

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...

**DON'T BELIEVE THE BIGGEST LIE –
HOLINESS IS POSSIBLE!**

Matthew Kelly is an author whose books I read quite often. I enjoy reading his books because he makes excellent points which cause me to think about my life as a disciple of Jesus. Kelly writes in a simple, common sense manner, and I don't need a dictionary by my side to understand the words he uses.

The most recent book I just completed is titled, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" and sub-titled, "How Modern Culture is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness." The title caught my attention right away, and I wanted to find out just what is that biggest lie that Kelly refers to. The answer is both troublesome, and, I suspect, largely true. Kelly suggests that the biggest lie that modern culture would have us all believe is that holiness is not possible. Kelly asks us to search our hearts and ask ourselves this question. Do I believe holiness is possible for me? I think many people would answer that they believe holiness is possible for saintly people or special Christians, but probably not possible for themselves.

Kelly writes that nothing could be further from the truth. Not only is holiness possible for each of us, holiness is what God intends for us! We are all called by God to be saints, and our mission is to spread the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. I certainly understand how Kelly states that culture and modern society is robbing us of the happiness of holiness, but I believe it goes even deeper than just culture and society. I suggest the source of the lie that makes us think that holiness is not possible is Satan himself. Yes, we know that Jesus conquered Satan once and for all by his passion, death, and resurrection. That does not mean that Satan has gone away. Yes, through Christ we all have the power to resist Satan and all his temptations, but that does not mean Satan has given up. Satan likes nothing better than for us to believe holiness is not possible.

Let's say we all believe holiness is possible for us. The next question is how do we go about becoming holy? Matthew Kelly says the answer is in Holy Moments, and he defines a Holy Moment as this, "A Holy Moment is a moment when you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to him. You set aside what you feel like doing in that moment, and you set aside self-interest, and for one moment you simply do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do in that moment. That is a Holy Moment."

By the grace of God, I believe we can all create Holy Moments. And here is the good news. Holy Moments are like a snowball rolling down a hill. As it rolls, it becomes larger and larger just like Holy Moments can increase more and more. My friends, let's not believe the biggest lie in the history of Christianity. Holiness is possible! Believe it! God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday August 18

4:00 p.m. Sch **Laurie Wyndeman** The Family
Nick Clemente The Family

Sunday August 19

8:30 a.m. Sch **Mary Beth Lanzillo** Linda Chetwynd
Alice Tate Estate of Alice Tate
Kenneth Tate Estate of Alice Tate

10:15 a.m. Spe **Glenn Liney** Phil and Mary
Dylan Pollack Clemente
Robert and Meg
Jones

Tues. August 21

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

Thurs. August 23

9:00 am Spe **Communion Service**

Saturday August 25

4:00 p.m. Sch **Joseph Leo Hayes** Mary Welch

Sunday August 26

8:30 a.m. Sch **Mary Beth Lanzillo** Joan Murphy
Tom Antolick Kathy Antolick
Joseph Leo Hayes Dan & Linda Casey

10:15 a.m. Spe **Kurt Rumpler** Walt and Paula
Theresa Burke Moran
Joseph Christian

SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS

\$10,000	Joe Phelps
\$ 1,000	Pat Maiello
\$ 1,000	Joe Glendenning
\$ 1,000	Sandy O'Brien
\$ 1,000	Howdie Connors
\$ 500.00	Bonnie Coraldi
\$ 500.00	Janice Proper

"Living with Cancer" is a monthly support group for patients, survivors, caregivers and loved ones. Next meeting: **Monday, August 20, 7:00 pm** at the Presbyterian church in Schaghticoke -- north end of the long bridge on NY-40. Questions? Call (Rev.) Ted Wright, patient and facilitator, at (240) 595-4511. *Cancer can feel overwhelming!*

ACCESS THE BULLETIN VIA OUR WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin continues to be available to read and refer to each week. We invite everyone to visit the website at www.transfigurationparish.net and then type into the search bar "Bulletin". Like us on Facebook

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend August 25 and 26.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 8:30 a.m. Thomas and
Megan Rice

LECTORS

4:00 pm Tiim Carey 8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm MA Arnold 8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy
Pam Schmidt Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (8/26) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Gaetanam Sofia and
Vincenzo Baldwin

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Hugh and Barbara
Graber

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Deb Witkowski
Claudia Mahoney
Jack Mahoney

MONEY COUNTERS: (8/26) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (8/26) Kate Coventry

NOTICE

St. John Cemetery in Schaghticoke, New York

The Committee that was formed to maintain the condition of St. John Cemetery in Schaghticoke would like to take this opportunity to notify friends and families who have grave sites in the cemetery that we will be doing an aggressive clean-up on the cemetery grounds. It has come to our attention that many grave sites have an excessive amount of grave site decorations. At this time, we will be removing any item that does not fit the suggested decorations listed on our Rules and Regulations. If for some reason you have misplaced the document that was handed to you when you purchased the gravesite, you can pick one up at the Transfiguration Parish church office in Schaghticoke during their regular business hours. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this delicate situation.

