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the Christian Community of . . .*

# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591

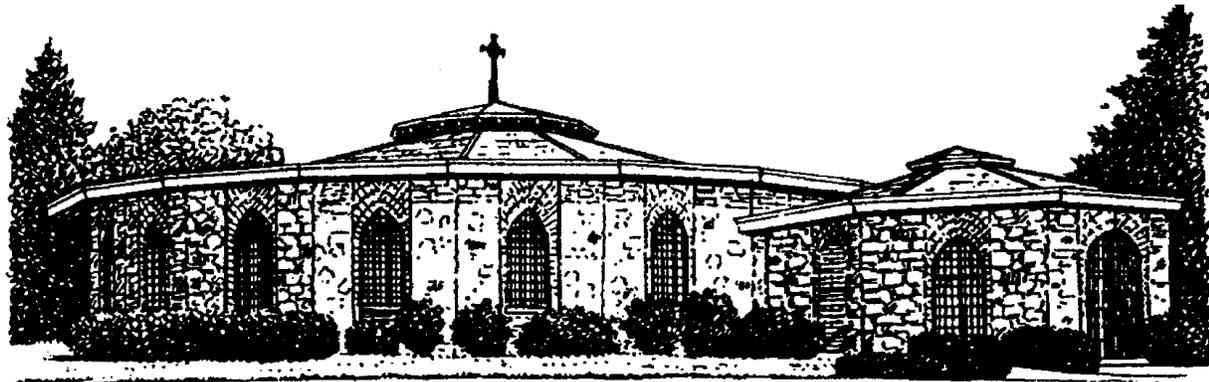


Rev. Emiel Abalahin, O. Carm., Pastor  
Rev. Viet Dinh, O. Carm., Parochial Vicar  
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*Transfiguration Parish is a community of Christian believers faithful to our Catholic tradition and a pilgrim people entrusted to the Carmelite Fathers. Through our 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 2:00 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**  
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SATURDAY, January 6, 2018

5:00 Max Sherr req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macellaro

SUNDAY, January 7, 2018

8:00 Mary Farrell req. by Angie & Bernie Farrell

10:00 Kathleen Casey req. by Mary Lynch

12:00 Salvatore Croce req. by Angela DeMelo

MONDAY

7:15 Fay Hamilton req. by the Ball family

9:00 Nick Ranieri req. by Jenny Agar

TUESDAY

7:15 Mary Kay Smith req. by Bridget Murphy

9:00 Marco Broadway req. by Barbara Blair

WEDNESDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 Timothy O'Connell req. by Pat & Dan Nyarady

THURSDAY

7:15 Anne Colucci req. by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Sullivan

9:00 Everett Weaver req. by Nancy Nelson

FRIDAY

7:15 Jane Redford req. by Sarah Ball

9:00 Everett Weaver req. by Ellen McDough

SATURDAY

9:00 The Doyle & McGuire Families req. by Joan DeMeo

5:00 The Paul Bushrod Burns family req. by Dolares Burns

SUNDAY

8:00 Elizabeth Walters req. by Carolyn Walters

10:00 Nick Ranieri req. by Frank & Georgine Morabitto

12:00 Eleanor Louise Holodak re. by Gloria Agro

God's Plan for Giving

*December 31, 2017*

\$6349.00

Attendance—605 Envelopes—213

*Church Maintenance*

\$2430.00 Envelopes—184

**READINGS, SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

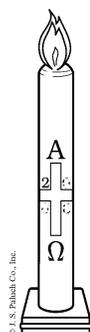
**Gospel** — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in the memory of John Walpuck req. by Diana Walpuck

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is in memory

The Shrine candles are burning this week is in memory of Marion Brown & Agnes Martin req. by Barbara Goss



**The Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2018**

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.— *Psalm 72:11*



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**THANK YOUs:** The success of the Christmas season is due to the work of many hands. In addition to the people mentioned already above, on behalf of Fr. Viet and myself, I wish to thank everyone who made our celebrations a real joy. Below is a list of some of the jobs and people involved in making Christmas at Transfiguration a special and holy time for all:

