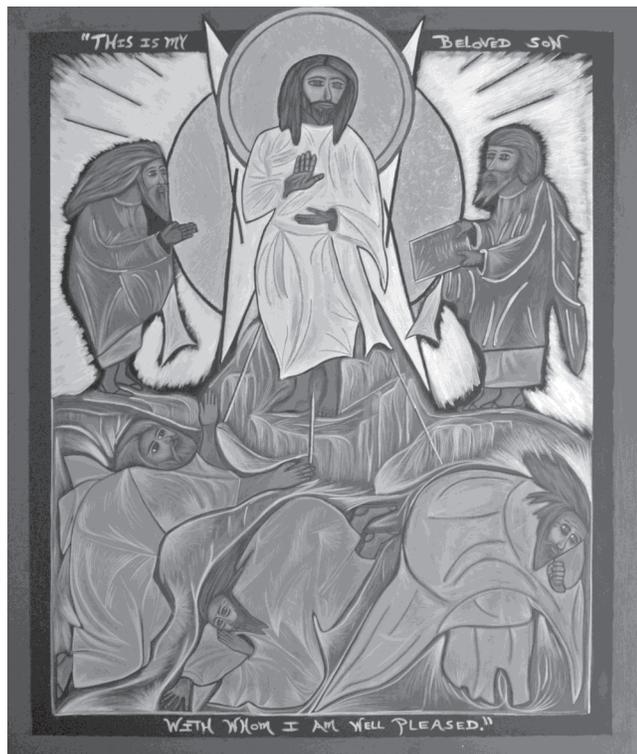


Transfiguration Parish



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.

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris....

AHA MOMENT

I always try to have something worthwhile to share every week. Some weeks I struggle to find something to write about, right up to the day I need to submit my piece for the bulletin. This particular week was very different. I actually had two topics that I thought would make for a good article. I debated all week which topic I would write on, and finally chose one on Saturday afternoon. Then Sunday came, and my choices went out the window because I received an even better choice on Sunday morning. My other topics will wait for another time. I feel I need to share this with you now.

You might be wondering what the title, “Aha Moment” refers to. Have you ever had an experience where you felt very strongly that you just had a special encounter with God? I call that special encounter an Aha Moment, and I was fortunate to have such a moment on Sunday. One might have an Aha Moment from a beautiful experience in nature such as a brilliant sunrise or sunset over a body of water. You can just feel God’s presence in nature. I think the most special Aha Moments I have experienced come through the actions of other people, just like this one.

Sunday morning prior to Mass, one of the young members of our parish, who I will not name, came up to me and presented me with a plastic bag with money in it. The young person asked me to please give the money they had saved to Birthright International to aid in the care of young expectant mothers. I was joyfully overwhelmed by such a loving act of charity.

We can all take a lesson from our children. We probably all know adults who talk a good game, but that is it. As the saying goes, “Talk is Cheap.” People say they are going to do this or that, but it never gets done. I find things quite different with our youth. They have a true compassion for others, and they actually do things instead of just talking about them. On Sunday, I experienced an Aha Moment through the generosity and kindness of this young parishioner. WOW!

Ash Wednesday will begin the Season of Lent on February 10. In the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Jesus will teach us about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In essence, Jesus tells us not to promote ourselves as we pray, fast, and give alms. We should do these acts humbly and secretly, secure in the knowledge that our heavenly Father knows what we are doing. I don’t know about you, but I think the young person who provided me with a beautiful Aha Moment already understands what Jesus teaches us about almsgiving. I suggest we would all be wise to imitate this act of love and compassion. God bless.

