

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

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tarrytown, New York 10591



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Monday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday thru Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 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.

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.

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY-December 7, 2019

5:00 Elizabeth Walters & Sylvia Discala req. by
Caroline Walter

SUNDAY- DECEMBER 8, 2019

8:00 Maurice Duchesne req. by the Keogh family
10:00 Robert Guastella req. by George & family
12:00 Dave O'Shea req. by Rita & Lisa O'Shea

MONDAY—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Jean Donnelly req. By Carolyn Walters
12:10 Joseph Borstelmann req. by Ann Miele
7:30 Joseph Gensert req. by the Volpe family

TUESDAY

7:15 Christopher Dizon req. by Fr. Emiel
9:00 James Kennedy req. by Tiffany & Mike Campbell

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Jeanne Antonicelli req. by the Farbman family
9:00 William F. Foley & family req. by W.A. Cerbone

THURSDAY

7:15 JoAnn Cerussi req. by Albert Cerussi, Jr.
9:00 For our twinned parish in Soyapango req. by the
Transfiguration Twinning Committee

FRIDAY

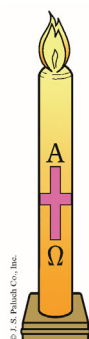
7:15 Sr. Veronica Rose O.C.D. (living) req. by
Fr. Justin
9:00 Dr. Elio Ippilitto req. by William Cerbone

SATURDAY

9:00 The Doyle & McGuire families req. by Joan
DeMeo
5:00 Mable Muldoon req. by Joyce Hufnagel

SUNDAY

8:00 Mary McGinnis req. by the Nagy family
10:00 Sadie Ryan req. by George & Gloria Hofgartner
12:00 Michelle Klokus req. by the Walpuck family



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Edward & Susan Packer req. by Patrice Packer

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for Pope Francis' December intentions.

The Shrine candle is burning for the healing of Deanna King req. by the Latessa family

POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.

—Don Bosco

Weekly Offering

December 2, 2019

\$8,095.00

Attendance—629 Envelopes—201

Thanksgiving

\$1,329.00

Readings for the Week

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent;*
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: *International Human Rights Day*
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: *St. Damasus I*
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: *St. Lucy*
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: *St. John of the Cross*
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

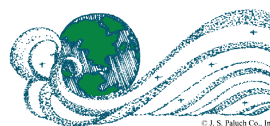
Sunday: *Third Sunday of Advent*
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

♦ Isaiah 11:9



WINTER WILD

It was winter wild
While the Heav'n-born child
All meanly wrapt in the rude manger
lies.

—John Milton, *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*



PASTOR'S LETTER

A PLACE FOR THE HOLY CHILD IN OUR HOMES...AND IN OUR PUBLIC SPACES:

In addition to the Christmas tree, part of the decoration of a Christian home is the manger scene. In many neighborhoods in Italy, there are even competitions for who can design the most interesting and the most beautiful ones.

Pope Francis just published the apostolic letter "Admirabile Signum," "The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche." In it, he reminds us of the origins of one of the most important signs of the Christmas seasons, and how it can be a means for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As to the beginnings of the manger scene, the Pope explains:

We need to imagine ourselves in the little Italian town of Greccio, near Rieti. Saint Francis stopped there, most likely on his way back from Rome where on 29 November 1223 he had received the confirmation of his Rule from Pope Honorius III. Francis had earlier visited the Holy Land, and the caves in Greccio reminded him of the countryside of Bethlehem. It may also be that the "Poor Man of Assisi" had been struck by the mosaics in the Roman Basilica of Saint Mary Major depicting the birth of Jesus, close to the place where, according to an ancient tradition, the wooden panels of the manger are preserved.

The Franciscan Sources describe in detail what then took place in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay". At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.

This is how our tradition began: with everyone gathered in joy around the cave, with no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery.

Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of Saint Francis, notes that this simple and moving scene was accompanied by the gift of a marvelous vision: one of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger. From the nativity scene of that Christmas in 1223, "everyone went home with joy".

The Pope later reflects on the various figures that make up the scene and their significance for our Christian faith. One particular set of figures not found in American manger sets is the poor. On them, he writes:

It is customary to add many symbolic figures to our nativity scenes. First, there are the beggars and the others who know only the wealth of the heart. They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus; no one can evict them or send them away from a crib so makeshift that the poor seem entirely at home. Indeed, the poor are a privileged part of this mystery; often they are the first to recognize God's presence in our midst.

He concludes the letter with the following words:

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.

To read this wonderful letter in its entirety, please go to the parish website. God bless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
OUR MILITARY:

Anthony Correia

OUR SICK:

Justin Baker, Ann Duggan Baker,
Edna Belanich, Vincent Bonsignore,
Michael Capasso, Gary Cherico,
Keith Curro, Gabrielle DeLuca,
Maria Diocelina Guananga Borja,
Sal DiPillo, William Duggan,
Patricia Godin, James Keely,
Peggy Lahoz, Bill Marmo,
Jesusa Marco, Marie Minuck,
Michael Mohoney, Edward F. Parzyk,
Frances Rea August Zagrobelny

OUR DECEASED:

Carmen Rodriguez

*If you would like to include others in this prayer list,
please contact the priory office. Names will remain on*

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego:
"God has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him,
for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous
and immigrant, the Mother of God
became known as their Mother,
too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name,
means "One Who Speaks Like an
Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully
delivered the Virgin's request that
a church be built at Tepeyac where
she had appeared to him. To the
skeptical bishop's request for a
sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego



roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

The Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe which began Tuesday, December 3 continues until the feast day Thursday, December 12th.

Prayer cards are available at the church entrance.

Please remember our Twinned parish.

**Evening Prayer to
Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

This coming Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 in the chapel.

The Twinning committee will have refreshments and a slide show of pictures from Soyapango in the Parish Hall following Evening Prayer.

All welcome.

Twinning Contributions:

This is the time of year when the twinning committee asks for contributions for its programs in Soyapango, El Salvador. Contribution forms are in the rack across from the elevator.

OPLATKI

The word Oplatki means "Angel Bread". The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship.



Oplatki is available for those wishing to observe this wonderful tradition. Please stop by the parish office to pick some up. A free will offering is greatly appreciated.

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.

St Vincent DePaul Giving Trees

Christ call us to share addition is to share our joy with others at Christmas. Our tradition is to share this joy with the children of St. Simon Stock, St Jerome and Tarrytown through the Giving Trees. If you have any questions or you wish to sponsor a child please contact Linnae Latessa at 914-5849438 or llatessa@aol.com.

- Gifts provide for needy children of Tarrytown, St. Jerome's and St. Simon Stock.
- You can sponsor a child by taking a tag or making a donation to St. Vincent DePaul. Please mark your envelope "Giving Tree".
- Wrapped gifts are **due back** to Transfiguration Church no later then: **1:00 PM, Sunday, December 15th.** The gifts are picked up early

Transfiguration Christmas Pageant

We welcome children from grades PreK and up to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant, which will be held on **Tuesday, December 24th** at the **5pm Mass.** The pageant itself actually begins at 4:45pm.



We will have two pageant practices:

Wednesday, December 4th
at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 11th
at 6:30 PM

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nichole Roberts at roberts23nichole@gmail.com or Holly Maroney at hmar2512@gmail.com.

There will be a Coffee Hour today, after the 10:00 am Mass. Please join our hosts Mareen Marinopolous and Mary Ann Chambers for doughnuts & coffee.

Our hosts next weekend will be Susan & Chris Vacca



JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker

TRANSFIGURATION SENIORS



December 19th:
Christmas Luncheon At
12:00 PM

Please sign up by 12/15,

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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