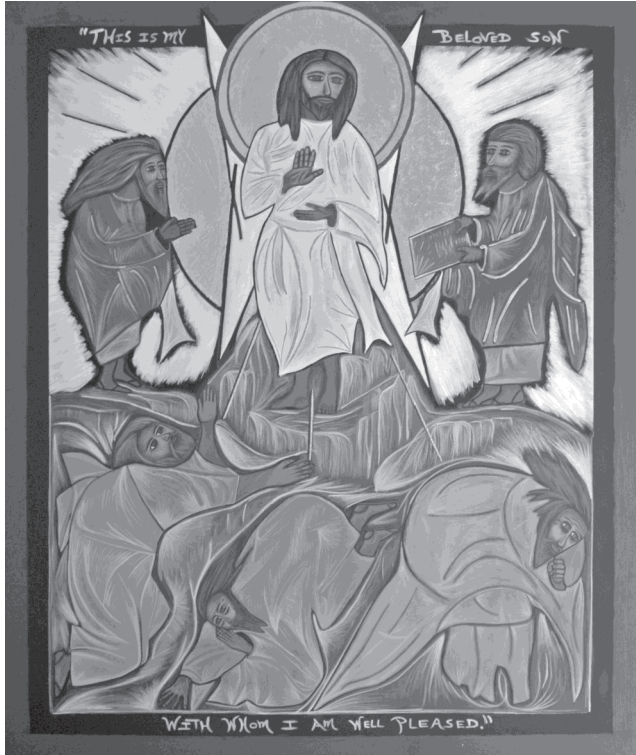


# Transfiguration Parish



## 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.
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...****“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
IS LIKE...”**

For the past few weeks, the Gospel readings have been on parables that Jesus spoke to his followers. In successive weeks we have heard the parables of the man with two sons, the landowner and the tenants, and the king and the wedding feast. We know Jesus often used parables to teach the people, and while the parables tell a story, they are much more than that. The parables challenged the people of Jesus' time to think about their own lives and their relationships with God and one another. The amazing proof that the Bible contains the Word of God is that these same parables are still relevant to us today.

Jesus often starts a parable by saying words such as, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like.” The parables give us the opportunity to get a glimpse into the wonder and awe of God’s heavenly kingdom. Some of the parables teach us that the Kingdom of Heaven may start small like a mustard seed, but grows into the largest of bushes. Perhaps that is much like our own faith which may begin small, but can continue to grow exponentially as we develop a deeper loving relationship with Jesus./

One of the reasons I chose to write about the parables this week is because I am currently taking a course on the parables being offered through St. Bernard’s at the Pastoral Center. The instructor for the course is Sister Kitty Hanley, and I can say she is one of the finest teachers I have encountered in many years of taking courses. If you ever have the opportunity to take a class, or attend a lecture by Sr. Kitty, please take it. It will be well worth your time.

I am quite sure that most of the Pharisees and Scribes who heard the parables of Jesus became quite uncomfortable, and probably even angry, with Jesus’ teachings. The parables can make us uncomfortable if we consider them with an honest look at our own lives. The parables may point out poor choices we have made, but the good news is that Jesus still invites us to conversion as we follow Him. One saying that I think is certainly true is this, “The parables can afflict the comfortable, and comfort the afflicted.” Aren’t we sometimes the comfortable, and other times the afflicted?

A couple of final points. **Perhaps the most important thing we need to realize is that The Kingdom of Heaven is Jesus!** The entire kingdom is contained in Jesus who gives us everything we need to enter into His Kingdom. But the Kingdom does require our participation in the ways we follow Jesus and live our lives. Keep in mind the final sentence in today’s Gospel reading which says, “Many are invited, but few are chosen.” Jesus also finished many of his parables by saying, “Whoever has ears, ought to hear.” God bless.

*Deacon Chris*

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday October 14**

4:00 p.m. Sch	<b>Sheila Wallingford</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
	<b>Burton &amp; Alma Feathers</b>	John and Kathy Farina
	<b>Mildred Hart</b>	John and Kathy Farina

**Sunday October 15**

8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>Terry Kelvington Patricia O’Bryan-Hebert Ruth Elliott-Donahue</b>	Maria Sullivan Lloyd Hebert, Jr. Hugh and Barbara Graber

**Tues. October 17**

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

**Thurs. October 19**

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

**Saturday October 21**

4:00 p.m. Sch	<b>Bruce Kairns</b>	The Family
	<b>Harold Watson</b>	The Family
	<b>Betty Rosecrans</b>	The Family

**Sunday October 22**

8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>Frank Bruce</b>	Walt and Paula Moran
	<b>Jack &amp; Evelyn Mahoney</b>	The Children

**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.

**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.

**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.

**This Week's Parish Announcements**

Thank you for your service next weekend **October 21 and 22.**

**Schaghticoke Site:**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 pm No Servers 8:30 a.m. Emma Carlo  
Katherine Rice

**LECTORS**

4:00 pm Donna Colligan 8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 pm Tim Carey 8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy  
Dot Jackuback Keyes

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (10/22) WHITE TEAM -  
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

**Speigletown Site:**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

10:15 a.m. Madison, Grace and  
Emma Shover

**LECTORS**

10:15 a.m. Hugh Graber

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

10:15 a.m. Mary Grace Purcell  
John Reardon  
Deb Witkowski

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (10/22) Diane Heer  
Nancy Shellard

**ALTAR LINENS:** (10/22) Mary Dugrenier

**TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

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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:**

**Blood Pressure Screening THIS weekend.** Stop in and have your blood pressure checked and your blood sugar read by a Registered Nurse.