Deacon Chris

ACCESS THE BULLETIN VIA OUR WEBSITE

The Transfiguration Parish website has been upgraded and has a 'new' look, with direct links to video, Facebook and much more. The weekly bulletin continues to be available to read and refer to each week. We invite everyone to visit the website at www.transfigurationparish.net and then type into the search bar “Bulletin”. Like us on Facebook.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday February 6

4:30 p.m. Sch **William and Joan O’Hearn** The Family
Barbara Cloutier The Family
Mary Dorothy Lanoue The Family
5th Anniversary

Sunday February 7

8:30 a.m. Sch **J. Michael Harrison** Ed and Catherine Guay
Patricia Stampfli Jim & Pat Rigney
Glenn Madigan The Brackley Family
10:15 a.m. Spe **Marianne Martin** Phil and Mary Clemente
Hugh F. Graber Hugh and Barbara Graber
Gloria Sullivan John and Kathy O’Bryan

Tues. February 9

9:00 a.m. Sch **Communion Service**

Wed. February 10—Ash Wednes

10:00 a.m. Sch **Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes**
7:00 p.m. Spe **Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes**

Thurs. February 11

9:00 a.m. Spe **Communion Service**

Saturday February 13

4:30 p.m. Sch **William and Joan O’Hearn** The Family
Ray Cloutier, Jr. The Family

Sunday February 14

8:30 a.m. Sch **Frank Wiesenforth** The DeLair Family
Muffy Harting Frank & Terri
Dave and Alicia McKinney
10:15 a.m. Spe **Gloria Sullivan** Paul & Jean Hebert
Patricia Harrison-Stampfli The Jones Family
Marianne Martin The Jones Family

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in**

Latin America. In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Upon completion, participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week’s collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

This Week's Parish Announcements

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Transfiguration Parish will offer a Lenten Bible Study series on four successive Wednesdays beginning February 17, 2016. The Bible Study Program will focus on the Gospel of Luke, and will be facilitated by Mr. Hugh Graber. Sessions will be interactive in nature, and will last one hour. There will be day and evening sessions allowing participants to choose the time that is most suitable. Topics will include the parables and teachings of Jesus, as well as Luke's Passion Narrative. Participants should bring a Bible to each session. Interested parties can sign up by calling the parish offices at 518-235-0337 or 518-753-4554. Registrants can also email Deacon **C h r i s K e o u g h** at chris_keough@transfigurationparish.net or Hugh Graber at hgraber1@nycap.rr.com. All sessions will be held in the Speigletown Chapel on the following dates and times:

Session 1

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 2

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 3

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 4

Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse

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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' Note:

Reminder: Blood Pressure screening next week. Stop by before or after Mass

Are you caring for someone suffering with a memory disorder:

Need a break? Transfiguration Parish is proud to offer "Two by Two", a Faith in Action Care Team from Transfiguration North & South in cooperation with the Eddy Alzheimer's Services. This team of compassionate trained volunteers from our own parish provides social support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairment disorders. This Care Team provides respite, friendly visits and is prepared to pick up prescription or groceries or prepare a meal if needed. **For more information contact Pat Hebert at the number listed above.**

Health Tips: Eat, sip, sleep: Take the "common" out of colds — and ease symptoms when you get one. You're living your life, feeling energetic and productive, and along comes a tiny, invisible rhinovirus — the predominant cause of the common cold. Boom! That Nile river of mucus, sneezes that could carry Dorothy to Oz, and other symptoms that lay you flat are often your body's way of fighting the virus. (Um, thanks?) Here's how to reduce the misery — and potentially help your body defend against the next bug: 1. **Eat soup, drink tea.** Among the many things your grandma was right about? Chicken soup. All warm liquids can ease congestion, but research suggests that chicken soup has a leg (or a drumstick?) up on the others. Tea — any type — is also beneficial, so get your kettle ready. 2. **Don't skimp on sleep.** Your immune system thrives on sufficient shut-eye — for both recovery and prevention. In fact, research shows that shortchanging sleep makes you more susceptible to colds. 3. **Don't let green mucus scare you.** Contrary to popular belief, green mucus is common with viral infections — not just bacterial infections that may require an antibiotic. Get a diagnosis from your doctor. 4. **Wash hands well (and a lot).** A quick in-and-out under the faucet isn't going to keep pesky germs away. Instead, get your hands wet, lather all over with soap, scrub for 20 seconds (it's longer than you think!), rinse, and dry. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass will alternate each month. In February it will be in Schaghticoke, for the entire month and in March the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.

