

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...***CHRISTMAS IS MORE THAN JUST ONE DAY**

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we look with joyful anticipation to the celebration of Christmas as we remember the birth of Jesus, the Word made flesh. We will attend Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and we will hear Gospel readings from Luke for the Mass during the Night which gives the account of the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the announcement of Christ's birth by the angel of the Lord to the shepherds in the fields. On Christmas Day, we will hear the beginning of the Gospel of John starting with the words, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jesus is the Word, and he is our savior and redeemer. We rejoice during the Christmas season because God has come unto us just as the angel announced to the lowly shepherds in the fields. Christmas is a wonderful season for the Church, and we need to recognize that Christmas is a season, not just one day on December 25. Just consider some of the wonderful feasts we celebrate during the Christmas season. On January 1st, we have the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is the beginning of a new calendar year, and a most appropriate time to venerate our Blessed Mother, who said yes to God. The week of January 5-6 is The Epiphany of the Lord as we remember the visit of the Magi, and the announcement of Jesus who came not only for the Hebrew people, but for all people of the world. Finally, we have the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12-13, and the Christmas season ends appropriately enough where our lives begin, with our own baptisms into the Body of Christ.

The Christmas Season is not just one day, but tell me if you know situations like this. On Christmas Day, after all the presents have been opened, and a wonderful meal has been enjoyed, the family proceeds to take down all of the Christmas decorations. The tree is stripped bare, and taken outside for disposal. The lights are taken down around the house, and the head of the family declares that everything is back to normal! Christmas is over for another year. Sadly, the joy of Christmas seems to disappear with the lights and the tree.

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday December 22**

4:00 p.m.	Sch	Carol P. Maloney May & Harold Cone	Bonnie & Bruce Coraldi Elinor & Bob Gardner
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Sunday December 23

8:30 a.m.	Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Joseph E. Smith Jack Harte Ann Usher Michael McGraw	Estate of Joseph E. Smith Paula & Walt Moran Paula & Walt Moran Jane & Dick Bartis

Tues. December 25

9:00 a.m.	Sch	NO Communion Service	
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Thurs. December 27

9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service	
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Saturday December 29

4:00 p.m.	Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
		Deceased members of the Schmidt & Clemente Families	The Family

Sunday December 30

8:30 a.m.	Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Merton & Marie Thayer Philippa Koval Francisco Sirtori	The Family Paul & Jean Hebert Paul & Jean Hebert

Tues. January 1

9:00 a.m.	Sch	NO Communion Service	
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Thurs. January 3

9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service	
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Saturday January 5

4:00 p.m.	SpG	Michael McGraw Mary Famia Lillian Wallingford	Tom & Cheryl Wallingford Ed & Karen Murray Tom & Cheryl Wallingford
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Sunday January 6

8:30 a.m.	Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Philippa Koval Frank Jones	Paul & Jim Weglarz Walter & Paula Moran

Let's not let the joy of Christmas disappear from our lives in just one day. Have you ever heard someone say that they wish Christmas could be every day? I say, why can't we treat every day like Christmas Day. We celebrate Christmas Day as the day Jesus comes to us, but Jesus comes to us every day of our lives! Perhaps we can all start every day with the Jesus prayer we may have been reciting during Advent. Just start our days by saying every morning, "Come Lord Jesus, Come." Let's live the joy of Christmas every day! Merry Christmas everyone! God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

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

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No servers 8:30 a.m. Jaclyn Carlo, Maria Rice
Andrea Sassatelli

LECTORS

4:00 pm N/A 8:30 a.m. N/A

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm Tim Carey 8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard
Donna Colligan Alicia McKinney

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/30) White Team

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

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. AJ & Paulina Sirtori

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Deb Hebert
Claudia & Jack Mahoney

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/30) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (12/30) Mary Kay Oliver

Schaghticoke Site: Weekend of January 5 and 6

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No servers 8:30 a.m. N/A

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Cheri Foster

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Bob & Kathy Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/6) YellowTeam

B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

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

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Barb Colangione

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Jane Heslin 10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett
Walt Lynick Marge Brendese
Cheryl Wallingford Mary Grace Purcell

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/6) Mary Clemente,
Mary Kay Oliver, Tom Wallingford

ALTAR LINENS: (1/6) Sandy Reardon

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: More Volunteers are still needed for "Two by Two", the Transfiguration Parish Faith in Action Team.

Join your fellow parishioners on this team that provides non-medical support and friendship to someone caring for a family member with dementia/Alzheimer. All volunteers are offered training and continued support. By belonging to this team you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping. To receive more information, contact Pat Hebert @ 692-2135.