**Health Tips:** *Go nuts: There's yet another reason to love walnuts. Call us nutty, but we have a thing for walnuts. Not only are they deliciously crunchy, walnuts offer omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, and antioxidants in every bite. No wonder they're linked to a lower risk of heart disease, better brain health, and slower cancer growth. New research suggests an additional benefit to the body. In an animal study, researchers found that adding walnuts to the diet increased the number of strains of bacteria, including "friendly bacteria" such as Lactobacillus, which helps protect your health. Walnuts may act as a "prebiotic," a food that helps beneficial bacteria in the gut proliferate. So bring on the walnuts, posthaste! They make a delicious, filling snack on their own or paired with apples or berries. They're also excellent chopped and sprinkled into oatmeal, or toasted and added to salads. And it's a perfect time of year for pesto, made with walnuts along with fresh basil, garlic, and olive oil. Who knew "going nuts" could be so healthy!*  
<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.



**ANNUAL FRUIT SALE**

It is time again for our annual citrus sale. We will be selling oranges, grapefruit and tangelos direct from Florida. The fruit will be delivered in

10 lb, 20 lb and 40 lb. cartons. Order just oranges, just grapefruit, mixed boxes (oranges/grapefruit), or tangelos. **Orders must be received no later than November 1st. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.** The fruit will be available December 1st and 2nd so it makes a great gift for the holidays. This is an important fundraiser so we hope you will invite neighbors, friends and relatives to order also. **Order forms are available in the bulletin this week and after masses or by calling the church offices.**

The **Sacrament of the Sick** conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of the strengthening of the Holy Spirit against anxiety and fear for those who are ill or who for those who have the potential for illness (e.g. the elderly). IT IS NOT ONLY FOR THOSE AT THE POINT OF DEATH. If you or a loved one would need the benefits of this great Sacrament, please contact the Parish Offices or any of the Parish Clergy to make arrangements.

**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](mailto: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.

**REMINDER!!!**

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

## Transfiguration Parish



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are in need of catechists for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 8:30 Mass. You would be responsible for 2 Sundays a month. Materials and training will be provided. Please contact Beth Thayer at 518/235 0337.

**Faith Formation Session** are underway but it is never too late to join. If you would like to register for this year's sessions or have any questions contact Beth Thayer at 518 235 0337. Forms are also available on the parish web site under Faith Formation.



### BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at will be open on Saturday morning, October 21 from 9:00 am until noon, and after the 10:15 Mass on October 22. Lots of new copyrights by all of your favorite authors. The October half-priced specials are on **Debbie Macomber, James Patterson and Stuart Woods**, making those author's paperbacks \$.50 and their hard covers only \$1! 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!

## Annual Roast Pork Dinner

will be held to benefit

### Transfiguration Parish

at our South site Parish Hall on

**October 20, 2017 - 4:00-7:00 pm**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

We will be serving a delicious dinner at a reasonable price. Tickets are on sale after the Masses starting October 7th and by contacting the church office. Prices are Adults - \$11.00, Seniors - (65+) \$10.00 and children under 12 - \$5.00. Limited tickets at the door.

**Don't forget to sign up to HELP us with the preparation, serving and clean-up for this fundraiser!**

### 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 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!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

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
10/26	<i>Bible Study</i>	6:30 pm S Site

### Thank you from...

**Birthright** extends a sincere "Thank You" to all parishioners who participated in our Respect Life Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. We also make an urgent plea to all parishioners who still have baby bottles. These bottles are needed for future fundraising efforts. Even if the bottles are empty, please return them to the designated box.

### Islam 101

Father Jim Kane, Interfaith Affairs Director of the Diocese of Albany since 1982 and a retired pastor, will offer an overview of Islam, the religion of Muslims, on October 24, 2017 in the Speigletown Site at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the presentation is to increase knowledge about a faith that is all too often at misunderstood yet prominently featured in the media. The presentation will be preceded by a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. Both events will take place in the parish hall.



We have begun collecting for our **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Each weekend for the rest of October and into November we are collecting nonperishable food items to place in baskets for families within the community. All donations are appreciated, but to be sure we have a nice variety we've made suggestions for each week. **Next week the suggestions are Breakfast Items: Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Muffin and Bread Mix.** Donations can be left in the boxes at the entrance of our churches. If you are interested in donating a turkey or roasting chicken, please call the church offices at 518/235-0337 and 518/753-4554. Your generosity last year helped provide a full Thanksgiving dinner and some extra food items to 35 families. **Also, please consider joining us on November 19th to finish packing the baskets.**

### HATS AND MITTENS

We know that many of the women of the parish enjoy knitting and crocheting. We are collecting hats and mittens to be donated to our local elementary schools during the winter season. We are looking for donations of ready made and hand made items. Please help those children who might go without.

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