

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591



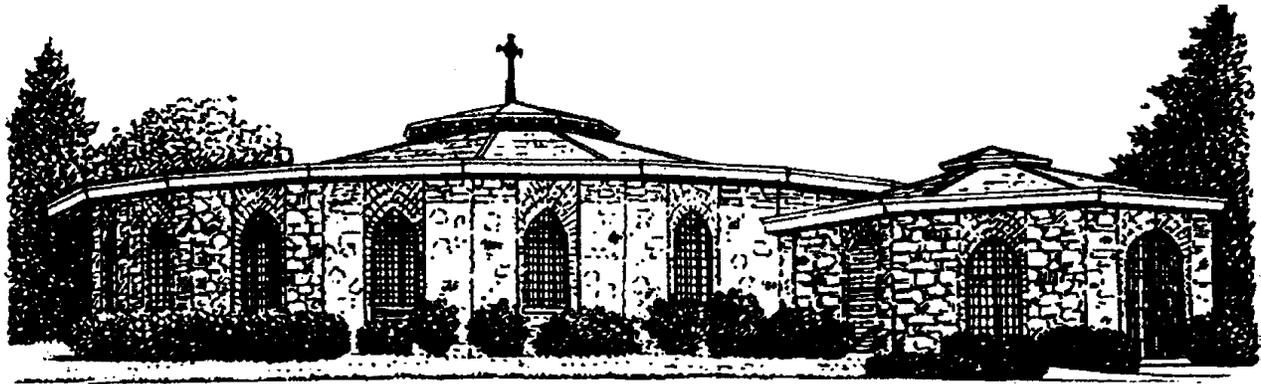
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Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our participation in public worship we are nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord.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

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am 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 any-time for an appointment.
Dr. Frank Pastore 631-0045

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SATURDAY—DECEMBER 29, 2018

5:00 Nellie & Gene Sbezzi req. by their grandchildren

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 30, 2018

8:00 Joseph F. D'Eufemia req. by the EPTA of the Tarrytowns

10:00 Kitty Geissler req. by the Wiseman family

12:00 Quirino Catral req. by Victoria Catral

MONDAY

7:15 Bridget Connelly req. by Pat & Dan Nyrady

9:00 Andrew Saljack req. Dolores Burns

TUESDAY—JANUARY 1—OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 A Special Intention

10:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

12:00 A Special Intention

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 A Special Intention

THURSDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Frank Demers req. by Elaine & Tom Smith

FRIDAY

7:15 Fr. Brocard Connors O. Carm. req. by Marie O'Connor

9:00 Mary Leonard req. by Robert & Linda Knapp

SATURDAY

9:00 Luigi Cecchi req. by Robert Pontrelli

5:00 Joseph Palis req. by Jody Toth

SUNDAY

8:00 The Doyle & McGuire family Joan DeMayo

10:00 Murray Burke req. Donna Shaw

12:00 Frank Demers req. by Patricia Iannucci

READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-

Monday: *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year's Eve*

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: *The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day*

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: *Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday*

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: *St. John Neumann; First Saturday*

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

Blessing of the Home;

National Migration Week

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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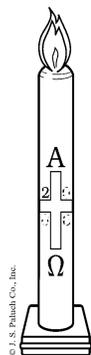
****Don't forget to buy Stop & Shop Gift Cards and C-Town Certificates from the Priory Office before going food shopping. Our Church earns 5% of all that are sold!****

When reading our bulletin please be sure to check out the back page consisting of various advertisements. The printing of our bulletin is funded by the ads you see there. If anyone wishes to advertise there also, please call the phone number in the bottom right corner.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Antonio and Catherine Franciosa and Carmello Alba req. by Tania and Pasquale Franciosa.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Marion Brown and Agnes Martin

The Shrine candles are burning this week is for all our parishioners



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

HOLY FAMILIES – A WORK IN PROGRESS: This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, a celebration of the fact that the Son of God entered into this world in the context of relationship, i.e., a family. We know from the Scriptures that, while both Joseph and Mary were both holy people, they were not perfect. Moreover, while they were also told that their son was the Son of God, they had no real idea of what this meant for them as a family, and what it would mean for the entire world. Well-intentioned Joseph planned to separate from his fiancée after discovering that she was pregnant with someone else’s child, and later lost track of this son of his while returning from Jerusalem. Mary does not fully grasp the purpose of her son’s mission, and so is at times chastised by him. And yet, with their mistakes, these three together make up the Holy Family. They are holy because each of them individually, and all together, have dedicated themselves to following God’s will.

All of us are called to build up holy families in imitation of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In this New Year, let us all take up the invitation to be more holy: by the way we treat one another, in the words that we say, and in the fairness, respect and honesty with which we regard each member. Above all, let us commit to praying together. In our religious community here in the parish, we commit to spending 10-15 minutes of praying together each morning and evening on the weekdays, as a way of making our religious family holy. This is in addition to our personal prayer. God invites us all to do the same. In terms of ritual, we can prepare an altar in our homes, a special corner with holy images around which we can gather to pray. We can pray the rosary, or read a bible story and discuss it and then conclude by praying together the “Our Father,” or we can spend some time inviting each one to say what they are thankful for that day and conclude with the “Glory Be.”

