

# 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...***JESUS PRAYER**

In his homily for the first Sunday of Advent, Father Ingemie mentioned a couple of things that I want to comment further on. The first is the Little Blue Books that we have available again this year for Advent and Christmas. I began using the Little Blue Books many years ago when Patricia and I were still living in Vermont. For me, the books are a wonderful addition to my morning-prayer routine. Father mentioned the phrase that is on the bottom of nearly every reflection page, "Spend some quiet time with the Lord."

That phrase, "Spend some quiet time with the Lord," leads me to the other suggestion Father Ingemie mentioned in his homily. He spoke about what he called, "Oasis" moments of time when we are not actively busy, such as me on Black Friday standing in line at Kohl's for nearly an hour waiting to check out. Yes, I certainly did wonder if I was crazy waiting in line for such a long time, but it did not occur to me that this would have been a wonderful "Oasis" moment when I could have recited a mantra to Jesus, a phrase which Father called a "Jesus Prayer." I thought I could offer some possible "Jesus Prayers" for your "Oasis" moments.

"Lord Jesus, have mercy on me" – This is the Jesus Prayer Father Ingemie offered in his homily. It is a wonderful way to recognize our need for Christ's mercy and forgiveness with a simple prayer of penance. All of us are in need of Jesus' merciful love which flows upon us whenever we take the time to turn to Him in prayer.

"Come Lord Jesus, Come" – This is perhaps the most appropriate Jesus Prayer for the Advent Season as we prayerfully anticipate Jesus coming into our lives. This mantra recognizes the Jesus who came into the world nearly two thousand, nineteen years ago in the little town of Bethlehem. "Come Lord Jesus, Come" also invites Jesus into our lives today and every day as we recognize the risen Jesus who walks with us every moment of our lives. Finally, "Come Lord Jesus, Come" waits in prayerful anticipation of the second coming of Jesus at the end of time when our salvation will be fulfilled.

"My Lord and My God" – This Jesus prayer are the words St. Thomas spoke to Jesus when Jesus appeared to the apostles the second time after his resurrection. We remember Thomas who was not present when Jesus first appeared, and how he would not believe Jesus had risen as he exclaimed, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." I repeat Thomas' words to myself at every Mass during the consecration when the priest elevates the body and blood of Jesus, "My Lord and My God."

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday December 8**

4:00 p.m.	Sch	Mercita Januska Philippa T. Koval Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	The Family Bonnie & Bruce Coraldi Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
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**Sunday December 9**

8:30 a.m.	Sch	Gerrie Barton Joseph E. Smith	Alice Tate Estate The Estate of Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Margie Weiss Michael McGraw Philippa Koval	George Weiss & Family Sandy & Dan Barrett Ellie DeBonis

**Tues. December 11**

9:00 a.m.	Sch	<b>Communion Service</b>	
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**Thurs. December 13**

9:00 a.m.	Spe	<b>Communion Service</b>	
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**Saturday December 15****10:00a.m. Spe Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

4:00 p.m.	Sch	Mercita Januska Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Philippa T. Koval Mary Phillips Robert Murphy Brian Wallingford	The Family Mary Ellen Schroder & Family Bonnie & Bruce Coraldi Jack & Kathleen Sanvidge Wife, Joan & Family Tom & Cheryl Wallingford
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**Sunday December 16**

8:30 a.m.	Sch	Thomas Barton, Jr. Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Beverly Barton Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Margie Weiss Rachel Cavosie Colleen Jackson	George Weiss & Family Ruth & John Bauchiero Dawn & Mike Pakatar

**ADVENT PRAYER**

Heavenly father, your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a parish family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Lord Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. May our hearts be open to you, Jesus.

Amen.

Jesus Prayer mantras are often associated with contemplative prayer when a person attempts to block out all worldly concerns, and just silently open their minds and heart to Jesus in prayer. The mantra is repeated over and over to Jesus as the individual tries to eliminate all distractions, and just be with Jesus. We are all well aware of the many distractions added to our lives during the month of December, so maybe this Advent is a good time to block out everything else, and "Spend some quiet time with the Lord. God bless.