HATS AND MITTENS

We know that many of the women of the parish enjoy knitting and crocheting. We are collecting hats and mittens to be donated to our local elementary schools during the winter season. We are looking for donations of ready made and hand made items. Please help those children who might go without.

Transfiguration Parish



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On SOUPER BOWL Sunday, February 7 our parish's Confirmation Candidates will be collecting cans of soup or monetary donations for our local food pantries. This is part of a national endeavor to remember on the day of celebrations center around food there are still hungry people in our communities. If you wish to write a check please make it payable to Transfiguration Parish. Thank you in advance for your support.

Faith Formation Notice

There will not be an evening session on February 7.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

Thank you for your continued support of our Bottle and Can Drive. 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.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Come-One-Come-All to the **Transfiguration Parish Annual Fish Fry**. The Fish Fry Dinners will be every Friday during the Lenten season (except Good Friday) **The dates are February 12, 19 and 26, March 4, 11, and 18.** You can either eat in or take out with dinners being served from 4-7 pm. Dinners will include a fish, fry, coleslaw and French Fries. Macaroni and Cheese will also be on the menu.

Fish Dinner - \$9.00 Cole Slaw \$2.00

French Fries - \$2.00

(Dinner includes Fish Fry, Fries & Cole Slaw)

Fish Fry - \$4.50 Mac 'n Cheese - \$4.50

Desserts and drinks will also be available for purchase. **HELP is needed.** Please give us a few hours of your time. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the churches. Also, please consider signing up to make a dessert for us to sell at the dinners.

Annual Super Raffle is coming soon!!!!

Feel free to call the church offices to reserve your favorite number chance ahead of time. Chances will be available after the masses at our North and South sites at \$100 each beginning February 12th. The drawing will take place after dinner at our Chicken and Steak Barbeque on July 17, 2016. As always the Grand Prize is \$10,000. There will also be 4 - \$1,000 and 2 - \$500 prizes. Call 235-0337 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

2/10	<i>Ash Wednesdays</i>	10:00 am N Site
	<i>Communion Service and</i>	7:00 pm S Site
	<i>Distribution of Ashes</i>	
2/12	<i>Annual Friday Fish Fry</i>	4:00-7:00 pm S Site
	<i>starts - runs each Friday</i>	
	<i>through March 18</i>	
2/12	<i>Super Raffle Tickets go on sale</i>	
2/14	<i>Evangelization Meeting</i>	11:30 am S Site
2/22	<i>Pastoral Council Meeting</i>	6:30 pm S Site

Offertory:

January 30 and 31

4:30 \$1,732.00

8:30 1,502.00

10:15 1,191.00

Week 31 of the 2015-2016 Budget

Budget = \$157,980.65

Collection = \$146,799.69

Shortfall = \$11,180.96

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

We are looking for a.....

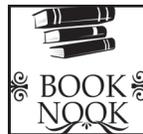
COMMITTEE TO PLAN A CHICKEN AND STEAK BARBEQUE

The barbeque will take place July 17, 2016
at the

Transfiguration Parish

South Site Parish Hall

For more information, please contact Ellie
DeBonis at the church office - 235-0337.



The BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open Saturday morning, February 20th from 9:00 am until noon. Please remember it is not open before or after Masses during February, since we are having church at the northern site. The February half-price specials are on the following authors: **Janet Evanovich, Fern Michaels and James Patterson.** Stop by and stock up on your winter reading! Donations are always welcome, but please no encyclopedias, textbooks magazines or VHS tapes. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten Lunches will begin **Tuesday, February 16** at Noon in Schaghitoke, and continue every Tuesday until March 15. These are Ecumenical gatherings for lunches of soups and breads with brief presentations by various congregation leaders.

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