

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...**WORDS THAT STOP US RIGHT****WHERE WE ARE**

I do quite a bit of praying, and reading scriptures, and reading spiritual reflections and quotes. This happens to me quite often. I will be reading something, and come across a word or phrase that stops me dead in my tracks! Does that ever happen to you? You come across something, and you to stop what you were doing, and spend time with that revelation. As I said, this happens to me quite often, and I came across a quote from Pope Francis about faith that just made me stop and think. Faith is such a wonderfully mysterious thing that we can't quite define, but we all profess to have to some degree. Faith involves believing and trusting in God, while being aware that we cannot fully understand God, and His love for us.

This is the quote I read from Pope Francis: "Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation." I read the quote, and thought the quote from the Pope describes the level of faith I would like to have in my own life. Perhaps it is the ideal we should all strive for in our lives. Just think about what Pope Francis is saying. First, he tells us that our faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives. Isn't that a wonderful feeling to know that God is quietly present to us at every moment of our lives? But how often are we aware that God is always with us? I wish I could say that is the case for me, but the truth is I am not always thinking that God is always with me even though I know He is. Maybe I take God's presence in, and with, me for granted. Do you ever take God's presence for granted?

The second part of Pope Francis' quote refers to seeing the presence of God in every person, and in every situation. Once again, I want to try to do better seeing God in everyone I meet, and in every situation. We all know that is not easy, but what a wonderful ideal it is. I tell myself I should always remember that we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and God loves each and every one of us. Even those who are not like us, or those who we don't agree with. **God loves them too!**

We are all called to sainthood, even though we probably never think of ourselves as particularly saintly. Still, Jesus loves us and calls us to follow Him, as we do great things by loving and serving each other. I do hope you do great things, but let me tell you what I believe. In the eyes of the Lord, even little things of love and service of others are great things. I invite you to join me in trying to live our lives in the words of Pope Francis, "Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation." Just spend some time thinking about that. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday November 11**

4:00 p.m. Spe	Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E Smith
	Thomas King	The Family
	Patricia O'Bryan-Hebert	Paul and Jean Hebert

Sunday November 12

8:30 a.m. Sch	Joseph & Bernice Leahy	The Colligan Family
	Catherine Guay	Edmond Guay
10:15 a.m. Spe	Marilyn Christian	Pat and Mary Casale
	Nancy Knickerbocker	Ellie DeBonis
	Michael Bartis	The Jackuback Family
	Catherine Guay	Edmond Guay

Tues. November 14

9:00 a.m. Sch	Communion Service
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Thurs. November 16

9:00 a.m. Spe	Communion Service
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Saturday November 18

4:00 p.m. Spe	Burton & Alma Feathers	John and Kathy Farina
	Mildred Hart	John and Kathy Farina
	Christine Martone	Leo & Jane Heslin
	Dot Parsley	Doug and Colleen Wilkie

Sunday November 19

8:30 a.m. Sch	Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
	Special Intentions of Theresa Pratt	Kenneth Brownell
10:15 a.m. Spe	Carol Murray	Bill Murray and Family
	Alice Lazzaro	Pat and Mary Casale
	Kay Lanoue	The Powers Family
	Michael Bartis	Ellie DeBonis
3:00 p.m. Spe	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service	

Thurs. November 23 - Thanksgiving Day Mass

10:00 a.m. Sch	For the Parishioners
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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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend November 18 and 19.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Emma Carlo
Katherine Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy
Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (11/19) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. Madison, Grace and
Emma Shover

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jean Sullivan 10:15 a.m. Dick Harte

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Isabelle Churan 10:15 a.m. Deb Witkowski
Andre Foucher Sandy Barrett
Nancy Foucher Marge Brendese

MONEY COUNTERS: (11/19) Doug Wilkie,
Mary Grace Purcell, Sue Creagan

ALTAR LINENS: (11/19) Sandy Reardon

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.



ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

The fruit will soon be here and **we need your help!!!** Sign up sheets are available on your way out of the Church for anyone who can help **unload the fruit on the evening of Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 pm** and/or **help pass out the fruit on Saturday or Sunday, December 2 and 3.** As always, the more help the easier the job!

