

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...

MATTHEW CHAPTER FIVE
THE BEATITUDES AND
MUCH, MUCH MORE!

I would venture to say that chapter 5 of the Gospel of Matthew is one of the best known, and most often discussed, chapters in all the gospels. At least the beginning of the chapter is, with what is called The Beatitudes where Jesus begins every verse with the words, "Blessed are the...", as Jesus instructs us on the grace we receive by selfless service of others. Jesus makes it very clear that we best love and serve God by loving and serving one another. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in trying to extract every possible meaning in scriptures that we lose sight of Jesus' very simple teaching which is to love God and love each other. In fact, in chapter fourteen of John's Gospel Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Getting back to chapter five of Matthew's Gospel, I think we tend to begin and end with The Beatitudes which are part, but not all, of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus continues to teach us throughout the rest of the chapter with verses that speak to our calling as his disciples:

The Similes of Salt and Light – Jesus tells us, "You are the salt of the earth," and "You are the light of the world." We cannot hide or diminish our light, but must let our light shine so others can see it.

Teaching about the Law – Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil." The ten commandments are our blueprints for being Jesus' disciples. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law.

Jesus goes on to teach about anger, adultery and sin, divorce, oaths, and retaliation. Jesus teaches us we should be forgiving of others, and not demand an eye for an eye.

The very last teaching in chapter five is titled, "**Love of Enemies.**" Jesus tells us it is not enough to just love those who love you. Anyone can do that! Jesus teaches that we need to, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." He continues, "That you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."

Lord, you want me to love my enemies? You want me to love the person who treats me poorly and insults me? You want me to love the person who has sinned against me, and caused me great hardship and pain? Can I possibly love my enemies?

Even though it will not be easy, I believe I can love my enemies, and you can too! We can because the grace of God is with us, and we can do anything through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When you are faced with a situation where you should love your enemy, just think of the last words Jesus spoke in chapter five of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus tells us, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 3		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	Michael Bartis
		Will Rowe
		Nick and Barbara Nicholas The Rowe and Collins Families
Sunday March 4		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Marjorie Weiss
		Jim Matthews
		Estate of Joseph E. Smith John and Ruth Bauchiero John and Ruth Bauchiero
Tues. March 6		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service
Thur. March 8		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service
Saturday March 10		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	Michael Bartis
		Joseph Oathout
		John Brigham
		Midge Day The Book Nook Volunteers Bob and Midge Day
Sunday March 11		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Anne Marie Gervais
		Estate of Joseph E. Smith John and Ruth Bauchiero

DISCERNMENT FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Dear Parishioners,

Over the next few weeks, we will engage in the process of selecting up to seven new members for the pastoral council. The pastoral council assists the parish life director with the long-range pastoral planning affecting the whole of parish life. Council members help vision, plan, strategize, and coordinate overall ministry with the parish life director.

During Masses the weekends of March 17-18, we will make available forms for nominations of individuals for service on the pastoral council. Individuals can submit their own names for nomination, or nominate another person they feel would be a good candidate. Those who accept nomination will be asked to participate in a discernment session from which new council members will be elected. Following are some of the traits to consider for potential council members:

- Able to work well within a team environment
- Able to remain open-minded to new ideas. An effective listener
- Possess a visionary ability for long-range planning
- Able to commit to monthly meetings over a three year period
- Able to humbly serve in a parish leadership role
- Baptized and Confirmed Catholics active in parish ministry

Please reflect on individuals you consider suitable for service on the pastoral council. Parish staff members are not eligible for service due to conflict of interest concerns. Thank you for your assistance in this vital aspect of parish life.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend March 10 and 11.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Jaquelyn Carlo
Maria Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Bob and
Kathy Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/11) WHITE TEAM -
K.Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. Paulina and
AJ Sirtori

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Barbara Colangione

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Maureen Filarecki 10:15 a.m. Claudia Mahoney
Jane Heslin Jack Mahoney
Walt Lynick John Reardon

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/11) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (3/11) Kate Coventry

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.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man, and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering, and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be collecting items for children's Easter baskets beginning this weekend until March 18th. Items that we will need are: Chocolate Easter Bunnies, Peeps, Small Chocolate Candies, Fruit Snacks, Small Bags of Chips or Popcorn and Small Toys. We will have collection boxes at the entrances of our churches. We appreciate your generosity to the children who may go without treats for Easter.

