

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...

"I DO NOT KNOW THIS MAN ABOUT WHOM YOU ARE TALKING"

This Palm Sunday weekend we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and we will hear the Passion of the Lord According to Mark. I just re-read the passion which is both spiritually enlightening, while also being very disturbing. I am enlightened by Jesus in so many ways during the passion. First, he went back to Jerusalem knowing that he would be betrayed by those he loved. He listened as the so called religious leaders made up charges against him and plotted to have him put to death. He did so without defending himself. How many of us would let people lie about us without saying anything? Perhaps most inspirational was how Jesus obeyed the will of God the Father even knowing that doing so meant he would suffer scourging, crowning of thorns, carrying the cross, and the most humiliating and painful death on the cross. Jesus endured everything because he loved The Father and he loves us! How can we not be humbled and inspired by all Jesus did for us?

Saint Mark's Gospel reading for Palm Sunday also reminds us how we often people will say one thing but do something very different. For instance, let's think about the people who cried out to Jesus as he made his way into Jerusalem. They said, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Later in Mark's passion, I suspect many of these same people cried out, "Crucify him!" The people completely changed from praising Jesus to calling for his death. It seems incredible doesn't it?

"I do not know this man about whom you are talking!" The words of Saint Peter, as he denies knowing Jesus for the third time. This after claiming he would die for Jesus! It only makes me wonder about my own love and devotion to Jesus. Are there times when I also deny knowing Him through words or actions? Peter loved Jesus, and I love Jesus too, but it is true that sometimes my behavior does not reflect my love. Sometimes I turn away from Jesus and deny Him through sin. Sometimes I am selfish, or I have been afraid to speak up and do the right thing. Peter was no doubt fearful for his own life when he denied Jesus three times, but we know how sorrowful he felt after he betrayed the Lord's love. I feel terrible when I turn away from Jesus as well, and I am so grateful that Jesus loves me and forgives my sins.

Today we begin the most holy week of the Church year. Maybe we can all change Peter's words to something like this as we say, "I do know this man about whom you are talking! He has saved me from my sins. He loves me, and I love Him." God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 24		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	Joseph Oathout William G. Lanoue Paul & Jean Hebert The Family
Sunday March 25		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Miloslav Januska Polly Premo The Family The Sassatelli Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Ed Moran, Sr. John J. Grego Andy Laswell Walt and Paula Moran Deacon Charles & Mary Ann Valenti The Family
Tues. March 27		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service
Wed. March 28		
7:00 p.m.	Spe	Tenebrae Service
Thur. March 29		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	No Communion Service
7:00 p.m.	Sch	Holy Thursday Service
Fri. March 30		
7:00 p.m.	Spe	Good Friday Service
Saturday March 31		
8:00 p.m.	Sch	Easter Vigil For Deceased Relatives and Friends
Sunday April 1		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Easter Sunday For Deceased Relatives and Friends
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Easter Sunday For Deceased Relatives and Friends

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 31 and April 1.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Thomas and Megan Rice

LECTORS

8:00 pm To be announced 8:30 a.m. To be announced

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:00 pm To be announced 8:30 a.m. To be announced

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/2) YELLOW TEAM -

B. Hebert, J. Kelly and G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Madison, Grace and Emma Shover

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Claudia Mahoney
Jack Mahoney
Barbara Colangione
Mary Grace Purcell
Deb Hebert

**MONEY COUNTERS: (4/1) Walt and Gail Byrne
Jack and Barbara Burke**

ALTAR LINENS: (4/1) Diane Heer

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:

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: Spring clean your way to health and happiness! Spring is almost here, bringing with it green leaves, flowering buds, and for many people a desire to clean and organize. For those who regard spring cleaning as a task worse than, say, visiting the dentist, here's information that may change your mind: When you can't get the gym, housework can help keep your heart healthy, significantly reducing cardiovascular disease and increasing lifespan. Beyond physical benefits, there are positive psychological aspects of living in an orderly environment. A study of women showed the importance of creating a home that's restful and restorative, since living in a cluttered space was associated with feelings of depression and fatigue, as well as higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol. Another perk: Living in an organized home may motivate you to choose healthier snacks. Even if you're not ready to purge your pantry and clear your closets, you may want to at least start making your bed every day, if you don't do so already. Doing so gives you a feeling of accomplishment first thing in the morning; can make the rest of your day more productive; can help you feel calm and less stressed at bedtime and may even help you sleep better. And once you start this neatness habit, chances are your desire for orderliness will spill over into other areas of your life. Hello, spring cleaning! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

**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.

WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family and marital situation; no matter what your personal history, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, physical condition; no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Transfiguration Parish.

**Transfiguration Parish
NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP**

New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays

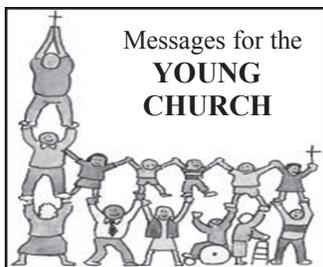
August 16, 2018

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

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

Pontifical Collection

Once a year, on Good Friday, our parish is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this Special Pontifical Collection. It offers a direct link for people of our diocese to be witnesses for peace, supporting parishes and schools, outreach to the poor, welcome to pilgrims, maintenance of the shrines, and conducting pastoral ministry in the land of Our Lord.

Please help by giving to the collection on Good Friday.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish on Hillview Drive in Speigletown will be open on Saturday, April 7 and Saturday April 21 from 9:00 am until noon with the April half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: Danielle Steel, John Sanford, Stuart Woods, and Debbie Macomber. The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 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

Table with 3 columns: Date, Service Name, and Time/Location. Includes Tenebrae Service, Holy Thursday Service, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, and Service Day.

Offertory Report:

March 10 and 11 March 17 and 18

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.

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.

Annual Super Raffle is HERE!!!!

Feel free to call the church offices to reserve your favorite number chance during the week. Chances will be available after the masses each weekend at our North and South sites at \$100 per ticket. The drawing will take place after dinner at a Barbeque on July 14, 2018 after 4:00 at our South Site. 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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose, and it will defend itself."

St. Augustine

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