

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.

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris...

“THE GAZE OF MERCY”

I have just finished reading a fascinating book titled, “The Gaze of Mercy, A Commentary on Divine and Human Mercy.” The book was written by Father Raniero Cantalamessa who some of you will recognize as the preacher to the papal household, a position he was appointed to by Pope St. John Paul II in 1980. Father Cantalamessa provided me with a new perspective on the mercy of God, which begins with God’s unconditional love for His creation.

Of course, we all know Jesus is the Son of God who became incarnate and made His dwelling among us. Father Cantalamessa discusses the gaze of Jesus as it pertains to Jesus’ encounters with Matthew and Zacchaeus. Now, we know that Matthew and Zacchaeus were both tax collectors, and it is safe to say tax collectors were among the most despised by the Hebrew people. From the scriptures, we know that Zacchaeus oppressed the people by over-taxing them for his own profit, and we can assume St. Matthew did the same.

Father Cantalamessa stresses that Jesus openly called Zacchaeus and Matthew even though, in the eyes of the Jewish hierarchy, they were considered unclean, sinners Jesus should not associate with. Father remarked upon the gaze of Jesus, which I suggest was Jesus looking directly into their eyes and into their very souls with His unconditional love and mercy. Can you just imagine that gaze of Jesus? Perhaps you can. It is the very same gaze of Jesus that looks into our eyes and souls in the sacrament of reconciliation. The unconditional love and mercy of God!

The Gospel of Luke gives us another example of the loving gaze of Jesus in the chapter on St. Peter’s denial of Jesus. After Peter denied knowing Jesus for the third time, St. Luke writes, “And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.” Jesus gazed at Peter with the love and mercy he gives us all. It is not a gaze of condemnation, but a gaze of unconditional love.

What do we do with Jesus’ gaze of mercy and love? We share it with others! May we always live our lives in The Beatitudes found in chapter five of Matthew’s Gospel, and may we focus today on the Beatitude that proclaims, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday September 22

4:00 p.m. Spe	Rose Murphy	Tom & Cheryl Wallingford
	Millicent Malone	Paul & Jean Hebert
	Anne Lewis	Jean Sullivan

Sunday September 23

8:30 a.m. Sch	Stephen & Agnes Oadmin	Angela Oadmin
	Mary Beth Lanzillo	Cheri & Don Foster
	Susan Simpson	The Simpson Family
10:15 a.m. Spe	Jack Rivers	Mary Grace & Joe Turcell
	Marilyn Christian	The Family

Tues. September 25

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

Thurs. September 27

9:00 am Spe **Communion Service**

Saturday September 29

4:00 p.m. Spe	May & Harold Cone	Elinor & Bob Gardner
	Vickie Murray	Tom & Cheryl Wallingford
	Bruce Cairns	The Family
	Harold Watson	The Family
	Betty Rosecrans	The Family

Sunday September 30

8:30 a.m. Sch	Marie & Stephen Javorcak	The Family
10:15 a.m. Spe	Jack Harte	Mary & Phil Clemente
	Ben Hussey	Art Venaziano

“RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH CAMPAIGN”
RECEPTIONS

There are four receptions scheduled in October to give parishioners information about the “Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign.” The sessions will provide an outline for the campaign along with information regarding the use of the funds raised during the campaign. Seventy percent of all the money raised will be returned to Transfiguration Parish. All registered parishioners/families will be provided a packet of information to help them prayerfully consider the level of their participation. The Receptions are scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, October 6 after the 4:00 pm Mass in Schaghticoke**
- Sunday, October 7 after the 10:15 am Mass in Speigletown**
- Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm in Speigletown**
- Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm in Schaghticoke**

**Please RSVP for the reception you will attend at
518-235-0337**

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service. Next weekend —September 29 and 30

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Megan & Thomas Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Cheri Foster

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
Pat Rigney

MONEY COUNTERS: (10/1) Yellow TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. Aiden & Eva Pickert