Health Tips: For kids, less screen time means better mental health. Games, TV shows, movies, social media, YouTube, texting ... if Shakespeare were around today, he might write that "all the world's a screen"! If you have children, you know about the endless array of screen-based entertainment, information, and communication—and how hard it can be to set and enforce limits. But "less is more" may be the best motto, according to a new study on children, screens, and mental health. School-age and teenage children often spend hours of leisure time a day on computers, tablets, and phones, and it's taking a toll. Surveys of more than 40,000 caregivers found that, among teens, those who spend more than seven hours a day using screens are twice as likely to have been diagnosed with anxiety and depression—and that more screen time was linked to less ability to complete tasks and less interest in learning new things. While the links between screen use and poor mental health was higher among adolescents (who are more likely to use social media) than among younger children (who tend to watch shows), all age groups showed a connection. After a single hour of screen time, in fact, some kids begin to show less curiosity, lower self-control, less emotional stability, and less ability to finish tasks, say the researchers. Of course, children haven't cornered the market on too much screen time. Assess your own screen use, and consider setting household limits. Rather than focusing on restricting, work on adding fun, screen-free activities to the mix: family bike rides and hikes, game nights, cooking together, telling stories. Face-to-face connecting, laughing together, and being physically active are good for your mind and your body! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.co>

FREE PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Please join us on Saturday, January 12, 2019 for a FREE presentation entitled, "**Ministering in Times of Spiritual Distress**" which will be held from 9:00a.m. to Noon at the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave. in Albany.

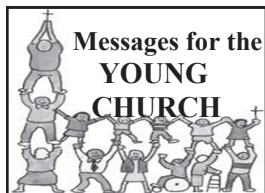
The crisis of our time has left so many people in spiritual distress. In pastoral ministry, sadly, we often encounter such people. Please join Father Joseph Mali and Sister Kitty Hanley as they explore this topic and how not to lose sight of the 'treasures' in darkness.

To register for this free presentation, or for additional information go to <https://www.rcda.org/offices/pastoral-care-ministry/ministering-times-spiritual-distress> or email Maria Schollenberger at Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org or call her in Pastoral Care Ministry at 518-641-6818.

Offertory Report:

**Due to the bulletin publication schedule there will not be
an
Offertory Report for this week.**

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



Faith Formation Sessions

There will be no sessions on December 23 and 30. Classes resume on January 6, 2019.

The Christmas Pageant will be presented on December 24th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Speigletown.

January 6 Young Church Mass 10:15 Confirmandi Enrollment

Thank you to everyone participated in our Parish Giving Tree Project. Your efforts provided Christmas to children served by Rennselaer County Domestic Violence Shelters, Hoosic Valley School District and Rourke Center.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Beth Thayer, Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: 518-235-0337

BOOK NOOK NEWS



The Book Nook would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of this great parish fund-raising effort, as well as becoming a wonderful community project. It could not happen with out you.

The Book Nook will be open on Saturday morning, January 5 from 9:00AM until noon, with our January sale. **All books whose authors first or last names begin with "J" will be half-price. For example, James Patterson Iris Johanson, J.A. Jance, etc.** It's a great opportunity to keep stocking up on your winter reading! Please stop by and see all of the new donations that have come in. Donations can be dropped off at the entrances during office hours.

Thanks again and have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

1/7/19 Free Zumba 6-7 pm Speigletown
1/11/19 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7 pm Speigletown

SAVE THE DATE!—ROAST BEEF DINNER

Friday, January 11, 2019 4:00-7:00PM

Transfiguration Parish Hall, Speigletown

We will be serving another delicious dinner at a reasonable price. We offer a salad, roast beef, potato, a vegetable and roll w/ butter. **Adults \$11, Seniors (65+) \$10 and children under 12 \$5.** We also have available beer, wine, soda and dessert for purchase. Tickets will be on sale December 29 & 30 after the Masses. You can contact the parish offices to make reservations and purchase tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

As always, we will be looking for parishioners to make desserts for us to sell with the meal. We always need help in the kitchen and wait staff to continue to make our dinners a success. Please take time to sign-up before or after Masses, or contact Mary Hurley at (518) 235-6479.

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FREE ZUMBA CLASS

JANUARY 7—SPEIGLETOWN—6-7pm

Please join us for a FREE Zumba Class with a New and Dependable instructor. Christine Williams will facilitate with new music and routines. Great for beginners! Fun, Fun, Fun! Everyone is welcome!

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*****Looking for donations to be used in our Fish Fry Raffle Baskets. Some suggestions would be gift cards for local vendors, movie tickets, new and unopened items, wines or food items.*****

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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Our Lady said yes for the human race. Each one of us must echo that yes for our own lives. We are all asked if we will surrender...to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ to fill the emptiness formed by the particular shape of our life.”

~Caryll Houselander

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