

# 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...*****REAL LIFE EXAMPLES OF FAITH**

I am writing this article on Monday, September 18. The Gospel reading for the day is the story of the Centurion who sent representatives to Jesus to ask Jesus to come to the Centurion's home to heal his servant who was gravely ill. We all know how the story goes. While Jesus was journeying to the Centurion's house, word came from the Centurion explaining that the Centurion did not feel worthy to come to Jesus in person, nor did he feel worthy to have Jesus come under his roof. The Centurion's incredible faith shows as he professes his faith that Jesus can heal the servant without even having to enter the house. The story ends with Jesus remarking on the faith of the Centurion, and the healing of the servant by the will of God.

I was reminded of this reading by the real-life faith examples of a few of our parishioners who have faced some significant health issues, and challenges of faith for prolonged periods of time. I have tried to stay in contact with them during their illnesses, and I must say I have been humbled by their steadfast faith in Jesus despite their physical ordeals. My conversations with them make me hope that my own faith can only be as good as theirs.

There is no question that times of personal loss, or physical illness to ourselves or the people we love can certainly test our faith in Jesus. There is the tendency to wonder if Jesus has deserted us, or we wonder if he hears our prayers. We are sometimes angry with God that he has let this happen to us, and we struggle with our faith. I understand that feeling, and have experienced tests of faith at various times in my own life.

That is why I am so awed by the faith of some of the people I meet. Despite the challenges they have faced, and continue to face, they remain steadfast in their love of Jesus and their faith that he is always with them. Their faith in Jesus is the same as the faith of the Centurion who fully believed in Jesus, and knew the Lord could heal his servant. We repeat the words of the Centurion at every Eucharist as we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Words of faith in Jesus.

Perhaps this week we can all pray for people we know who are dealing with health issues in mind, body, or spirit. Let us pray that their faith in Jesus mimics that of the Centurion, and may our own faith and prayers bring them God's mercy and compassionate healing. God bless.

*Deacon Chris*

***Mass Schedule & Intentions*****Saturday September 23**

4:00 p.m. Spe **Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cone** Bob and Eleanor Gardner  
**Will Rowe** Phil and Mary Clemente

**Sunday September 24**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Susan Simpson-LaRose** The Simpson Family  
**Stephen and Agnes Oadmin** Angie Oadmin

10:15 a.m. Spe **Terry Kelvington** Joyce Lnaoue  
**Molly DeCaprio** Beth Thayer  
**Michael Gulli** Joe and Loretto Marchese

**Tues. September 26**

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

**Thurs. September 28**

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

**Saturday September 30**

4:00 p.m. Spe **Mary Pat Connally** Phil and Mary Clemente  
**Bonham** Leo & Jane Heslin  
**Ray Dugan** Leo & Jane Heslin  
**Phil Benedetto** Mom, Leo and Family  
**Kelly Connally**

**Sunday October 1**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Joseph E. Smith** Estate of Joseph E. Smith

10:15 a.m. Spe **Terry Kelvington** Hugh and Barbara Graber  
**Molly DeCaprio** Walt and Paula Moran  
**Joseph Edward Smith** Walt and Paula Moran

**ZUMBA IS BACK!!!!**

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from **6:00-7:00 pm at the Transfiguration Parish Hall in Speigletown**. The classes have started. You can join at any time. The fee for a **1 hour class is \$5.00 or \$25.00 for 6 classes, which will have to be prepaid**. Call Ellie DeBonis at 235-0337 for more information.

**STREAK FREE CLOTHS ARE BACK!!!**

**Never Use Window Cleaners Again!**

**STREAK FREE, SPOT FREE—LINT FREE CLOTHS**

**Special!!!!**

**2 Microfiber Cloths for \$5.00**

You may pick one up after the Masses at the entrances to each church.

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend September 30 and October 1.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Julia Carlo  
Nevan Doubleday  
Derek Cipolla

#### LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard  
Pat Rigney

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (10/2) YELLOW TEAM -  
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

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

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm Jean Sullivan 10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Colleen Wilkie 10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett  
Doug Wilkie Marge Brendese  
Isabelle Churan Barb Colangione

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (10/1) Tom Wallingford,  
Mary Clemente and Mary Kay Oliver

**ALTAR LINENS:** (10/1) Kate Coventry

**BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa** will celebrate Respect Life Sunday on September 30 and October 1 with a fundraiser called the "Baby Bottle Boomerang." Plastic baby bottles will be offered to parishioners (one per family) after each mass/service. Please take a bottle home with you and fill it with coins, cash, and/or a check and return it the following weekend. Inside the baby bottle is an insert inviting you to make your donation in honor of a special individual and list that person's name and address on the insert. Birthright will send a beautifully designed card to the person being honored. Thank you for your continued support to Birthright.

## WELCOME SUSAN BARRY

We welcome Susan Barry to Transfiguration Parish as our new Parish Operations Manager. Susan will be responsible for all administrative operations of the parish, as well as management of buildings and grounds. Many of you will remember Susan and her family as former parishioners in Schaghticoke, and some will know Susan from her years with Birthright. Susan will continue in her management position with Birthright while working part-time for our parish.

Susan will be taking on the administrative duties that have been managed by Mary Clemente. Mary has decided to cut back somewhat, and has agreed to stay on staff in her important position as our Parish Bookkeeper. Please extend a thank you to Mary for all she has done, and continues to do for our parish, and extend a warm welcome to Susan.

