and bygone vision of the world.

Why do we obstinately continue to follow this path? Perhaps we are afraid to take the risk of changing. Maybe we prefer a glittery and boisterous Christianity. Are we living a schizophrenic religiosity? We declare that we are following Christ, but in truth we are pursuing our own hobbies dressed up in Christian garb. Are we enslaving Christ in our religiosity? We disown his message but then we celebrate his Mother and his saints!

In such a context Marcel Gauchet's words come to mind. He says that Christianity "is the religion of the end of religion". I will not enter into the merits of Gauchet's thought, but I wish to apply his words to the situation in our country. I therefore ask whether it is time to re-propose a Christian faith which has the strength to change that religion we claim to be "Christian" but which is bereft of any Christian semblance. We need to help man discover

authenticity of the Christian faith, we need to help him make the leap from a religion of convenience to a religion of conviction, from a religion spurred by laws to a religion which gives us a taste of true freedom, from a religion of void rituals to a religion which opens us to the mystery, from a religion exhilarating in the sacristy to a religion which finds its place in the town square or in the digital social world.

It is fine to admire our magnificent Church history, but if the Church is to have a future, we cannot continue deploying our energies in the perpetration of a tradition which may have blurred our vision of what Christ has proposing.

If, as Jean Luc Nancy puts it, Christianity is not a religion but a "deconstruction of the other religions", are we not then right to say that genuine Christianity has the strength to "deconstruct" or elevate our traditional religion? Sixty years ago, this process was induced by Vatican Council II for the benefit of the universal Church. Might it be the case that in its simplicity Christian faith will help us to slowly dismantle what is commonly known as "our religion"? It is not so implausible to apply our present situation to that which Dietrich Bonhoeffer calls a "religionless Christianity".

For Bonhoeffer, "religion was worship which had little contact or concern with the deeper currents of life. It was religion fostered by the Enlightenment, religion which involved the worship of a God remote from human life and little concerned with biblical social teachings... For some such religion might foster a comfortable feeling of inward piety, of calm and repose, but with little concern for the needs of the hungry or the poor. A renewed Christianity, Bonhoeffer was convinced, will slough off such religion, to be true to the ideals set by Christ its Lord." (Hermes Donald Krielkamp).

The Gospels confirm Gauchet's thesis that Christianity should bring to an end a certain type of religion. This is what Christ did. His teachings brought into disarray the Hebrew religion. He blatantly criticized certain religious practices. He affirmed that man comes before the law! He gave to a religion which was focused on ritual sacrifices, a new centre, love (Mk 12,33). He spoke about the need to bring down the temple of Jerusalem for him to build it again (John 2,19).

All this goes to show that the challenge which the Church is facing is internal. We need to bring order to our own house for we run the risk of ending up a soulless body. The brutal adversary of our Christian faith is not atheism, secularism or anti-clericalism, but our current Christian religiosity. While sitting on our religious laurels, we are so full of our own spirituality and ourselves that we leave little or no space for the novelty of Christ. There are several areas in the life of the local Church that need to be revisited. The Holy Spirit which is a gift of the Risen Christ to our community helps us."

Bishop Mario Grech  
Gozo, Malta

"Judas had the best pastor, the best leader, the best teacher, the wisest, the best friend. And he failed. The problem isn't the leadership or the church you go to. If your attitude doesn't change or your character transformed, you will always be the same..."

-- Fr. Albert Smith

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

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

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

**OUR SICK:** Justin Baker, William Duggan, Ann Duggan Baker, Troy Edwards, Mary Lester, Sharon Lynch, Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney, Diane O'Connell, Carmen Rodriguez, Richard Sicardo, Jr. , Cromwell Smith, Robert Sorrentino, Evelyn Trufflo

For our parishioners suffering from depression and those who are dealing with addictions

**OUR DECEASED:** Joseph F. D'Eufemia  
Ruth C. Hughes

*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.*

#### **BE WHAT YOU SEEK**

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.—St. Bernardine of Siena

#### **SMALL TASKS**

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## Summer Enrichment Program

Transfiguration School will be offering a 6 week Summer Enrichment Program starting June 25, 2018 for children entering PreK3 – 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is a combination of sports (tennis, gymnastics, basketball and volleyball) arts and crafts, baking, and outdoor-fun with a little academics on the side.

Please call Transfiguration School at 914-631-3737 to request a Registration Form

## Transfiguration School

The 2018-2019 Registration for Transfiguration School is ongoing. We offer an academically sound and faith-filled Catholic education for students in PK3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Developing each child's potential infusing Catholic values and providing a solid foundation of academics adhering to New York Common Core standards are our objective. Our PreK3 & PreK4 programs are full day. Tuition is more affordable than ever, with expanded scholarships and financial assistance. To find out more about a Catholic education can help put your child on the path to a bright future, please visit us online at [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org), or to arrange a tour, please call the school at 914-631-3737.



A Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00 am Mass today. Our hosts will be Trisha McNally and Chris Sinopoli. Please come and mingle

with your fellow parishioners.

*Next week's hosts will be Eleanor Hunt and Liz Rooney.*

**TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER-SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet Wednesday, May 2, at 6 pm in the Deacon Jerry Blood Conference Room. Prayer Shawls give comfort, courage, warmth, love and peace to those in need or in thanksgiving. Do you know anyone who would benefit from our outreach? If so, please leave a message at the Priory Office, contact Alice Blood 631-5951 or Pat Nyarady 631-5007, or join us at our meeting. Please find details of the ministry at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents the Tony award winning hit:

## **RAGTIME, THE MUSICAL**

Show dates are April 27th, 28th, May 4th, 5th at 7:00 pm and a matinee on May 6th at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext 200. For further information email [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org)

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## **Transfiguration Seniors Club**

**Thursday, May 17th** at 1:00 pm—Senior Pizza Party Guests \$5.00—Please sign up!

**Thursday, June 21st** at 1:00 pm—Ice Cream Social Guests \$3.00- Please sign up!

**Parish Community Members:** Thank you for your generous response to our Lenten Service Project. After unloading bin after bin of donations and delivering your gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Paws Crossed Animal Rescue Shelter, Baby Box Project for the Open Door Family Medical Center, RSHM Life Center School Supply Drive and the Midnight Run, each recipient responded with such gratitude. Transfiguration parish has always been known for its charitable spirit, but this year you outdid yourselves. **Thank You!**

## **Relay for Life of the Tarrytowns**

The 3rd Annual Relay for Life will be held at Sleepy Hollow High School from May 19th-20th starting at 6:00 PM. Get a team together and help fight cancer! This has been a very successful event where monies raised goes to support the American Cancer Society to support cancer patients and their families.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Lee Anne Sullivan at [robsullivan@optonline.net](mailto:robsullivan@optonline.net) or Nitisha Moore at [nitisha.moore@cancer.org](mailto:nitisha.moore@cancer.org).

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