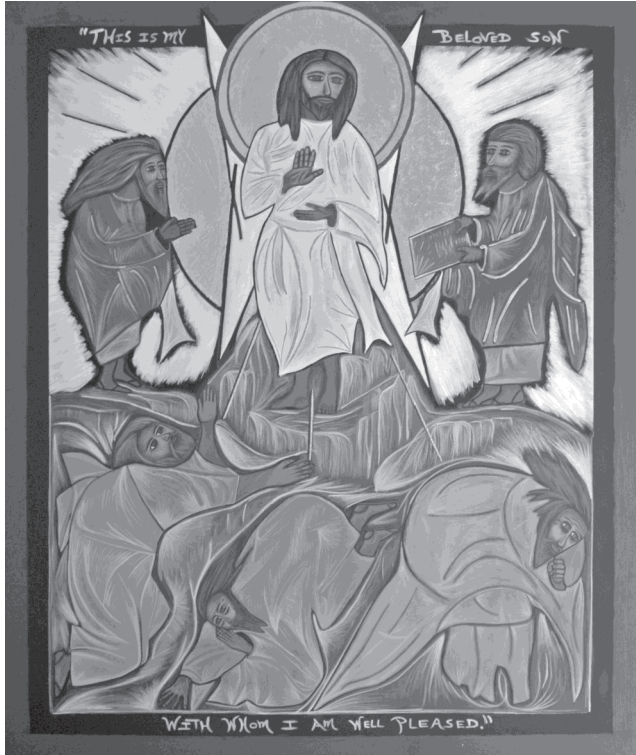


Transfiguration Parish



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community united by love, illuminated by the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. We gather as a People of God seeking unity through the Holy Spirit to Worship through the Sacred Liturgy, Prayer and Sacraments, and to proclaim the Christian message which promotes Justice, Reconciliation and Service through Evangelization, Faith Formation and Discipleship.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:		4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Communion Service:	Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Thursday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Usually first Sunday of the month. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should call the church office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date. A marriage preparation program is required for all couples. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

**50 Hillview Drive
Speigletown, Troy, NY 12182**

Administrative Offices

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Closed Friday - During June, July and August
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Schaghticoke, NY 12154**

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris....
ARE YOU A HERALD OF THE GOSPEL
OF CHRIST?

On June 25, 2015, I celebrated the tenth anniversary of my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. I very often think about that day with great happiness and joy, and consider my ordination one of the most important events of my life, along with the day Patricia and I were married, and the day our son was born.

There are so many parts of the Ordination Rite that have such strong meaning for me, but I want to share one with you, and that is the presentation of the Book of the Gospels. During the rite, the Deacon kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of the Deacon and says these words:

**“Receive the Gospel of Christ
 Whose herald you now are.
 Believe what you read,
 Teach what you believe,
 And practice what you teach.”**

- A. **Believe what you read** – Through the Gospels, Jesus teaches us how to live our lives as His disciples. We just have to believe, and put our trust in Jesus.
- B. **Teach what you believe** – It is not enough for us to just believe. We are also called to spread the Gospel of Christ to everyone we meet, and teach what we believe.
- C. **Practice what you teach** – We cannot be like those whom Jesus called hypocrites in the Gospels. We actually have to follow through, and live our lives according to what we believe and teach.

I share this part of the Diaconate Ordination because it seems to me that the instructions that I received from the Bishop can apply to each and every one of us. By virtue of my Ordination, I have an obligation to believe what I read, teach what I believe, and practice what I teach. My question for all of you is this; don't all of us, by virtue of our Baptism, have the same obligation? So I ask you too; Are you a herald of the Gospel of Christ?