Whatever prayer we choose, let us make our families holy by inviting God to be the central member. In the end, making God the center and head of our families is what makes our families holy.

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In this final installment of reflections from the Twinning Committee’s visit to Soyapango, Ted Sohn shares with us his encounters with two young people we support: Bryan and Renaldo:

Bryan: We saw Bryan two years ago during our last visit. He attended every meeting and gave us a wonderful tour of the Centro Romero at the Jesuit Universidad de Centro America (UCA).

At the parish Mass this past week, Bryan came towards me with a bright smile to say hello and gave me a big hug. I asked him how he was doing, and he began to share his struggles. He said that his father had a severe drinking problem and that he had to pick him up every night at different spots throughout San Salvador, many of them unsafe. One night he was assaulted by gang members and beaten. A group of women who happened to be passing by intervened and he was able to get away. His father then left his mother for a much younger woman and his mother decided to separate. He feels he is now the “parent now to his parents and that he has each of his parents in one of his hands, walking them through life”. He said, “I am so grateful

because at the University, I have learned to be strong, to have character and if it was not for the scholarship that enables me to be at the UCA, I would not have known what to do – the university has been my salvation”. He is looking forward to beginning his last year in Business Administration in 2019. His professor is going to help him obtain an internship and he has begun to work on the weekends as an event coordinator with the goal of networking with different companies. Even though he has completed the work part of his work study program, he continues to volunteer because volunteering at the Romero Center there gives him strength. On the last night of our visit, he drove to the Franciscan residence where we were having dinner and delivered a gift from the Romero Center and left this note: “I thank twinning for all the support, and I hope that at the end they feel proud of each of us. May God bless you and I always keep you all in my prayers”.

Renaldo: We also spoke with Renaldo at the Mass that the parish had for us and the scholarship students and their families. And we met his parents. Renaldo is completing his third year of studying electrical engineering at the National University. He is extremely grateful for the scholarship and said he would not be in college without it. He loves the engineering program he is in. The following quotes are from a letter his parents gave us.

“Through this letter we send greetings.... Thank you for your generosity, support and for sharing with us what God has given you. Your support has motivated, inspired and allowed my son Renaldo Baltasar Perez to dream. As a mother I am very happy and grateful to you. Please tell the people at home that what you did in my son's life was very important because it marked his life, inspired him to be a better person, son, and student. Without your support this would not have been possible. You are part of my son's academic, personal and spiritual formation.”

“I especially thank you for the economic help that you gave our family through my son Renaldo. It was an incredible help and is something that we will never stop thanking you for.”

“I admire and love your work, vision, dedication, and commitment to their lives and I hope that God will multiply everything you do and everything you give to others, because you are helping many children be great.”

–*Ted Sohn*

FAMILY MASS

We invite all our families to participate in the Family Mass. They will take place on Saturday at the 5:00 PM Mass.

2019

- January 5th (Epiphany) and 19th
- February 2nd and 16th
- March 2nd, 16th and 39th
- April 13th and 27th
- May 11th and 25th
- June 8th

Please join us!

Loose Change for Soyapango:

Children who have been collecting loose change during advent for the children in Soyapango are reminded that they can bring their loose change to Mass on the weekend of January 5 and 6 which is the Feast of the Epiphany. Or they can bring it to religion class when they return from vacation. Thanks to everyone who participated in this project.

Twinning:

The Twinning Committee wishes to publicly thank Nicholas Soddano and Joel Ythier for putting together the video we saw at the Masses on Sunday, December 23rd.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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Volunteers are needed at *Cabrini of Westchester* in Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith, Director of Human Resources and Volunteers, at 914-693-6800 X5932.

COFFEE HOUR:
NO Coffee Hour December 30th

Coffee &
Donuts



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR MILITARY: Anthony Correia

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, Audrey Capra,
Eleanor Caserta, William Duggan,
Ann Duggan Baker, Alexander Isodoro
Sophie Janos, Peggy Lahoz,
Marie Minuck, Michael Mohoney,
Diane O'Connell, Edward F. Parzyk,
Carmen Rodriguez,
Evelyn Santiago, Aurelio Semeraro,

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

OUR DECEASED:

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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of the parishioners for their generous gifts and donations for the giving tree. We were able to provide gifts for more than 500 children in Tarrytown and the Bronx. Your donations and participation really made a great impact and will be such a bright spot for these children. We would like to give a special thanks to Gina Mueller and Transfiguration School Family who generously sponsored gifts for 75 children. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts. Have a blessed new year.

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.
—John Henry Newman

Happy
New Year

INFORMATION SHEET

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