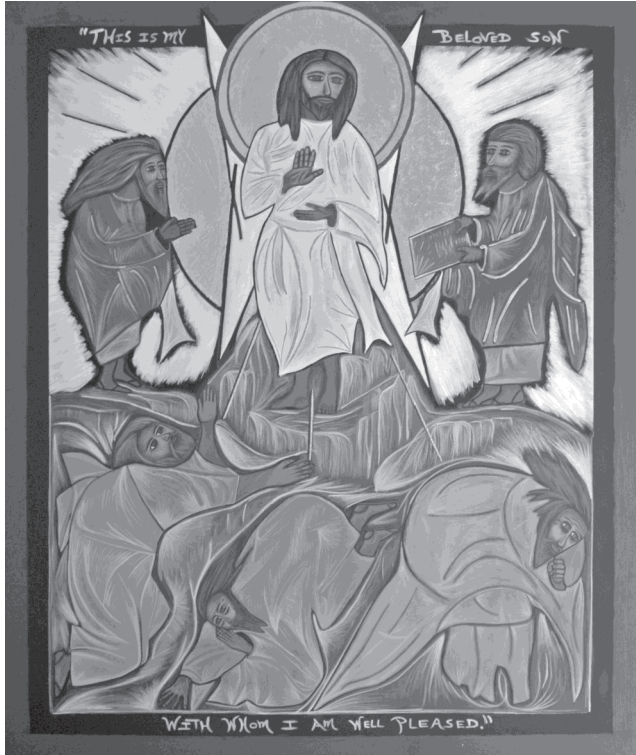


# Transfiguration Parish



## 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...***LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE  
BRIGHT**

Saturday evening, I was driving home from the 4:00 pm Mass in Schaghticoke, and I saw for the first time this year, the trees lit up at the Schaghticoke town hall. I don't know what it is, but right away I felt a great sense of joy and peace when I saw all the lights.

What is it about light that makes us feel better? During the Advent season we see decorations and lights all around us, as we prepare for Christmas, for the birth of our Lord Jesus. We profess that Jesus is the light of the world, and we are all children of the light. Reference to the light is throughout the scriptures, and I bet we don't often reflect on those references. For instance, I am writing this on a Monday morning, and the reading from the prophet Isaiah concludes with these words, "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!" Don't we all want to walk in the light of the Lord?

I said we are all children of the light, and that begins with our baptism into Christ. At our baptism, we receive a candle lit from the Easter candle, and the celebrant says, "Receive the light of Christ." The celebrant goes on to say, "Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He (she) is to walk always as a child of the light." These are most powerful words that indicate we are to keep the light of Christ always burning within us.

So, what are we to do with this light of Christ that burns within us? We are called to share the light of Christ with others! Maybe someone you know has been experiencing problems, or maybe their faith has been tested, and their own light is somewhat diminished. Share your light, your faith, with them, and maybe their own light will increase. There is no better time than Advent to share our light with those around us, and perhaps give others the joy and peace of Christ who loves all of us.

There is a popular song titled, "We Are the Light of the World," and I share with you the refrain which seems a most appropriate ending to this article. The refrain is, "We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God." My friends, Let Your Light Shine Bright! God bless.

*Deacon Chris*

***Mass Schedule & Intentions*****Saturday December 9**

4:00 p.m. Sch	<b>Gerrie Barton</b>	Estate of Alice Tate
	<b>Will Rowe</b>	Matt Rowe
	<b>Mary Dorothy Lanoue</b>	The Family
	<b>Elinor Coraldi</b>	Bruce and Bonnie Coraldi

**Sunday December 10**

8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>Paul A. Lucey</b>	Raymond & Alice Lucey
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>Michael Bartis</b>	The Creagan Family
	<b>Nancy Knickerbocker</b>	Joe and Gina Steele
	<b>Hank Weglarz</b>	Joe & Mary Grace Purcell

**Tues. December 12**

9:00 a.m. Sch	<b>Communion Service</b>	
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**Thur. December 14**

9:00 a.m. Sch	<b>Communion Service</b>	
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**Saturday December 16**

4:00 p.m. Sch	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Harold Cone</b>	Bob and Elinor Gardner
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**Sunday December 17**

8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
	<b>Bill Gauthier</b>	Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>Michael Bartis</b>	Walt and Paula Moran
	<b>Tim Lucey</b>	Joe & Mary Grace Purcell
	<b>Bernice Kelvington</b>	Bob Kelvington
	<b>Nancy Knickerbocker</b>	Jean Sullivan

**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.

**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 the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.**

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend December 16 and 17.

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 Careu 8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy Dot Jackuback Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/17) 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. Dick Harter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Ellie DeBonis Hugh Graber Deb Hebert

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/17) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (12/17) Leslie Dunn

Offertory Report:

November 18 and 19

November 25 and 26

Table with 3 columns: Time, Nov 18-19, Nov 25-26. Rows: 4:00, 8:30, 10:15, On-line.

