

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...
ARE YOU AN INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE?

I wrote in an article a while ago that I have been reading a very interesting book written by Sherry A. Weddell titled, "Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus." There is some excellent information in the book about being a disciple of Jesus, and what it means to be His disciple. I'd like to share with you some of what the author says about discipleship, and ways intentional disciples contribute to the well-being of a parish. I quote from page 81 of "Forming Intentional Disciples":

"Disciples pray with passion. Disciples worship. Disciples love the Church and serve her with energy and joy. Disciples give lavishly. Disciples hunger to learn more about their faith. Disciples fill every formation class in a parish or diocese. Disciples manifest charisms and discern vocations. They clamor to discern God's call because they long to live it. Disciples evangelize because they have really good news to share. Disciples share their faith with their children. Disciples care about the poor and about issues of justice. Disciples take risks for the Kingdom of God."

When I first read these descriptions about what being a disciple of Christ means, I took an honest look at my own discipleship. I found there are some things I do fairly well, but there are others that I could do much better. How about you? Are you able to identify things that you try to do, and things you could do much better? Here is the most wonderful news. Jesus has given us His Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives as His disciples. We are not alone!

Three of the statements about being disciples really struck me:

Disciples pray with passion – What a great description of the importance of prayer. Certainly, there are things in our lives we are passionate about. How many of us would say that prayer is something we are passionate about? Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us pray with passion.

Disciples hunger to learn more about their faith – Some people have the impression that faith formation is what we do as children and youth. That is true; we form the foundation of our faith through faith formation classes preparing us for the Sacraments of Initiation. However, faith formation never ends! Our conversion in Christ is a life-long pursuit. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us hunger to learn more about our faith.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday December 23

4:00 p.m. Sch **Merton and Marie Thayer** The Family

Sunday December 24

8:30 a.m. Sch **Deceased Family and Friends**

10:15 a.m. Spe **Deceased Family and Friends**

Sunday December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 p.m. Spe **For the Parishioners**

4:30 p.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

Monday December 25 - Christmas Day Mass

8:30 a.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

10:15 a.m. Spe **For the Parishioners**

Thur. December 28

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

Saturday December 30

4:00 p.m. Sch **Ed Whinnery** The Family

Sunday December 31

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

10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Janet Hans
Henry E. Weglarz Walt and Paula Moran

Elizabeth Canning Jack & Kathleen Sanvidge

Monday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

10:00 a.m. Spe **For the Parishioners**

Thur. January 4

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

Saturday January 6

4:00 p.m. Spe **Carol Frost** Tom and Cheryl Wallingford

Lillian Wallingford Tom and Cheryl Wallingford

Michael Bartis Joe and Loretto Marchese

Sunday January 7

8:30 a.m. Sch **Bonnie Fabio-Tidd** Eiko Bogue

10:15 a.m. Spe **Henry E. Weglarz** Lloyd Hebert
Meg Smith The Thayer Family
Peggy Melanson Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti

Saturday January 13

4:00 p.m. Spe **Jonathan Bayly** The Family
Nancy Knickerbocker Bob and Pat Wilkinson

Teresa Fox Tom and Cheryl Wallingford

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This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend December 30 and 31.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 8:30 a.m. Thomas and Megan Rice

LECTORS

4:00 pm To be scheduled 8:30 a.m. To be scheduled

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm MA Arnold 8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy Keyes
Pam Schmidt

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/31) **YELLOW TEAM** -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Eva and Aiden Picket

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. To be scheduled

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Marge Brendese
Ellie DeBonis
John Reardon

MONEY COUNTERS: (12/31) Doug Wilkie,
Mary Grace Purcell, Sue Creagan

ALTAR LINENS: (12/31) Mary Kay Oliver

Thank you for your service next weekend January 6 and 7.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Jaquelyn Carlo
Maria Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Hebert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard
Julia Carlo

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/8) **WHITE TEAM** -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m. Gaetana, Sofia and
Vincenzo Bladwin

LECTORS

4:00 pm To be scheduled 10:15 a.m. To be scheduled

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm To be scheduled 10:15 a.m. To be scheduled

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/7) Walt and Gail Byrne,
Jack and Barbara Burke

ALTAR LINENS: (1/7) Sandy Reardon

Transfiguration Parish Offices
at both the North and South Sites will be closed.....
December 25th and 26th
and
January 1st and 2nd
in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

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:

The Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting will be held
Thursday, December 28th **@ 10:30AM in Speigletown.**

Health Tips: *Suspect you have sleep apnea? Talk to your doc. "...To sleep, perchance to dream—ay, there's the rub..." is one of the most famous lines in Shakespeare's Hamlet. But for those with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), Hamlet's concern — dreaming — isn't the problem. Estimated to affect some 25 percent of men and 10 percent of women, OSA makes people briefly stop breathing during sleep, sometimes up to 100 times. Left untreated, it may contribute to memory problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, strokes, and heart attacks — and potentially to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. In a recent study, untreated OSA was found to increase blood sugar, stress hormones, and blood pressure after just a few days. Because it occurs while you're unconscious, sleep apnea is widely under diagnosed. If you or your partner notices the following symptoms, see your doctor for an evaluation: 1. Loud and chronic snoring, 2. Daytime sleepiness or fatigue, 3. Restlessness during sleep, 4, frequent nighttime awakenings, 5, Sudden awakenings with a sensation of gasping or choking, 6, Dry mouth or sore throat upon awakening, 7. Cognitive impairment, such as trouble concentrating, forgetfulness, or irritability, 8. Depression, anxiety, or mood swings, Morning headaches. **Here's the good news:** There are a number of effective treatments for sleep apnea, including the use of machines known as CPAP ("continuous positive airway pressure") devices. Newer devices (with a clip around a nerve and driven without sound by your cellphone) make your treatment almost invisible to your bedtime partner! If you're overweight or obese (a common risk factor), losing even 10 percent of weight can help. . <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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions - continued

Sunday January 14

8:30 a.m. Sch	Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m. Spe	Henry E. Weglarz	The Venaziano & Brendese Families
	Marge and Fedela Venaziano	The Family
	Kay Turgeon	Joe and Loretto Marchese



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.**

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.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook will be open on Saturday morning, January 6, 2018, from 9:00 am until noon. Until then, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Thank you from all of us, for your continued support.

Save the Date!!!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

**Friday, January 19th - 4:00-7:00 pm
Transfiguration Parish Hall
South Site**

We will be serving another delicious dinner at a reasonable price. We offer a salad, roast beef, potato, a vegetable, roll and butter. Adults, \$11.00, Seniors (65+) \$10.00 and affordable prices for teens and children. We also offer beer, wine, soda and dessert for purchase. Tickets will go on sale January 6 and 7 after the Masses. You can contact the parish offices to make reservations and purchase tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

As always we will be looking for parishioners to make desserts for us to sell to go with the meal. We always need help as wait staff and kitchen help to continue to make our dinners a success. Please take time to sign-up after the Masses or contact

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will be **Friday, January 19, 2018**. Several buses are being sponsored by different organizations. Information is posted on the bulletin boards. If you have any questions contact Beth Thayer at 235 0337.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

12/24	<i>Christmas Vigil Masses</i>	<i>4:00 pm S Site 4:30 pm N Site</i>
12/25	<i>Christmas Day Masses</i>	<i>8:30 am N Site 10:15 am S Site</i>
1/19	<i>Annual Roast Beef Dinner</i>	<i>4-7 pm S Site</i>

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

from
**Deacon Chris, Deacon Charlie, Father
Ingemie and the office staff of Transfiguration
Parish. Have a safe and prosperous
Christmas season.**

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Bountiful God, in this gift-giving season, we thank you for all that you have given us – a redeemer, helpless and holy, human and divine; the Holy Family, a reflection of your divine love; friends and family members with which to share that love. As we continue through the Christmas season, may we gain a greater appreciation of all of your gifts, especially Emmanuel, God with us! Amen.

Offertory Report:

December 9 and 10	
4:00	\$1,059.00
8:30	1,559.00
10:15	1,737.00
On-line	1,007.55
<i>Week 24 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>	
<i>Budget = \$122,584.92</i>	
<i>Collection = \$124,869.25</i>	
<i>Surplus = \$2,284.33</i>	

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

From the Desk of Deacon Chris - continued

Disciples evangelize because they have really good news to share – What a wonderful description about evangelization! We hear many things about evangelization, but doesn't this statement make perfect sense? Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us evangelize because we have really good news to share!

Every Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus calls each of us to follow him as his disciples. Let's all try to become better intentional disciples, and always remember, God is with us! Merry Christmas everyone! God bless.

Deacon Chris

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