*Deacon Chris*

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service. Next weekend — December 15 and 16*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm Andrea Sassatelli 8:30 a.m. Nevan Doubleday,  
Arianna Keyes, Ava Wiley

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm Donna Colligan 8:30 a.m. Pat Hebert

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm Tim Carey 8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard  
Pam Schmidt Alicia McKinney

#### MONEY COUNTERS: (12/16) WhiteTeam

D.Carlo, P. Hayes, K. Madigan, J. Rowe

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. N/A

#### LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Mike Schongar

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett  
Claudia Mahoney  
Jack Mahoney

#### MONEY COUNTERS: (12/16) Diane Heer,

Nancy Shellard

#### ALTAR LINENS: (12/16) Leslie Dunn

### Offertory Report:

#### November 10 and 11

4:00	\$1,716.00
8:30	1,744.00
10:15	1,651.00
On-line	1,042.50

*Week 20 of the 2018-2019 Budget*

*Budget = \$102,602.24*

*Collection = \$99,895.73*

*Shortfall = \$2,706.51*

#### November 17 and 18

4:00	\$1,602.00
8:30	1,585.00
10:15	1,713.00
On-line	238.65

*Week 21 of the 2018-2019 Budget*

*Budget = \$107,736.85*

*Collection = \$105,034.38*

*Shortfall = \$2,702.47*

#### November 24 and 25

4:00	\$1,740.00
8:30	1,556.00
10:15	1,241.00
On-line	458.65

*Week 22 of the 2018-2019 Budget*

*Budget = \$112,871.46*

*Collection = \$110,030.03*

*Shortfall = \$2,841.43*

### TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

*Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse*

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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:

- **Reminder: Blood Pressure screening next week.** Stop by before or after Mass throughout the weekend to have your blood pressure checked
- Transfiguration Parish is proud to offer **“Two by Two”, a Faith in Action Care Team** from Transfiguration North & South in cooperation with the Eddy Alzheimer's Services. This team of compassionate trained volunteers from our own parish provides social support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairment disorders. This Care Team provides respite, friendly visits and is prepared to pick up prescription or groceries or prepare a meal if needed. **For more information contact Pat Hebert at the number listed above.**

**Health Tips: Sleep your way to holiday sanity.** The holidays are upon us. Your to-do list is most likely longer than usual, which means that your stress level may be higher than usual, too. You may be tempted to change some of your everyday routines in order to cross things off of that lengthy list. Before you push your bedtime later, though, know this: Getting good sleep during the holidays can be the difference between enjoying the season and enduring it. Do your best to stick to a consistent bedtime that allows for a minimum of 7 hours of sleep. Fit in a brisk walk, even if it's a short one. Beware the open bar at holiday parties. Although, alcohol feels relaxing in the moment, but it can disrupt your sleep. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.co>

### Offertory Report:

#### December 1 and 2

4:00	\$1,710.00
8:30	1,542.00
10:15	1,828.00
On-line	258.65

*Week 23 of the 2018-2019 Budget*

*Budget = \$118,006.07*

*Collection = \$115,368.68*

*Shortfall = \$2,637.39*

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



**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.

**First Reconciliation—10:00AM—Speigletown**

Can and Bottle Drive Continues Thank you for your continued support of our Bottle and Can Drive. The proceeds help fund activities for our youth. Please consider asking friends and family members to donate their cans and bottles.

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 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*

- 12/8-9 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
- 1/11/19 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7 pm Speigletown

**THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

ALL NEW AND IMPROVED THIS YEAR—  
**DECEMBER 9TH 2:30—4:30PM**  
GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE!

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

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**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.

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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.

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**JOIN THE NEW PARISH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE!**

We are searching for volunteers for a new parish activity committee in our parish. That will help plan and implement all non-fundraising activities in our parish community. We are searching for people with new ideas for building relationships through fun, interesting activities for young and old. Evangelization begins through relationships with one another and God. Anyone who is interested in joining this exciting, new activity committee can contact the parish offices at 518-235-0337 or 518-753-4554. You can also contact Jim Johnson, who has volunteered to chair the Activity Committee, at 518-788-8092.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY**

“Confession is an act of honesty and courage, and act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.”

~St. Pope John Paul II

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