Deacon Chris

WE NEED WORKERS!!!
Please sign-up at the entrances of our churches to work at either or both of these events.
SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR FOOD BOOTH
 Shifts - September 2nd through September 7th
GARAGE SALE
 September 4th & 5th
 Shifts - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day
 These events are major fundraisers for Transfiguration Parish. Without your help we cannot continue to be successful. Call 235-0337 for more info.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday July 25		
4:30 p.m. Spe	Edna Sanvidge	Ed and Karen Murray Midge Day Rose Cosgrove Nadia Haitko
	William Hayes	
	Rev. Thomas Duncan	
	Rose Joyes	
Sunday July 26		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Pauline Carlo	The Colligan Family
10:15a.m. Spe	Rev. Thomas Duncan	Gary and Peggy Krill Bob and Gussie Jarmick Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge
	John Jarmick	
	Nora McCarthy	
Tues. July 28		
9:00 a.m. Sch	Communion Service	
Thurs. July 30		
9:00 a.m. Spe	Communion Service	
Saturday August 1		
4:30 p.m. Sch	Clark and Ione St. John	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford Leo & Jane Heslin
	Edna Sanvidge	
Sunday August 2		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Father Donald Kelly	Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
10:15a.m. Spe	Rev. Thomas Duncan	Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge Ellie DeBonis Ellie DeBonis
	Marilyn Sanvidge	
	Joseph Manupella	

VOCATION PRAYER

Pope Francis asks all of us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here is a prayer we can all pray, even every day.

LORD OF THE HARVEST,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving – for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and trust, of justice and peace. AMEN.

POPE FRANCIS

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend August 1 and 2.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 p.m. No Servers 8:30 a.m. Katherine and Maria Rice

LECTORS

4:30 p.m. Donna Colligan 8:30 a.m. Cheri Foster

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 p.m. MA Arnold 8:30 a.m. Connor Ryan
Tom Hallock Jim Ryan
Denise Mahoney

MONEY COUNTERS: (8/4) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Gaetana and Sofia Baldwin

LECTORS

10:15 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris

MONEY COUNTERS: (8/2) Tom Wallingford,
Mary Kay Oliver and Mary Clemente

ALTAR LINENS: (8/2) Helen Humphrey

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse

(518) 753-4554, ext. 13 p.hebert@transfigurationparish.net

Our mission is to model the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Our Goal is to promote health & wellness within the values, beliefs, practices of our faith community.

Nurses Notes:

More Volunteers are still needed for "Two by Two", the Transfiguration Parish Faith in Action Team. Join your fellow parishioners on this team that provides non-medical support and friendship to someone caring for a family member with dementia/Alzheimer. All volunteers are offered training and continued support. By belonging to this team you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping. To receive more information, contact Pat Hebert @ 692-2135.

Health Tips: Lyme disease is best treated if caught early. If you have symptoms, such as a rash, fever, headache, muscle aches or fatigue, see your doctor. Spending time in the great outdoors this summer? You don't have to be deep in the forest to come in contact with deer ticks, which carry Lyme disease. The insects hide out in fields, tall grass and piles of leaves, as well as wooded areas. Protect yourself from ticks by wearing insect repellent, a hat, long pants and light-colored clothing. The ticks are small and hard to find, so be sure to carefully check yourself after you come indoors. Inspect your hair, armpits, groin and other concealed areas, where ticks like to hide. Though cases of Lyme disease are on the rise, the tick-borne, flu-like illness can be successfully treated and more serious problems can be avoided if it's caught soon enough. That's why early detection is key. The telltale sign of Lyme disease is a bull's-eye rash — but it doesn't appear in all cases. Other early symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, chills, stiff neck, headache, muscle aches and fatigue, which usually appear within a few weeks of infection. If you're experiencing symptoms and have been spending time outdoors in areas where Lyme disease is found, be sure to visit your doctor immediately to rule out infection. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO OUR LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It is time to think about donating school supplies to those students in our local schools who are in need of help. We have compiled a list of commonly needed supplies. You can pick up a copy of the list at the entrances to our churches at both the north and south sites. You will also find a box to collect those items that you purchase over the next few weeks starting July 25th. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

Save the dates and save your treasures! The 7th Annual Parish Garage Sale September 4th and 5th

If you're spring/summer cleaning, please set aside your unused or unwanted items for this important fund-raiser.