**INFORMATION AND ORGANIZATION:** **Liz Rooney**, our parish secretary, made sure that we had all of the supplies we required and helped to ensure that information was being communicated via the bulletin, the Christmas Mass schedules, the website, etc. Her resourcefulness helps our parish to continue to grow.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** **Lee Ann Sullivan**, together with **Liz**, organized the Christmas pageant, just as they have in previous years, and did an excellent job. **All of the children who participated in the pageant and their parents** gave generously of their time and their faith life to illustrate Christ's birth for us. **The assistants** stayed with the children and assisted them in the smooth running of the play. **Musicians** really helped us to sing and celebrate our solemnity.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There have been many changes this year in the way servers assist at Mass, and so I would like to thank **all of the altar servers and their parents** for their time, patience, and eagerness in helping out at Mass. I am especially grateful to those who served willingly and joyfully during this Christmas season, even stepping in when there was no one there to help. It has been a great joy to see them grow in their appreciation of their responsibilities. **Lee Ann** oversees the scheduling and makes sure that every server feels comfortable with their role. **Fr. Viet** trained all of the servers together with Lee Ann, and so it is because of them that the servers have done a good job.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** There have also been a lot of important changes in the training and the administration of the ministry of Holy Communion. **Lois Duggan** has helped to organize the ministry better and helped to train our ministers in a way that helps

to appreciate and their ministry. I would especially like to thank all those who served over the Christmas period, because they made themselves available at several Masses.

**LECTORS:** **Pat Ryan** continues to coordinate our lector ministry and I am grateful for all she does. **The lectors** have really grown in their ministry this year, and I pray that they may continue to share with us their love for the Word of God.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Our new music director, **Ksenia Lowenfels**, has really shared her talents with us this season. In addition to playing beautiful music, she is beginning to bring out the musical talents of the parish. **Sarah Ball** helped to continue the music ministry the last half of 2017 while we sought a new leader. **The choir** sang beautifully some challenging music this season, and it was nice to hear that they were more than up to the challenge. **The musicians** enhanced our music with their own talents. **Pat McCoy** and **Larry Kuhns** stepped into the breach during the latter half of last year to support or singing with their instruments. **Kathleen and Dick Cross** sustained the bulk of the music ministry prior to Ksenia's arrival, and continue to be pillars of support both for Ksenia and for us.

**USHERS:** Ushering is an under-appreciated ministry. In addition to taking up the collection, they help to prepare the church for Mass, seat people who are looking for a place in the congregation, invite people to bring up the gifts, and keep us safe by maintaining a prayerful and watchful eye on all that is taking place. **Dan Lucia** helps to coordinate both the schedules and communication among all of the ushers.

**INTERCESSIONS:** The priests do not make up the "Lord, have mercy" and "Prayer of the faithful" at Mass. **Kathleen Cross** works diligently to help us reflect and pray for the needs of our parish, our Church, and our world.

**COUNTERS:** As a matter of accounting principles, we priests do not count the money. Instead, **teams of volunteers** help to count the collections following fundamental guidelines and ensure that all money is properly handled. **Eleanor Cornet** coordinates these teams.

**RECEPTION:** As you can imagine, the parish office is particularly busy during the holidays. **Liz** handles most of the business during the day, while **Eleanor Cornett, Maureen Vanginderin and Rita O'Shea** handled much of the work in the evenings and weekends.

**MAINTENANCE:** **Bob Nedwick** joined the parish team and has been really instrumental in getting the parish in a good condition so that our worship spaces can be clean and useable.

**CLEANING:** The **Duarte Family**, our cleaners, come in twice a week and clean the entire building. It is because of them that we are able to pray in clean conditions.

**PRIESTLY SUPPORT:** Priests on their own cannot do the work of serving the needs of the people. **Fr. Viet** did his utmost to support both the pastor and the congregation in growing in our experience of Christ's Incarnation. In addition, **Fr. Mark and Fr. Frank**, the other members of the Carmelite community, supported their brother priests and the parish community by their prayers.