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:

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

"Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting Thursday, November 16th @ 10:30AM in Speigletown.

Health Tips: *Light therapy: Light exposure tied to weight gain... and loss. Get plenty of exercise...check. Eat nourishing food in appropriate portions...check. Manage stress...check. Sleep well...check. If you've got your bases covered but continue to struggle with maintaining a healthy weight, make sure your physician checks you out, and then consider making an adjustment — to your lighting! According to a new study, too much artificial light at night and not enough natural morning light may increase your risk of obesity. There's plenty to love about the modern world — indoor plumbing, central heating, and lifesaving medical care come to mind. But if your circadian rhythms — which govern sleep-wake cycles and affect your metabolism — could cast a vote, they would probably choose a return to the good old days. There's no need to take up residence in the nearest cave to reset your inner clock, but do make an effort to get outside in the early morning hours, and try to get a little more sunshine throughout the day. Then, after sunset, start dimming the lights and powering down all the electronics. Your waistline just might thank you!*
<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Baptism

Mila Rose Hosein, daughter of Kerry and Angela Hosein, was baptized on November 5, 2017 in the Northern Site. May the Holy Spirit guide her on her journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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.

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GIVING TREES

The giving trees are up and decorated at each site. Please take a tag, purchase the gift and return the gift with the tag. All gifts should be returned by Dec 10. Gifts may be returned to either site. Thank you for making Christmas wishes come true for the children of our community.

NCYC

Youth from our parish will embark on November 16 for Indianapolis. I am excited to tell you that our youth have been chosen to carry in the Diocese of Albany banner into the opening session of NCYC. A link to the live stream of many of the events will be placed on our website. I invite you to take the opportunity to experience this event. Please hold us in prayer as we travel.

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 from 9:00 am until noon on Saturday, November 18, with half-priced specials on Robyn Carr, Clive Cussler, John Grisham and Fern Michaels. We have so many new donations with lots of new copyrights so please stop by and see what is there for you to stock up on your winter reading! The Book Nook is going to be open before and after the 4:00 Mass that weekend too. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

2017-2018 Transfiguration Parish Ski Program

will be on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 12th, for 6 weeks at Willard Mountain. Lift, Lesson, and rental are \$165.00 before November 25th and \$185.00 after.... A pass for lessons and lift ticket are available for \$130.00 or \$150.00 after 11/25. Helmet purchase is available to ski program members for \$30.00 plus tax in the pro shop. For more information or to receive the Program Registration forms, please contact Sharon Frazee @ 235-8693. This is a wonderful deal and great way for kids and adults to learn how to ski.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Sunday November 19, 2017, our parish will host a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at our church in Speigletown. The service will begin at 3:00 pm as Transfiguration Parish will join with five other area Christian Worship Communities for an afternoon of prayer, song, and fellowship. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon as we come together as one to give thanksgiving, and praise and glory to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

11/13	<i>Pastoral Council Meeting</i>	<i>6:30 pm S Site</i>
11/19	<i>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service</i>	<i>3:00 pm S Site</i>
11/23	<i>Thanksgiving Day Mass</i>	<i>10:00 am N Site</i>
12/2-3	<i>Florida Fruit Pick-up</i>	<i>Times TBA N/S Sites</i>



The annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** is beginning to wind down. The baskets for the families will be packed during the week of November 13 and picked up on November 19. We have had a great response to the food drive and there are a couple weeks left for you to donate. **The suggested items for this week are pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese with the last week donations of juices, coffee and tea.** There are plenty of desserts that have been donated, but a shortage of potatoes, gravy and stuffing. If you haven't yet made your donations, please keep those items in mind. Of course we are also accepting cash donations. Your generosity last year helped provide a full Thanksgiving dinner with many extra food items to 35 families. Thanking you once again for your donations.

HATS AND MITTENS

We are continuing to collect hats and mittens to be donated to children in our local elementary schools. If you are a "knitter" please consider knitting hats, mittens, scarves, or anything to keep our local school children warm during the winter. We are collecting ready-made items as well. Please help those children who might otherwise go without. This collection drive will end on December 1. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and religious life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ or Lord.

Amen

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