Call 235-0337 for more information.

We are looking for a Chairperson.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting in July 2015, Transfiguration Parish will have three Weekend Masses. There will be one Vigil Mass on Saturday, and two Masses on Sunday. The new Mass schedule will be:

**Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 PM
Sunday Morning Masses – 8:30 AM in Schaghticoke
10:15 AM in Speigletown**

The site of the Saturday Mass will alternate each month. During the month of July, the Saturday Mass will be in Speigletown for the entire month. In August, the Saturday Mass will be in Schaghticoke for the entire month. September will be in Speigletown, October will be in Schaghticoke, etc.



**REMINDER!!!
WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS
CONTINUE**

Youth who were in grades 7 – 12 for this year are invited to **DROP IN** on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30**. There will be different activities each week, lawn games, board games, movies and snacks will be served.

Speigletown July 29
Schaghticoke August 5
Speigletown August 12
Schaghticoke August 19

Keep in touch with us over the summer. DROP IN!!!

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

Thank you for your continued support of our Bottle and Can Drive. We will have a **community collection on September 12 and 13**. Please consider asking neighbors and family members to collect for our youth ministry. Bags and notices will be available at all church entrances.

Thank you for your support.

Offertory:

July 18 and 19
4:30 \$1,642.00
8:30 1,487.00
10:15 753.00
Week 3 of the 2015-2016 budget
Budget = \$15,288.45
Collection = \$13,555.00
Shortfall = \$1,733.45

Thank you for your on-going generosity and continued commitment to your parish. Please consider increasing your weekly donation.

Peter's Pence Collection

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war oppression and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.



Book Nook News

The Book Nook is closed during August, in preparation of the parish-wide garage sale scheduled for September 4-5. Thanks for your continued support and please continue to drop off your donations. We will need them for the Garage Sale! See you at the Book Nook.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

7/26 *Evangelization Team Mtg.* 11:30 am *S Site*
9/4&5 *Annual Parish-Wide Garage Sale* *South Site*
9/2-7 *Transfiguration Parish Food Booth at the Schaghticoke Fair* *Daily*

**SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE
ABSENCE OF A PRIEST**

As you know, the Church is experiencing a shortage of priests. As a result, there have been times when priests have not been available to celebrate Saturday Vigil Masses or Sunday Masses.

In order to address the needs of the faithful in light of the shortage of priests, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a liturgy known as the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. This liturgy is based on the Liturgy of the Hours which has been prayed by the faithful for centuries and it includes the regular Mass readings. It may also include the distribution of the Holy Communion, depending on availability of consecrated hosts. It is important to note that the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest fulfills the obligation of the faithful to attend the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass. This liturgy can be conducted not only by a deacon, but also by a trained layperson.

While the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest liturgy is not a Mass, it is a practical solution to the priest shortage. Yet it is more than that. This liturgy is another opportunity for the laity to share their gifts and talents with others. It is another opportunity for the laity to fulfill the privileges and responsibilities which they assumed at their baptism. The Church has been enriched by the many ways the laity has taken part in the life of the Church.

Attending a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest may not be as spiritually fulfilling as attending a Mass, but we must accept the fact it is a part of our prayer life in today's Church. Let us not forget that God is present in this liturgy, as well as He is in the Mass.

Let us pray for an increase in vocations, but let us also pray that God sends His grace upon both clergy and laity during this time of challenge.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

**Unless someone like you cares a whole
awful lot, nothing is going to get better.
It's not.**

**TICKETS FOR SHOWS AT
PROCTOR'S THEATER IN
SCHENECTADY**

Please join us on:

November 20th at 8:00 pm for **Motown**.
Tickets are \$65.00 each.

January 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm for **Cinderella**.
Tickets are \$60.00 each.

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 235-0337 or E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net for more information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

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