### 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:

**Health Tips: Breathe easier: Improve your air quality from the comfort of home.** When you hear "air pollution," do you picture a thick haze of smog hanging over a maze of bumper-to-bumper cars? Environmental pollution is a hazard for the planet and our health, to be sure, but harmful air quality can also hit closer to home – in fact, in your home. Indoor air pollution in homes and workplaces contributes to serious illness, including chronic lung conditions like asthma and COPD, heart disease, and certain types of cancer. The good news is that there are simple, low-cost ways to improve air quality. Cigarette smoke is a leading cause of indoor air pollution, but other sources are less obvious, including cleaning products with harsh chemicals, wood-burning stoves, craft and art supplies, gas stoves that aren't well-ventilated, mold and mildew, and even the process of frying food (which produces harmful compounds known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs). Clean up your act, and breathe cleaner air, with these steps:

1. No smoking in your home.
2. Have a carbon monoxide monitor and test your home for radon, a radioactive gas that can enter your home through dirt floors and foundation cracks.
3. Improve your ventilation by opening windows, when possible, using fans and cooling systems and using an exhaust fan if you have a gas stove.
4. Use mild, nontoxic cleaning products.
5. Control temperature and humidity levels. Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter and an air purifier with a HEPA filter. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS EVENT BUY A BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASS!!!

Purchase a Boscov's Shopping Pass for \$5.00 and be eligible to receive 25% off most items in the store on **Tuesday, October 17th**. Please tell your family and friends. Passes will be sold at the entrances of our Churches after each Mass. If you need a supply of passes to sell, contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office at 518/235-0337.

The **45th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration** sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held Sunday, **October 1st, 2017 at 2:00 pm** at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany, New York.

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 Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office.

**Career Opportunity:** The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Michael Rodriguez, General Agent at 518/934-1032 or [Michael.Rodriguez@KofC.ORG](mailto:Michael.Rodriguez@KofC.ORG)



**REMINDER!!!**

**Faith Formation Sessions**

Grades 7 - 10 begin on September 24

**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**



**BOOK NOOK NEWS**

The Book Nook is open on Saturday morning, October 7 from 9:00 am until noon. Lots of new copyrights by all of your favorite authors. The October half-priced specials are on Debbie Macomber, James Patterson and Stuart Woods. Of course our biographies, history, religious, self-help and children/young adult books are 6/\$1. Please stop by and see what new things have been donated. Lots of good reading!! Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

**All Souls Remembrance Mass**

An All Souls Remembrance Mass will be held **Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm.** Any one who has lost a member of his or her family this past year from November, 2016 to through this October will be remembered. Please call Martha Cioffi at 518/235-7743 or the Church office at 518/235-0337 to give us the deceased persons name and the members of the family who will be attending.

Again, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make our Garage Sale, Schaghticoke Fair Food Booth and Book Nook sale a success this Labor Day weekend. We promised to let everyone know how well we did. The totals are as follows:

**Schaghticoke Fair Food Booth - \$9,214.63**

**Garage Sale - \$7,444.00**

(This total will change as we have items that we are still trying to sell that will bring more profit.)

**Book Nook - \$1,100.00**

**Tickets for the 2017-2018 Season  
PROCTOR'S THEATER IN  
SCHENECTADY**

**Please join us for:**

**Les Miserables**

February 25, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$73.00 per ticket

**On Your Feet**

June 3, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$62.00 per ticket

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 518/235-0337 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Please mark your calendars**

10/5	<i>Bible Study</i>	6:30 pm S Site
10/12	<i>Bible Study</i>	6:30 pm S Site
10/19	<i>Bible Study</i>	6:30 pm S Site
10/20	<i>Roast Pork Dinner</i>	4:00-7:00 pm S Site

**Offertory Report:**

**September 16 and 17**

<b>4:00</b>	<b>\$1,883.00</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>1,543.00</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>1,106.00</b>
<b>On-line</b>	<b>317.00</b>
<b>Hurricane Harvey</b>	<b>4,414.00</b>
<b>Week 12 of the 2017-2018 Budget</b>	
<b>Budget = \$61,292.40</b>	
<b>Collection = \$61,371.22</b>	
<b>Surplus = \$78.82</b>	

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

**THANK YOU**

We thank Mr. Bob Kelvington, and his family, for the donation of a memorial bench in honor of Bob's wife Terry. The bench has been placed at the reflection pool located at the Speigletown site. We offer heartfelt thanks for the many contributions Bob and Terry have made to our parish over the years. Everyone is encouraged to visit our reflection pool to spend some quiet time in silent prayer to the Lord.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

We will be offering a Bible Study this Fall on St. Paul's First and Second Letters to the Thessalonians. This will be the first in what we hope will be an annual study of St. Paul's letters, which we often read at weekend Masses.

Hugh Graber will once again facilitate the Bible Study Sessions, which will be held on Thursday evenings in the Chapel at the Speigletown site. The sessions will begin at 6:30 pm, and last one hour. The dates for the sessions are:

- Thursday, October 5, 2017**
- Thursday, October 12, 2017**
- Thursday, October 19, 2017**
- Thursday, October 26, 2017**
- Thursday, November 9, 2017**

We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow parishioners to read, reflect, and discuss the epistles of St. Paul. Come, share your faith with others!

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