

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:		4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
	Tuesday	Thursday
Communion Service:	9:00 a.m.	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....***DO YOU LIVE IN CHRIST?**

I recently purchased a book that I have found very beneficial for myself, and I recommend it for anyone who is wanting to grow in their faith. The book is titled, "United States Catholic Catechism for Adults", and it is based on the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." I want to share some of what I found in chapter twenty-three which is titled, "Life in Christ – Part One." This quote is from the beginning of the chapter; "Jesus is the teacher sent by the Father to bring us to perfect happiness in God. Jesus teaches us the way to the Father."

Have you ever thought of that? Jesus is the way we find perfect happiness in God. Do you ever consider that it is only through living in Christ that we find true happiness? We can search for happiness in many ways, and for many years, only to realize that our true happiness is in Jesus.

I found another wonderful quote in the chapter about the responsible practice of freedom which I want to share with you. "Human freedom is more than a capacity to choose between this and that. It is the God-given power to become who he created us to be and so to share eternal union with him. Human freedom lies in our free decision to say yes to God." Just think about that for a minute or two; **God gives us the power to become who he created us to be if we make the free decision to say yes to God.** It sounds so simple, doesn't it? But do we say yes to God?

I want to share one more thing from Chapter twenty-three, and it is about the formation of conscience. Included in the chapter is this quote from, "Gaudium et Spes" which is one of the documents that came out of Vatican II. The quote says, "Man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. His conscience is man's most secret core, and his sanctuary." The chapter goes on to say that a good conscience requires lifelong formation.

Chapter twenty-three reminds me of how much God loves me. It also reminds me that everything I am, and everything I have is a gift from God. Sometimes I forget that, and think that I am in charge, and I have accomplished everything. The truth is I am nothing without Jesus. The sooner I realize that living in Christ is the way to perfect happiness in God, the better off I will be. So, I ask you, "Do you live in Christ?" I hope so. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday February 25		
4:00 p.m. Sch	Patricia Rospo	Dot Jackuback
Sunday February 26		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Joseph E. Smith	Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
10:15 a.m. Spe	Elizabeth Smith Shirley Walsh	Ellie DeBonis Richard and Nancy Perkins
	Mellesey Schneider	Walt and Paula Moran
	Susan Jensen-Morgan	Her Forever Friends
Tues. February 28		
9:00 a.m. Sch	Communion Service	
Wed. March 1		
10:00 a.m. Sch	Communion Service - Distribution of Ashes	
7:00 p.m. Spe	Communion Service - Distribution of Ashes	
Thurs. March 2		
9:00 a.m. Spe	Communion Service	
Saturday March 4		
4:00 p.m. Spe	Shirley Walsh	Phil and Mary Clemente
	Harry Cushing	John and Barbara Burke
	Christine Martone	Ed and Carol Dyer
Sunday March 5		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Stephen & Marie Javorcak	The Family
10:15 a.m. Spe	Elizabeth Smith Carol Murray Edward Moran, Sr.	Lloyd Hebert, Jr. The Family Walt and Paula Moran
	Therese Moran	Walt and Paula Moran

FAMILY GAME DAY

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Speigletown Site

Following the 10:15 am Mass – 2:30 pm

**Games, Puzzles, Coloring for ALL AGES
Please Bring Any Unwanted Games, Puzzles,
Coloring Books, Crayons**

**Free Will Donations Can Be Submitted at
The Parish Offices or at the Event**

**Bring Your Family's Favorite Game
Drinks and Snacks Will be Provided**

COME AND JOIN US TO SEE OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend March 5 and 6.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Jaquelyn Carlo
Maria Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Julia Carlo
Barbara Perry

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/6) WHITE TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. No Servers 10:15 a.m. Maddie Grace and
Emmie Shover

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Isabelle Churan 10:15 a.m. John Reardon
Andre Foucher Deb Witkowski
Maureen Filarecki Sandy Barrett

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/5) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (3/5) Leslie Dunn

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' Note:

*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:** Exercise your noggin for better brain health. Mental activities like reading and writing can keep your mind sharp as you age. You may not have added boosting your brain to your list of New Year's resolutions, but here's why you should: Just as you have to exercise to keep your body fit, the same is true for your brain. You can keep your mind agile as you age by keeping it engaged. Research shows that stimulating brain activities, like reading, writing, studying or playing chess, help protect the mind against the effects of aging. Learning a new hobby, visiting a museum, and doing crossword puzzles or sudoku are all simple and enjoyable activities that help keep your mind sharp as you get older. The next time you're tempted to channel surf all day, visit your local library or art gallery instead. To keep your noggin in tip-top shape, be sure to practice these nine brain-boosting habits as well. . **http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com

REMINDER!!!