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' Notes:

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.**

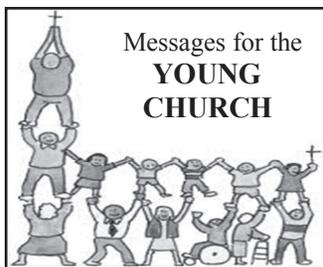
Reminder: Blood Pressure screening next week. Stop by before or after Mass throughout the weekend to have your blood pressure checked

Health Tips:

Be heart smart: Protect your ticker in cold temperatures: Frigid winter weather can be uncomfortable and inconvenient. But did you know it can also be life-threatening for anyone with coronary heart disease? Most heart attacks occur as a result of this disease, after many years of plaque build-up inside the coronary arteries, a condition called atherosclerosis. When you're cold, your body does its best to warm you. You may shiver to increase muscle warmth, which increases your heart rate and blood pressure. Also, your body constricts blood vessels near the skin's surface, reducing the flow of warm blood there and helping to reduce heat loss. (That explains those cold fingers and toes!) This increases pressure in your arteries. Most heart-healthy people can tolerate these reactions without a problem. But for those with atherosclerosis, the body's reaction to cold can trigger a heart attack. We're only midway through winter, so take steps to protect yourself: 1. Avoid sudden exertion in the cold, such as shoveling snow or walking through deep snow, 2. Wear layers of clothing for insulation, 3. Keep your hands, feet, and head warm, 4. Prevent colds and flu, since respiratory tract infections and influenza can trigger a heart attack. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Annual Divine Mercy Consecration 33 Days to Merciful Love

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period **starting Tuesday, March 6**, with the book: **33 Days to Merciful Love**, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the annual diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. Paperback copies of 33 Days to Merciful Love are available at Amazon.com. Please find more information on the dedicated webpage: www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration



SHADOW STATIONS on **March 4th at 9:30 am** at our **North Site** with the Young Church and on **March 18th at 7:00 pm** at our **South Site** with the Confirmation Class.

Stations of the Cross

QR Scan Codes have been placed at each Station of the Cross at both sites. You can use the scanner app from your phone and the prayers for each station will come up on your phone.

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

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

Transfiguration Parish Schaghticoke will be hosting lunches during the Lenten season on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon beginning February 20th and ending March 20th with our neighboring churches, Hoosic Valley Community Church, Johnsonville Methodist, Melrose, Pittstown United Methodist, Valley Falls Methodist Churches, Schaghticoke Presbyterian. These lunches comprise of sharing a simple soup and a spiritual reflection. No sign-up needed. Please join us.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish on Hillview Drive in Speigletown will be open on Saturday, March 3, from 9:00 am until noon and on Saturday March 17 with the March half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **Mary Higgins Clark, Fern Michaels and Sherryl Woods**. The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 during March 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 2017 and 2018 donations. Remember we accept all books **except**, encyclopedias, text books, magazines and VHS tapes. Our 10th Anniversary Sale is not too far away, so make plans to stop by each Saturday morning during the month of May for the **\$5/bag Blow-Out Sale**. Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

- 3/9-3/23 **Fish Fry Fridays** 4:00-7:00 pm S Site
3/8 **The Sorrowful Mysteries** 6:30 - 7:30 pm S Site
“Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns”
3/14 **Communal Penance - 3:00 pm @ Our Lady of Victory**
- 7:00 pm @ Transfiguration S Site

Offertory Report:

February 24 and 25

4:00	\$1,446.00
8:30	1,451.00
10:15	1,843.00
On-line	453.65

Week 35 of the 2017-2018 Budget

Budget = \$178,770.06

Collection = \$184,241.23

Surplus = \$5,471.17

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

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 March 9, 16 and 23.**

Prices are: Complete Dinner - \$9.00; Fish Fry only - \$5.00; French Fries - \$2.25; Cole Slaw - \$2.00 and Macaroni and Cheese - \$4.50.

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.

Discussion Series

The Sorrowful Ministries

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

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 and at the church office until the drawing. Tickets are \$100 each and you have the potential to win \$10,000.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future.”
Pope Francis

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