

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...
TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Believe it or not, next Sunday is Palm Sunday which begins the most holy week of the Church year. During the years that I was in Burlington, I served on the RCIA team. One of the things I always suggested to the new candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation was for them to attend every service during Holy Week. I believe we enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, His passion, death, and resurrection when we join in His Holy Week journey. The journey does begin on Palm Sunday and continues Wednesday with the Tenebrae Service. Then we enter into the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. I invite everyone to attend every Holy Week service to walk with our Lord, Jesus.

Some of you may be unfamiliar with Tenebrae. I find it to be a wonderful introduction to the Sacred Triduum, as it mirrors Jesus passion and death. We begin the service with the church fully lit up. In the sanctuary there are six lit candles which surround a larger candle in the middle. As we all know, lit candles remind us of the Light of Christ.

During Tenebrae, we hear a series of six scripture readings which are followed by six songs. Now these are not any readings and songs, but selections that take us through Jesus' betrayal, passion, and crucifixion. **We will hear readings on The Passover and Betrayal, The Agony, The Arrest, The Denial, The Trial, and The Crucifixion.** In and of themselves, these are very powerful readings that remind each of us what Jesus did for our sins.

Equally wonderful are the songs that are sung after every reading. These are songs that are so beautifully appropriate for the readings. **We hear songs like, "I Am The Living Bread," "Jesus Remember Me," "Hosea," and "Were You There?"** The songs strike at our hearts as they are performed so wonderfully by "Harmony of Faith." Believe me, the readings and songs can bring tears to your eyes.

We call Tenebrae a service of shadows because after every reading and song, the reader will extinguish one of the six candles in the sanctuary. Simultaneously, some of the lights in the church are lowered. By the end of the service the only light that is left in the church is the light of the one, larger candle. That candle is recessed out of the church, and those in attendance hear a loud bang which signifies the closing of Jesus' tomb. So, in contrast to the Easter Vigil when the church goes from darkness into the new light of Christ, during Tenebrae the church goes from light into total darkness. Tenebrae will truly touch your minds and hearts.

I invite everyone to join us for Tenebrae and all the Holy Week Services. Remember that Jesus died for our sins, so we can have share in His Resurrection. Shouldn't we make the time to at least journey with Him? Think about it. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 17		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	Eileen and Larry Kyer The Family
Sunday March 18		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Joseph E. Smith Estate of Joseph E. Smith
		Mary Ann Schmidt Janet Osborn
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Michael Bartis Nelson and Pam Schmidt
		Nancy Knickerbocker Nelson and Pam Schmidt
		Leo Tracy Walt and Paula Moran
		Maureen Farinelli Walt and Paula Moran
Tues. March 20		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service
Thur. March 22		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service
Saturday March 24		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	Joseph Oathout Paul & Jean Hebert
		William G. Lanoue The Family
Sunday March 25		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Miloslav Januska The Family
		Polly Premo The Sassatelli Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Ed Moran, Sr. Walt and Paula Moran
		John J. Grego Deacon Charles & Mary Ann Valenti
		Andy Laswell The Family

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 24 and 25.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Julia Carlo
Nevan Doubleday
Derek Cipolla

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Cheri Foster

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
Pat Rigney

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/25) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. Gaetana, Sofia and
Vincenzo Baldwin

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jean Sullivan 10:15 a.m. Mike Schongar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Cheryl Wallingford 10:15 a.m. Marge Brendese
Colleen Wilkie Claudia Mahoney
Doug Wilkie Jack Mahoney

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/25) Doug Wilkie, Mary Grace Purcell,
Sue Creagan

ALTAR LINENS: (3/25) Leslie Dunn

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

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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:

Health Tips: *Positive thinking plus grit may help you live a longer life!*

If we've said it once, we've said it a thousand times — or maybe a million. Regular exercise, a nutritious diet, not smoking, and managing stress vastly up your odds of living a long life in good health. And all that's as true as it ever was. But if your goal is to live into your 90s or beyond, there may be more to the story. Researchers interviewed a group of adults, ages 90 to 101 living in rural Italy, along with their family members, to get a sense of what may have contributed to their longevity. Compared with their younger relatives, the elders had worse physical health. Their mental health, however, was better. They were less prone to depression and anxiety and more prone to optimism and resilience. But easygoing Pollyannas they were not! These elders displayed stubbornness and a need to control. They also showed both an acceptance of challenges in their lives and the grit to overcome them. They had strong bonds with their families, the land, and their religion, all of which gave them a sense of purpose. We can learn a lot about living a meaningful life from these elders, but can we change our attitudes and personality? Some personality traits are fixed, but some are based on mental habits — and therefore changeable. Research suggests that a simple gratitude practice, such as writing down a few things you're grateful for every day, can change the "wiring" in your brain and may increase optimism, overall well-being, and willpower. Mindfulness meditation, in which you sit and notice your breath, thoughts, and emotions without judgment, may increase resilience. And, of course, you don't have to live in the Italian countryside to invest in relationships with family, close friends, and your community. La dolce vita ("the sweet life") is possible wherever you are! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays

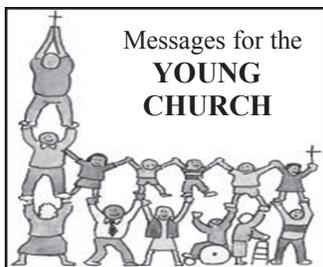
August 16, 2018

Price \$95.00

(Includes bus transportation and game ticket)

Reservations call—235-0337

- Bus departs from Transfiguration Parish - South
- Departure Time - TBA
- As always, great seats
- Tickets are on sale.
- Sign up sheets at the entrances of the churches or call the offices.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 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 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

3/22 **The Sorrowful Mysteries 6:30-7:30 pm S Site**
The Crucifixion of the Lord

3/23 **Fish Fry Friday 4-7 pm S Site**

UNITED TO FIGHT IT:

A Forum on the Opiate and Heroin Addiction

MARCH 21 @ 7:00-- Hoosic Valley Elementary Auditorium

Prior to the forum there will be a TAKE BACK THE DRUGS TURNIN this program accepts unused or out of date prescription drugs. Clean out your medicine cabinets.

SERVICE DAY

April 6th - 10 AM to 2 PM

Speigletown Site

All ages welcome. A job for everyone.

Come help us add a little fun to the hospital stay of children in our area. We will be working with Piece Makers quilting group to make pillowcases for area hospitals to give to children who are being cared for at their facility.

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 last date is:**

March 23rd

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 Mysteries

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

"The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church."

Pope Francis

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