

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 CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!**

I have written and spoken before about situations where I truly sensed and felt the presence and actions of God in my life. During the Easter Season we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, from death to new and everlasting life. The point to always remember is that Jesus lives within us and all around us every minute of every day, and sometimes we are made very aware of His presence. Such a moment occurred to me last week.

It was the evening of the Tenebrae Service which was Wednesday of Holy Week at the church in Speigletown. I was very happy to see the attendance much higher than the previous year. We had three times more people there than we had in 2017, and I think everyone who attended was enriched by the readings, the songs, and the church going from light to darkness as we journeyed with Jesus through His passion.

At the end of the service, everyone leaves in silence which fits with the solemn nature of the evening. Finally, there was just Patricia and I left in the church. I turned off the lights in the front entrance area and was walking back through the dark church. As I did so, I glanced to my right, and happened to notice the votive candle stand that is under the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is where I say, "I can't make this stuff up!"

Incredibly, I noticed that the lights that were lit in the stand were in the form of the cross! You know how sometimes you aren't sure you are seeing what you are seeing? I stopped dead in my tracks and looked again at the votive candle stand. I confirmed that my eyes were not deceiving me. The lights in the stand were making the sign of the cross!

There were probably 15-20 candles lit which means that 15-20 people were involved in creating the lit cross. They would not have all been there together, so they certainly did not plan what I was seeing. So how do I explain it? How do I understand it? I choose to believe Jesus was just reminding me that He is always with me. I left the church feeling the love of Jesus in my heart.

Do I believe Jesus is always present to me? I sure do, and I believe he speaks to me through Sacred Scriptures, through the Sacraments, most especially Holy Eucharist, and he speaks to me through others and in ordinary events. I believe he speaks to you too! We all just need to pay attention and believe! God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday April 7			
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Will Rowe	The Rowe and Collins Families
Sunday April 8			
8:30 a.m.	Sch	John Thompson	Joe and Marilyn Thompson
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Jana Thayer	Thom and Kate Thayer
		Marjorie Weiss	Dick and Betsy Harte
		Maureen Farinelli	Dick and Betsy Harte
Tues. April 10			
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service	
Wed. April 12			
9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service	
Saturday April 14			
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Mary Ann Schmidt	David and Robin Osborne, Morgan and Ben
Sunday April 15			
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Mary Hodek	The Family
		Henry and Doris Jones,	The Anderson,
		Geraldine Burke and	Jones, Burke and
		Mary Lou Lessard	Tulloch Families
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Elaine Beamish	The Beamish Family Ann
		Marie Gervais	Walt and Paula Moran
		Concetta Boschwitz	John and Ruth Bauchiero

**DISCERNMENT FOR
PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

Dear Parishioners,

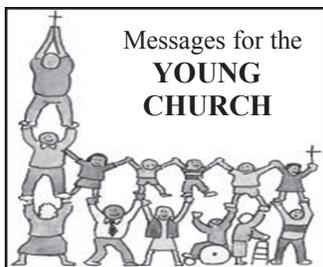
Over the next few weeks, we will engage in the process of selecting up to seven new members for the pastoral council. The pastoral council assists the parish life director with the long-range pastoral planning affecting the whole of parish life. Council members help vision, plan, strategize, and coordinate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



Messages for the
**YOUNG
CHURCH**

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Traditionally, the Sunday following Easter Sunday is designated "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Church venerates the image St. Faustina saw representing the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the entire world. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this year at Masses April 7th and April 8th. There will be Divine Mercy materials and prayer cards available at all Masses including how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a popular prayer of Thanksgiving for Jesus' Divine Mercy.

**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.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish on Hillview Drive in Speigletown will be open on 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!

2018 FISH FRY FRIDAY

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a great big **THANK YOU** to Rich Harte for all his hard work to make the 2018 Fish Fry Friday another success. The total profit for the 2018 year is \$11,310. Thank you again Rich and your entire committee and group of dedicated help. Without their support it would not be possible. We will need to look for a co-chair for this event next year. Think about helping with this fundraiser.

Offertory Report:

<u>March 10 & 11</u>		<u>March 17 & 18</u>
4:00	\$1,780.00	\$1,558.00
8:30	1,350.00	2,064.00
10:15	1,032.00	890.00
On-line	658.65	384.15
<i>Week 37 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>		<i>Week 38 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>
<i>Budget = \$188,985.54</i>		<i>Budget = \$194,093.28</i>
<i>Collection = \$194,093.28</i>		<i>Collection = \$199,632.28</i>
<i>Surplus = \$5,750.99</i>		<i>Surplus = \$5,539.40</i>

March 24 and 25

4:00	\$2,347.00
8:30	1,809.00
10:15	1,621.00
On-line	453.65
<i>Week 39 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>	
<i>Budget = \$199,201.02</i>	
<i>Collection = \$205,863.33</i>	
<i>Surplus = \$6,662.31</i>	

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

Thanksgiving for Jesus' Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness,
today all mankind calls out from the abyss
of its misery to Your mercy---to Your compassion,
O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out.
Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles!
O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding,
Who are acquainted with our misery through and through,
and know that by our own power
we cannot ascend to You,
we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace
and keep on increasing Your mercy in us,
that we may faithfully do Your holy will
all through our life and at death's hour.
Let the omnipotence of Your mercy
shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies,
that we may with confidence,
as Your children await Your final coming - that day known to
You alone.
And we expect to obtain everything promised us
by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness.
For Jesus is our Hope:
Through His merciful Heart
as through an open gate we pass through to heaven

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"All the darkness in the world can't extinguish the light from a single candle."

St. Francis of Assisi

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