

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.

VISION STATEMENT

Transfiguration Parish is committed to continual growth in the Catholic Faith through a lifelong union with Jesus Christ, and in service to others through the ministry of the Church. We spread the Good News of His love and promote His Word through evangelization, education, reflection, and daily witness. As faithful stewards we pledge to direct and develop the spiritual, human, financial, and material resources of the Church. We respond to His love with gratitude and prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and equality for all.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:	4:00 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: 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.

*From the Desk of Deacon Chris...***PRAYERFULLY ENTER INTO
THE SEASON OF LENT**

Lent will begin this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14. We think about Lent as a time of spiritual conversion focused on prayer, fasting and alms-giving. On Ash Wednesday we will receive the sign of the cross in ashes on our foreheads, and one of two phrases will be spoken; "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words remind us that God created us out of nothing, and God calls us to repentance and belief in Jesus whose Gospel we proclaim.

Lent is a time for taking an inventory of our lives as disciples of Jesus. We are called to prayer every day as we ask the Holy Spirit to guide our lives in Christ. We probably do not need to make radical changes in our lives, but we can all think of ways we can deepen our loving relationship with Jesus.

During Lent we often hear about sacrifice and giving, which is another way of saying fasting and alms-giving. We have a wonderful way to do both through our annual participation in the Rice Bowl Program through Catholic Relief Services. Very simply, we choose to sacrifice all, or portions, of a meal, and place those monetary savings in our "Rice Bowl." All the funds collected are used to feed the hungry around the world. Please participate in this excellent program.

I mentioned Lent is a time of conversion which may mean we look for ways to give more of our time and talent to parish activities. Lent should also be a season for repentance as we turn to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and ask for His mercy, forgiveness, and healing. During Lent we will have a Communal Penance Service on Wednesday March 14 with two services available. There will be a service at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory in Troy, and another service at 7:00 pm in Speigletown. Please take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

March 24-25 is Palm Sunday this year which begins the most holy week of the Church year. Please consider these things:

Palm Sunday – Imagine being there when Jesus triumphantly entered into Jerusalem. Imagine laying your palm branches in the road. Think about what transpired as the crowd turned against Jesus. Would you have turned with the crowd?

Holy Thursday – Imagine having Jesus wash your feet! How does that make you feel? Imagine being one of those at table with Jesus as He gave us Eucharist, His body and blood. Listen carefully to the words Jesus spoke. Words repeated at every Mass.

*Mass Schedule & Intentions***Saturday February 10**

4:00 p.m. Sch **Mary Slingerland** Ed and Margaret LaFortune

Sunday February 11

8:30 a.m. Sch **Jon Chetwynd** The Family

10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fane

Henry Weglarz Paul and Jean Hebert

Terry Kelvington The Beamish Family

Marjorie Weiss Paul and Jean Hebert

Tues. February 13

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

Wed. February 14 - Ash Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Sch **Mass and Distribution of Ashes**

6:30 p.m. Spe **Mass and Distribution of Ashes**

Thur. February 15

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

Saturday February 17

4:00 p.m. Sch **Will Rowe** The Rowe and Collins Families

Sunday February 18

8:30 a.m. Sch **Bob Carlson** Angela Oadmin

10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** The Powers Family
Henry Weglarz John and Ruth Bauchiero

Marjorie Weiss Midge Day
Dorothy Purcell Joe & Mary Grace Purcell

From the desk of Deacon Chris - Continued

Good Friday – Come to the church and feel the emptiness. Jesus is not present! Reflect on His passion and suffering. Can you feel Him being scourged? Can you feel the crown of thorns piercing his head? Can you feel the nails being driven into his hands and feet? Can you feel His love and compassion as he takes your sins upon Himself?

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday – He is Risen! Come to rejoice in the Risen Lord! Experience how Jesus lives, and makes everything new again! Reflect on your salvation in Christ, and proclaim, "Alleluia!"

I wish all of you God's grace and blessings during the Season of Lent.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend February 17 and 18.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 8:30 a.m. Emma Carlo
Katherine Rice

LECTORS

4:00 pm Donna Colligan 8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Tim Carey 8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard
Dot Jackuback Alicia McKinney

MONEY COUNTERS: (2/19) YELLOW TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Paulina and
AJ Sirtori

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Hugh Graber
Barbara Graber
Deb Witkowski

MONEY COUNTERS: (2/18) Walt and Gail Byrne
Jack and Barbara Burke

LINENS: (2/18) Mary Kay Oliver

Tickets for the 2017-2018 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us for:

On Your Feet

June 3, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$62.00 per ticket

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 518/235-0337 or E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net for information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

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 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23**. 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.