Week 21 of the 2017-2018 Budget Week 22 of the 2017-2018 Budget. Budget, Collection, Shortfall.

December 2 and 3

Table with 2 columns: Time, Dec 2-3. Rows: 4:00, 8:30, 10:15, On-line.

Week 23 of the 2017-2018 Budget. Budget, Collection, Shortfall.

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

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Your generosity provided meals for 22 families with enough donations left for many Christmas baskets! Thank you again for your continued support of our community.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse (518) 753-4554, ext. 13 p.hebert@transfigurationparish.net 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.

Health Tips: Sing out loud! Group singing may boost your mental health. You may have heard of the placebo effect and the butterfly effect. How about the choir effect? Singing in a group may help increase your ability to be mindful or "in the now," according to new research. In the study, researchers gave a group of 83 adults a survey that measured mindfulness before and after their regular chorus practice. Participants were asked, for example, how distracted they felt, how well they were able to concentrate, and the degree to which they were aware of their emotions without being lost in them — all measures of mindfulness. The researchers gave the participants the same survey a few days later before and after listening to a piece of choral music, to tease out the effects of the music itself. Listening to music increased mindfulness, but choral singing did so to an even greater degree. It may be that group singing uses the same "mental muscle" as traditional mindfulness practice. As with sitting meditation, singing in a group requires (or at least encourages) focused attention and an accepting attitude. Group singing is also a good way to build a sense of community — plus, it's great fun. So add music — both singing and listening — to your list of ways to ease stress, improve focus, and up your joy quotient! http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com

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

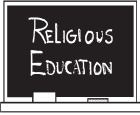
June 3, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$62.00 per ticket

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.

We need your help.....

Unfortunately, for decorating purposes, Christmas Eve is on Sunday. We need people to help immediately after the 10:15 Mass December 24th, Christmas Eve Sunday. We cannot bring the decorations into the Church until after Mass on Sunday when advent is over. It should not take too long, as always, more help means less time.

## Transfiguration Parish



### 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.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** will be held at the Speigle-town Site on the following dates:

**December 14, and 21**

All rehearsals begin at 7:00 PM. Children from grades K to 3 are involved in the pageant. Children from grades 4 and up are involved in the choir, or as greeters and gift bearers.

### ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 10

**Sessions are from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
in Schaghticoke.**

### 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

Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner. What better gift than the gift of books! The Book Nook is bursting with many new 2016 and 2017 copyrights for purchase as holiday gifts. The **December half-priced specials are on books written by James Patterson, Lisa Scottoline, Danielle Steel and Debbie Macomber.** Some of today's top authors. The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 this month as well as the biographies, self-help, historical novels and religion. Please stop by on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 am until noon, and check out our great selection.

### HAT AND MITTEN DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, mittens and scarves for delivery to our local school children. The beautiful work done by so many "knitters" within our parish was amazing! Thank you for your hard work and generosity!

### 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. **A pass for lessons and lift ticket are now available for \$150.00.** 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS Please mark your calendars

12/10	<i>Children's Christmas Party</i>	2:00 pm S Site
12/-12 & 19	<i>Advent/Christmas Interactive Discussion Series—The Joyful Mysteries</i>	6:30 pm S Site
12/13	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation Communal Penance Service</i>	3:00 pm Our Lady of Victory 7:00 pm S Site Transfiguration
12/24	<i>Christmas Vigil Masses</i>	4:00 pm S Site 4:30 pm N Site
12/25	<i>Christmas Day Masses</i>	8:30 am N Site 10:15 am S Site

### FLORIDA FRUIT ORDER IS DELAYED!!!!

The fruit from Florida has been delayed a week.

**We will be distributing the fruit on  
Saturday and Sunday,  
December 9th and 10th.**

### Prayer for Advent

**Heavenly Father,** may hope and expectant joy be with us as we celebrate the Advent season. May the evergreen Advent wreath remind us that we have been created to live and love eternally. And may our faith, we pray, be strengthened as we prepare for the occasion of your son's birth, when the human and the divine were joined because of your great love for us. **Amen**

### CONGRATULATIONS FATHER INGEMIE!

Father Ingemie will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on December 21, 2017. We congratulate him for 50 years of dedicated and faithful service to the people of God. We are very grateful for his continued service as our Sacramental Minister at Transfiguration Parish.

There will be a light reception for Father Ingemie following the 4:00 pm Mass in Schaghticoke on Saturday, December 16. Please join us as we honor Father Ingemie on the Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 10th at 2:00 pm**

There will be many activities for the young people and parents of our Parish. We want to also extend an invitation to your grandchildren, nieces and nephews for an afternoon of fun. We will be doing crafts, decorating cookies, making reindeer food and there will be a visit from Santa with pictures. **We will need adult help at each of the entertainment stations to ensure the children have a great time.**

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