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Mike Schongar

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Paula Garneau 10:15 a.m. Deb Hebert
Jane Heslin Robin Jackson
Walt Lynick Mary Grace Purcell

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/30) Rose Cosgrove, Maureen Filarecki

ALTAR LINENS: (9/30) Sandy Reardon

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.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held Sunday, October 7th, 2018 at 2:00 pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedra immediately following Mass. **Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.**

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: Tea may be hot stuff...for your health! If you had to describe coffee's personality, words like "bold" and "brash" might come to mind. Tea, on the other hand? Subtle, gentle, perhaps bookish. But as with people, calm doesn't mean ineffective. A new study shows that, for women but not men (sorry, guys), drinking tea can lead to epigenetic changes. What kind of changes? Epigenetic changes are chemical modifications that turn our genes on or off. Environmental factors and daily habits can lead to such changes. When it comes to drinking tea, research suggests a connection between tea consumption by women and epigenetic changes in genes that are known to interact with cancer and estrogen metabolism. More research is needed to understand the implications, but other studies have linked both green and black tea to a range of health benefits in men as well as in women. Tea contains compounds called polyphenols, which may help to protect against some types of cancer, heart disease, and other chronic illnesses. Keep in mind that tea can interfere with the absorption of iron, so it may be best to drink it between meals. And don't count on tea to compensate for harmful habits. (In a nutshell: eat a nutritious diet, get regular exercise and enough sleep, limit your alcohol consumption, and don't smoke!) But if you like to drink.

<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.co>

2018 FLU VACCINES

Flu vaccines will be available for all parishioners before and after the Masses on:

October 13th—Schaghticoke - the 4:00 pm Mass

October 14th—Schaghticoke - the 8:30 am Mass

and

Speigletown - the 10:15 am Mass

Most Health Insurances cover the cost of Flu vaccines.

Contact Pat Hebert with any questions.

Offertory Report:

September 15 and 16

4:00 \$ 1,274.00

8:30 1,599.25

10:15 1,347.26

On-line 438.65

Week 12 of the 2018-2019 Budget

Budget = \$61,525.36

Collection = \$58,902.11

Surplus = \$ 2,623.25

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program to assist the youngest members of our congregation in hearing the Word of God. This program is open to children who are Pre-K, K and First Grade age. When a child is in the Second Grade they need to be fully participating in the Mass as they are preparing for First communion.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

9/30 *Prayer with Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ* 4:00PM *Spghtown*
10/19 *Roast Pork Dinner* 4:00-7:00PM

The Piecemakers Quilt Show

**Saturday, October 13th, 2018
9:00AM—4:00PM**

Transfiguration Parish Hall—Speigletown \$2.00 admission
Contact: firebirdquilt@live.com with any questions.

The **Back Pack Program** supplies at risk children with food for the weekend. We will be aiding Turnpike, Renssler and soon, Hoosic Valley, schools. Suggested items:

Mac & Cheese (boxed or single, microwaveable ones)

Pasta, soups, spaghettios,

Single serve meals for microwave,

Fruit snacks, single serve cereal, fruit cups.

Please—**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS**

Boxes will be at the entrances of churches. If you would like to help, please call the office.

Only 6 tickets left for Phantom of the Opera
May 5th, 2019

\$82.00 with 1/2 deposit required at time of purchase.

Children's Christmas Party—December 9

We are looking for assistance with this annual celebration. Please, contact Ellie DeBonis with any ideas or help you can provide.

REMINDER!!!

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



BOOK NOOK NEWS

Thanks to our parishioners and the surrounding community, the Book Nook continues to receive numerous donations. We have some great fiction and non-fiction, biographies, historical novels, cookbooks and children/young adult books. We're open on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 am until noon. The October half-priced specials are on the following authors: David Baldacci, Heather Graham, Linda Lael Miller and John Sandford. Children's books are 6/\$1. Please stop in and browse the shelves. **Thank you, again for your support.** See you

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves."

St. Pope John Paul II

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