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.

The theme baskets that are raffled off at the Fish Fry Dinners are available for preview. Please take a look and buy chance tickets after masses at both the north and south sites.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

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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' Notes:

Blood Pressure Screening THIS weekend. Stop in and have your blood pressure checked and your blood sugar read by a Registered Nurse.

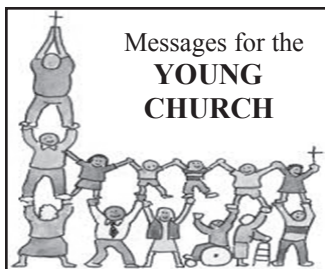
Health Tips: *Be a quitter! To give your body the ultimate holiday gift, stop smoking. "You never get a second chance to make a first impression," goes a famous ad slogan. Your body can be more forgiving, as it turns out. The benefits of quitting smoking are overwhelming, including living stronger and having more fun because you don't have respiratory symptoms, lung cancer, heart disease — or early death! Amazingly (and very fortunately!), your body begins to repair itself almost immediately. And while most research has been done on middle-aged people, a new study confirms that even people in their sixties who stop smoking reduce their risk of disease and early death. And the benefits go beyond the physical: People who quit smoking are happier and more satisfied with their health than those who keep smoking. So whether you're 27, 47 or 67, if you smoke, make a choice to quit. Make sure that choice involves a few supportive buddies or friends, family and health professionals. Think of it as a holiday gift for your body — one that keeps on giving. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>*

FLU SEASON & THE SIGN OF PEACE

At every celebration of The Eucharist we are encouraged to, "Offer each other the sign of peace." The sign is very often accomplished through shaking hands. We are all aware of the spread of the flu throughout our state and country. We also know that shaking hands is one of the ways we can spread flu germs to one another.

In the interest of everyone's health, please be aware that shaking hands is not a required form of offering peace. People can simply nod to one another, and exchange words like, "Peace be with you" without ever touching hands. Sharing the sign of peace is part of the Eucharistic Rite, but it does not mean we have to infect one another.

If you are not feeling well and are concerned that shaking hands with others might be harmful for them, please choose to speak words of peace rather than shake hands. Additionally, please do not be offended if a fellow parishioner does not offer you their handshake at the sign of peace. They are simply concerned about your good health.



SHADOW STATIONS with the Young Church on March 4th at 9:30 am at our North Site.

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.

**Thank you for your support
Contact Beth Thayer 518/235-0337**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
3:00 – 3:30 PM IN SCHAGHTICOKE**

Father Ingemie will hear confessions at the Schaghticoke site on Saturday, February 17th. Please plan on availing yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and receive Jesus' love, compassion, and healing through the merciful forgiveness of your sins.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Members of our parish will be traveling to Costa Rica for their Mid Winter school break, while there they will be doing service at a local school. They are asking for donations of single subject notebooks, pencils, pens, and pencil cap erasers to take with them on this trip. **We will collect on Feb. 10 and 11.** If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook will be open on Saturday, February 17, from 9:00 am until noon with the February half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **David Baldacci, Robyn Carr and Lisa Jackson.** The children/young adult books are 12/\$1 during February and the historical novels, biographies, self-help, religion are all 3/\$1. Romance novels are 12/\$1. Please stop by and see all of the new donations. Remember we accept all donations **except**, encyclopedias, text books, magazines and VHS tapes. Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

2/16 - *Fish Fry Fridays* 4:00-7:00 pm S Site
3/23

Offertory Report:

December 9 and 10

Due to the bulletin publication schedule there will not be an Offertory Report for this week.

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

ZUMBA IS BACK!!!!

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from **6:00-7:00 pm at the Transfiguration Parish Hall in Speigletown.** The classes have started. You can join at any time. The fee for a **1 hour class is \$5.00 or \$25.00 for 6 classes, which will have to be prepaid.** Call Ellie DeBonis at 235-0337 for more information.

Discussion Series

The Sorrowful Ministries

Thursdays - at our South Site from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 22 - "The Agony of our Lord in the Garden"

March 1 - "Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar"

March 8 - "Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns"

March 15 - "Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary"

March 22 - "The Crucifixion of the Lord"

**SUPER RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE**

Super Raffle tickets will go on sale during the Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners and after all masses starting with the dinner of February 16th. Tickets are \$100 each and you have the potential to win \$10,000.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours."

St. Teresa of Avila

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