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – MARCH 1, 2017

Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes

10:00 AM in Schaghticoke

Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes,

7:00 PM in Speigletown

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

During the months of February and March, Transfiguration Parish will offer two programs for continued Adult Faith Formation. We will be offering a Bible Study program over five weeks based on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The program will be facilitated by Hugh Graber, and all sessions will be held in Schaghticoke. There will be morning and evening sessions. The schedule is as follows:

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sessions will be interactive, and participants are asked to bring their own Bible. Bibles will be provided for those not having their own.

We are also offering a **Lenten Series** on Thursday nights during Lent. All sessions will begin at 7:00 pm, and will be offered in Schaghticoke. The schedule is as follows:

Adult Faith Formation - continued

LENTEN SERIES

March 9, 2017 – Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving facilitated by Pat Rigney

March 16, 2017 – Understanding the Mass facilitated by Deacon Charlie Valenti

March 23, 2017 – Tracing our Jewish Roots/Traditions facilitated by Beth Thayer

March 30, 2017 – "Simply Peter" A Dramatic Monologue with Richard Harte as Peter.

April 6, 2017 – "Holy Week" facilitated by Deacon Chris Keough

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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 235-0337

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be collecting items for children's Easter baskets from March 4th until April 9th. Items that we will need are: Chocolate Easter Bunnies, Peeps, Small Chocolate Candies, Fruit Snacks, Small Bags of Chips or Popcorn and Small Toys. We will have collection boxes at the entrances of our churches. We appreciate your generosity to the children who may go without treats for Easter.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open on Saturday morning, March 4th and 18th from 9:00 am until noon. We've had a lot of great donations over the past month so please stop by and see what's there! The March half-priced specials are on **Janet Evanovich, Dean Koontz, Fern Michaels and Nora Roberts**. Children/young adult books are 6/\$1 as are the cookbooks, historical novels, biographies, religion and self-help. Romance novels are 12/\$1. We have great winter reading (or beach reading for those of you who are heading south!). Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

Tickets for the 2016-2017 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us for:

The Sound of Music

April 9, 2017 - \$70.00 per ticket

7 Tickets Left

**The last day to purchase tickets for
The Sound of Music is March 1st.**

Beautiful - The Carol King Musical

April 14, 2017 - \$75.00 per ticket

5 Tickets Left

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 235-0337 or E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net for information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family and marital situation; no matter what your personal history, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, physical condition; no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Transfiguration Parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

3/1	Communion Service and	10:00 am N Site
	Distribution of Ashes	7:00 pm S Site
3/3	Fish Fry Dinners Start	4:00-7:00 S Site

Offertory: February 18 and 19

4:00 \$1,713.00

8:30 1,599.00

10:15 1,960.00

Week 34 of the annual budget

Budget = \$166,730.90

Collection = \$163,111.80

Shortfall = \$3,619.10

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

THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited at our **Speigletown Site** on **March 12th** after the 10:15 AM mass in the chapel. All are welcome.

HOSPITAL VISIT

If you or someone you know will be a patient in one of the local hospitals and would like a visit from one of the Pastoral Staff, please notify either parish office at 753-4554 or 235-0337. A member of the Staff would be happy to visit and bring the Holy Eucharist when he/she knows of the situation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

SAVE THE DATES!!!! LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Transfiguration Parish Hall
South Site

Come-One-Come-All to the **Transfiguration Parish Annual Fish Fry**. The Fish Fry Dinners will be every Friday during the Lenten season (except Good Friday) **The dates are March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7**. You can either eat in or take out with dinners being served from 4-7 pm. Dinners will include a fish, fry, coleslaw and French Fries. Macaroni and Cheese will also be on the menu.

Fish Dinner - \$8.50

(Dinner includes Fish Fry, Fries & Cole Slaw)

Fish Fry - \$4.50 French Fries - \$2.00

Cole Slaw - \$2.00 Mac 'n Cheese - \$4.50

Desserts and drinks will also be available for purchase. **HELP is needed.** Please give us a few hours of your time. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the churches. Also, please consider signing up to make a dessert for us to sell at the dinners.

The LENTEN LUNCHESES will begin Tuesday, March 7th at Noon in Schaghticoke, and continue every Tuesday until April 4th. Please join us on Tuesdays to share this simple lunch of soup and bread and a brief reflection provided by our local congregation leaders as well as Transfiguration Parish. **Could you put in the bulletin from February 25th through April 4th.**

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