

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...***THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA**

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In the second reading from the Book of Revelation, we hear the Lord God say, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and we are reminded that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega every year during the Easter Vigil as the paschal candle is inscribed with the same Greek letters, the Alpha and the Omega.

As we begin the holy season of Advent, it is good to remind ourselves that Jesus is the King of the Universe during this season of joyful, prayerful preparation for Christmas as we reflect on Jesus who is, who was, and who is to come. Truly, our Lord Jesus is with us at the beginning of our lives, at the end of our lives, and every single moment in between. Just thinking and reflecting on that is cause for great joy in our lives.

When will Jesus come again in glory? This question has occupied people ever since Jesus rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. People have spent hours upon hours studying the stars, or whatever else they deemed necessary, to predict the second coming of Christ. During this Advent season, I suggest we should focus more on being ready for Jesus when he comes again. Perhaps we can all place the spirituality of Christmas ahead of the commercialism of Christmas. We do not know when Jesus will come again, but we can all prepare ourselves for the second coming, so when Jesus comes again in glory, we will be ready to greet him.

Saturday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will honor our Blessed Mother Mary who was conceived without sin. Mary always leads us to her son, Our Lord Jesus, who is the Alpha and the Omega.

Advent is a season of anticipatory joy, a season of "The already but the not yet," as we rejoice that the kingdom is already in our midst while being aware that the kingdom has not yet arrived in its fullness. I wish everyone a prayerful, joyful Advent. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

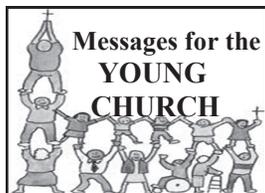
Saturday December 1		
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Miloslav Januska Will Rowe Mercita Januska
		The Family Rowe & Collins Families The Family
Sunday December 2		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Earl Dickinson
		David, Robin & Janet Osborn
10:15 a.m.	Spe	David Bakerian Rachael Cavosie George Sepsie Philippa Koval
		Pat & Mary Casale Mary & Phil Clemente Linda & Dan Casey Paula & Walt Moran
Tues. December 4		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service
Thurs. December 5		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service
Saturday December 8		
10:00a.m. Spe Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Mercita Januska Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Philippa T. Koval
		The Family Mary Ellen Schroder & Family Bonnie & Bruce Coraldi
Sunday December 9		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Joseph E. Smith Gerrie Barton
		Estate of Joseph E. Smith Alice Tate Estate
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Margie Weiss Michael McGraw Philippa Koval
		George Weiss & Family Sandy & Dan Barrett Ellie DeBonis

'RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH'
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Father, we know You accept our gifts, great or small, and do great things with them. Help us to remember that You have done so much for us. In return, what can we give back; our time...our talent...our treasure?

What is the right answer for each of us? To discern what is best as a parish we seek the help of Your Holy Spirit to help each parishioner with their decisions concerning this 'Re-Igniting Our Faith' Capital Campaign. Father, You know the needs of everyone. You also know the desires of all who want to give back in some way. Please help each parishioner discern what will be best for them. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Faith Formation Sessions

The Christmas Pageant will be presented on December 24th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Speigletown. Children in grades K—3 are invited to participate in the pageant. Youth in grades 4 and up participate in the choir.

Practice will be at 7:00 p.m. at Speigletown on Thursdays—Dec. 6, 13 and 20. All participants will need to be at the Speigletown site on Dec. 24 by 3:15 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Thayer at 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 of collect for our youth ministry.

Contact Beth Thayer at (518) 235-0337

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will alternate each month. In December it will be in Schaghticoke for the entire month and in January 2019, the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

Christmas is just around the corner and what better gift than books for someone!

The Book Nook has had some great donations in the past few weeks and many of the books would make perfect gifts for Christmas. Please stop by and see the great books we have available. The Book Nook will be open Saturday morning, December 1 from 9:00a.m. until noon. The December half-priced specials are on authors Tom Clancy, Fern Michaels, Nicholas Sparks and Danielle Steele.

Thanks again for your support, and we hope to see you at the Book Nook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

- 12/2 Blessing of the Creche 7:00 pm Schaghticoke
- 12/8-9 Fruit order pick-up after all Masses—both sites
- 12/9 Children's Christmas Party 2-4 pm Speigletown
- 12/9 Blessing of the Creche 2:30 pm Speigletown
- 1/11 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7 pm Speigletown

~SAVE THE DATE!~

**ALL NEW AND IMPROVED THIS YEAR—
THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!
DECEMBER 9TH 2:30—4:30PM
GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE!**

**EVERYONE AND ANYONE ARE WELCOME!!!
A FUN DAY FOR ALL YOUR RELATIVES,
FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!**

**Assistance is still much needed to unload
and sort fruit orders when they arrive on
Thursday, December 6.**

Please call Ellie Debonis at 518-235-0337 if
you can help

Hat and Mitten Drive

We are again collecting hats, mittens and scarves for those in need in our local areas and school districts. There will be boxes available at both church sites.

The Back Pack Program supplies at risk children with food for the weekend. We will be aiding Turnpike, Renssler and 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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“The King whom we follow and who accompanies us is very special; He is a king who loves, even to the cross, and who teaches us to serve and to love.”

~Pope Francis

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