**DIRECT PERSONAL SUPPORT:** Fr. Viet and I would like to thank in a special way all those who shared kind words and Christmas greetings with us personally. These also mean a lot to us. While it would be impossible to thank each person individually, please accept these words as an expression of our profound gratitude and respect: Thank you very much.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR MILITARY:**

Nick O'Kelly

**OUR SICK:**

Justin Baker, William Duggan,  
Ann Duggan Baker, Mary Lester,  
Norbert & Patricia Godin,  
Sharon Lynch, Carmen Rodriguez

**OUR DECEASED:**

Anne Colucci, Jean Donnelly,  
Giovanni DiNunzio, Mary Miele

*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.*

**END OF 2017 WRAP UP:** The end of 2017, with all of its activity and festivities, has now passed, and we now arrive at the end of the first week of the new year 2018. Now that all of the busyness of Thanksgiving and Christmas have subsided, I would like to highlight some of the important events that happened that we might not have known about or that we might have missed.

**Seamus Wiseman, Eagle Scout:** On November 18, 2017 our brother Seamus officially received his eagle scout badge, which he earned in part because of the work he and his team did in repairing some of the kneelers in the church. The ceremony was held at the Reformed Church of the Tarrytowns, and many people who participated in Seamus' journey were in attendance, including many of our parishioners. Together with Seamus' mother, Eileen, and his brother, Brendan, we are tremendously proud of him.



**Giving Trees:** As in the past, the parish demonstrated real Christian charity and generosity with time and finances in purchasing gifts for those in need. 460 tags hung on the trees, and all were taken. In the end, 448 gifts were returned on time and distributed to St. Simon Stock, St. Jerome, and here in Tarrytown. Next year, let's aim for 100% return. Thanks to Linnae Latessa and her team of volunteers, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all of their efforts in helping us to share Christ with those in need.



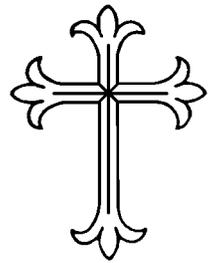
## **Fifty-first Year Luncheon and Afternoon**

**of Recollection:** On Sunday, December 17, we celebrated our 51st year in the new parish building. After the 12:00 noon Mass, we retired to the parish hall, where Pat Nyarady, Alice Blood, Marge Murphy and their team treated us to a lovely lunch in a wonderfully decorated space. Following this was a talk given by Fr. Peter Hill, CSsR, who helped us to reflect on the meaning of "transfiguration" in this time of jubilee celebration. We concluded the afternoon by blessing one another with holy water as a sign of our baptism and our baptismal commitment to one another.

**Church Decoration:** The church always looks beautiful at this time of year, and this year was no exception. Both visitors and parishioners commented on how pretty the church looked. Given that the turn over between the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve was a matter of hours, the efforts of all of the volunteers was greatly appreciated. The third week of Advent was spent preparing the worship space for the celebrations. I would like to thank Gloria Agro, Elaine Smith, and Mildred Gonzales for leading the charge, and for the team who assisted them, including. I would also like to recognize Fr. Viet and Bob Nedwick, who also did a lot of work in making our prayer atmosphere more festive.



Did you know that the Mass is structured with three main parts: the introductory rites, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist? During Ordinary Time we have a reading from the Old Testament, followed by a psalm response. The second reading is from the New Testament and then we change our physical position. The Gospel, the Good News is so important that we greet it with an Alleluia. We stand to sing that alleluia and to receive the words of the Gospel. The priest proclaims that the Gospel is about to be read to us, proclaimed to us, and he tells us which Gospel we are hearing. We respond, "Glory to you O Lord", and we make the sign of the cross, with our thumb, on our forehead, to indicate that we are taking that Word into our minds, then we make the sign of the cross on our lips, indicating that we will speak that Word to the world, and then we make the sign of the cross over our hearts, indicating that we desire to keep that Word in our hearts. Having committed ourselves to the Gospel, we listen with open minds and open hearts. What a gift!



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January 7, 2018

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With prayerful best wishes, I am,  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

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