ON-LINE GIVING

We have been given the opportunity to establish a profile using the On-Line Giving button on the Transfiguration Parish website. Some of our parishioners are using this computerized way to make regular contributions via the internet. We are encouraging everyone to do so. The direct link to set up your individualized profile is <https://goo.gl/3v3t3A>. You cannot access On-Line Giving through the My Parish App. Please consider this easy way to make regular contributions to Transfiguration Parish.

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: *Lights out! Keep your bedroom dark for better health. It's a high-tech, hyper-connected world out there. Whether you're a constant Tweeter, a proud Luddite, or something in between, it's important to remember that your body's basic needs are decidedly low-tech. Case in point: Preliminary research shows that nighttime light exposure, known to affect sleep rhythms, may also affect your risk of insulin resistance, a condition that can precede diabetes. In a small study, researchers had one group of young adults sleep in darkness, while others slept with an overhead light on. Those who slept with a light on for a single night had higher insulin levels the next day. More research is needed to determine how chronic light exposure at night may affect insulin levels. But there's evidence that the blue light from cell phones, tablets, and laptops can disrupt circadian rhythm and sleep, and some research links light exposure at night to an increased risk of cancer, obesity, learning issues, and depression. If you tend to burn the midnight oil, use social media or TV as a lullaby, or simply fall asleep with the lights on, come on over to the dark side. Give your brain the darkness and downtime it needs by dimming the lights or using only red wavelength light between 7 PM and 7 AM. You can also facilitate your sleep by powering down your devices at least an hour before you turn in and turning off the lights both in and outside your room at bedtime. If a streetlight's glow spills into your bedroom, invest in a comfortable sleep mask or light-blocking shades. Supporting your body's natural rhythms means being unafraid of the dark, embracing it. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>*

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will alternate each month. In August it will be in Schaghticoke the entire month and in September the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.

Offertory Report:

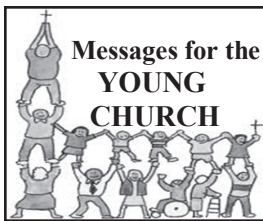
August 11 and 12

4:00	\$ 956.00
8:30	1,734.00
10:15	1,739.00
On-line	558.65

Week 7 of the 2018-2019 Budget

Budget =	\$35,852.31
Collection =	\$36,008.25
Surplus =	\$155.94

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



Messages for the
**YOUNG
CHURCH**

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration packets were handed out during the last few sessions. They can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked Faith Formation. If you need a new packet several have been placed at the entrances of the church, forms are available on the parish website, or call the office to have one sent 518/235-0337.

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**

**“RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH CAMPAIGN”
Coming to Transfiguration Parish**

Last summer, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger announced the launching of the “Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign.” The purpose of the campaign is to help strengthen our parishes for the future. In the coming weeks there will be more information and opportunities for every household within our parish to hear about the campaign. The funds raised will focus on the needs of our parish, as well as some diocesan-wide initiatives, mainly being, support of the priests’ retirement, increased vocations, and addressing new innovative ways of promoting evangelization within our parish and in our community.

We hope that every parishioner will take the time to learn about the campaign to help fulfill our parish mission and vision.

Recently a letter from Deacon Keough was mailed to every registered family/parishioner at our parish introducing the “Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign.” More information will follow regarding this exciting opportunity to benefit our parish and its programs.

For more information on the overall campaign, please visit the “Re-Igniting Our Faith” Foundation’s website @ Re-Ignitingourfaith.org

**SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR FOOD BOOTH
Wednesday, August 29th - Monday, September 3rd
WE NEED HELP!!** If you, a relative or a friend would consider volunteering for this important fundraiser, please contact the church offices at 518/235-0337 or 518/753-4554. Please do not hesitate to volunteer as we are always in need of help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

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| 8/21 | <i>Liturgy Committee Meeting</i> | 6:30 pm S Site |
| 8/29-9/3 | <i>Schaghticoke Fair Food Booth</i> | Daily at the Fair |
| 8/31&9/1 | <i>Annual Garage Sale</i> | 8:00 am-4:00 pm
S Site Parish Hall |

GARAGE SALE

Save the dates and save your treasures!

**The 9th Annual Parish-wide Garage Sale
Friday, August 31st and Saturday, September 1st**

If you’re spring cleaning, please set aside your used, unused or unwanted items for this important fund-raiser. Call 235-0337 for more information. We are still looking for help for this event. **Please contact us if you are available during the upcoming weeks to sort and price items.**

DROP-OFF DATES:

Tuesday, August 21st - 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 25th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, August 26th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, August 28th - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at will be closed during the month of August, in preparation of the parish-wide Garage Sale being held on Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1. The \$5/bag sale returns for those two days with tons of fiction/non-fiction books, CD’s, cook-books, religious, historical novels, biographies and of course children/young adult books. **Fill a bag (any size) for only \$5!** If you’ve never been to the Annual Garage Sale or the Book Nook’s \$5/Bag Sale, you don’t know what you’re missing!!

Please help your parish by continuing to drop off your donations of gently-used books at anytime. We need them for the upcoming sale! The parish offices are open everyday except Friday. Thank you again for your continued support and hoping to see all of you at the Garage Sale and Book Nook on Labor Day weekend.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Let us not put off till the end of our life the care that we ought daily to take of our soul; let u labor while there is yet time.”
St. John Vianney

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