

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.

VISION STATEMENT

Transfiguration Parish is committed to continual growth in the Catholic Faith through a lifelong union with Jesus Christ, and in service to others through the ministry of the Church. We spread the Good News of His love and promote His Word through evangelization, education, reflection, and daily witness. As faithful stewards we pledge to direct and develop the spiritual, human, financial, and material resources of the Church. We respond to His love with gratitude and prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and equality for all.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

| | Schaghticoke | Speigletown |
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| 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...**DO YOU BELIEVE IN
THE POWER OF PRAYER?**

I certainly hope all of us pray every day. We know from the scriptures that Jesus went off by himself often to pray to His Father. We also know from reading the Gospels that Jesus would turn to the Father in prayer at times when he drove out demons, or healed someone of a terrible illness, or performed a wonderful miracle like the multiplication of the loaves and fish. So, Jesus gives us a perfect example of the power and importance of prayer.

Let's say you do pray on a regular basis. Do you also believe that God hears your prayers, and He will answer them? Sometimes it may seem like He doesn't hear our prayers because we do not receive what we are praying for. Maybe you have been praying for a miraculous healing, and nothing seems to be happening, or the person you have been praying for actually passed away. While death would not be what you were praying for, our faith tells us that our death brings new and eternal life in Jesus. While it doesn't seem that way at the time for those who grieve, God taking us into his eternal kingdom is what we all hope for.

I want to share with you one of the things I pray for every day, and tell you that for quite some time I have felt frustration that God was not hearing or answering my prayers. But I never gave up! You see, I pray every day that my brother and my son will become more active in their faith. Now I know firsthand that each of them have much the same background in faith as I do. I grew up with my brother, and we shared practically the same religious upbringing. Patricia and I raised our son, and taught him about prayer and the practice of our faith.

Despite their religious backgrounds, my brother and son do not regularly attend Mass or practice their faith. They are both good people, and I believe they both pray to God on a regular basis, but they do not make the connection to the ultimate importance of the Eucharist. That is what I continue to pray for.

My prayers were answered at the end of December. I was preaching the 4th Sunday of Advent, and must admit how happy I was on Saturday night in Schaghticoke to see my brother and his best friend sitting next to my wife in the last pew! I was so happy to see my brother at Mass that I was moved to tears of thanksgiving!

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday January 13**

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| 4:00 p.m. Spe | Jonathan Bayly Nancy Knickerbocker | The Family Bob and Pat Wilkinson |
| | Teresa Fox | Tom and Cheryl Wallingford |

Sunday January 14

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| 8:30 a.m. Sch | Deacon Thomas Colton | Deacon Charles and Mary Anne Valenti |
| 10:15 a.m. Spe | Henry E. Weglarz | The Venaziano & Brendese Families |
| | Marge and Fedela Venaziano | The Family |
| | Kay Turgeon | Joe and Loretto Marchese |

Tues. January 16

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| 9:00 a.m. Sch | Communion Service | |
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Thur. January 18

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| 9:00 a.m. Spe | Communion Service | |
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Saturday January 20

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| 4:00 p.m. Spe | Michael Bartis | Charles and Marge Brendese |
| | Joan Walsh | Dick and Betsy Harte |
| | Ronald Liuzzi | Jim & Mary Beth Lanzillo |
| | Elizabeth Russ | Tom and Cheryl Wallingford |

Sunday January 21

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| 8:30 a.m. Sch | Joseph E. Smith | Estate of Joseph Joseph E. Smith |
| 10:15 a.m. Spe | Henry Weglarz Jane Bruce | Kathy Moran Dick and Betsy Harte |
| | Christine Martone 1st Anniversary Nancy Merten | The Family Jim and Teresa Beamish |

From the desk of Deacon Chris - Continued

That evening was Christmas Eve, and my son and his wife joined Patricia at the 4:00 pm Mass in Speigletown. I have to say I felt doubly blessed.

I can tell you that I absolutely believe in the power of prayer. I know God hears and answers my prayers even though the answers might not be what I expect, or might not be as soon as I expect them. Here is why I believe so much in the power of prayer, and know that God always hears my prayers. It is really very simple. **He Loves Me! He Loves You Too!** God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend January 20 and 21.

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. Bob & Kathy Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/22) **YELLOW TEAM -**
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

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

LECTORS

4:00 pm Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Hugh Graber

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Maureen Filarecki 10:15 a.m. Claudia Mahoney
Jane Heslin Jack Mahoney
Walt Lynick John Reardon

MONEY COUNTERS: (1/21) Maureen Filarecki
Rose Cosgrove

ALTAR LINENS: (1/21) Kate Coventry

ACCESS THE BULLETIN VIA OUR WEBSITE

The Transfiguration Parish website has been upgraded and has a 'new' look, with direct links to video, Facebook and much more. The weekly bulletin continues to be available to read and refer to each week. We invite everyone to visit the website at www.transfigurationparish.net and then type into the search bar "Bulletin". Like us on Facebook.

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.

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.

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' Notes:

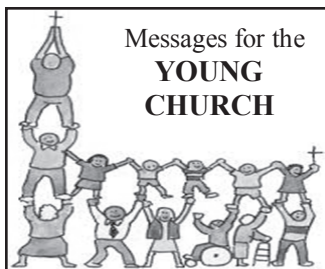
Blood Pressure Screening THIS weekend. Stop in and have your blood pressure checked and your blood sugar read by a Registered Nurse

***Health Tips: Go nuts for this amazing brain food!** Nuts are having a moment. Well, really, a century, since there have been studies supporting the health benefit of nuts for over 80 years now! As if being linked to good heart health, cancer prevention, and a healthy weight weren't enough, both tree nuts and peanuts may have another notch in their benefits belt. According to this and other recent research, consuming these plant foods regularly may help to boost learning, memory, and other brain functions. They afford this amazing benefit by...wait for it... changing your brain waves. No, this isn't a science fiction plot. Brain waves, rhythms of electrical activity in the brain that affect our state of mind, shift naturally throughout the day and night, and certain types of music, thought patterns, stress, and even certain foods and beverages can alter them. In the study, eating pistachios increased gamma waves, which are associated with learning and REM sleep. Peanuts, which are legumes (like lentils), induced delta waves, which are associated with deep sleep and immunity. Stay tuned for more research on this topic, but by all means, incorporate a handful of nuts (especially walnuts) or peanuts into your daily menu for their beneficial fats, delicious flavor, and other potential health benefits. And don't forget about brain-health basics. Regular exercise and a diet that includes omega-3-rich fish such as salmon, ocean trout, olive oil, vegetables and fruits, and the rest of the Mediterranean Diet crew are great for brain health. Work in some daily downtime, too. Getting a balance of activity and rest, work and play, and wakefulness and sound sleep do a body (including the brain) good.*

<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

REMINDER!!!

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



A big **Thank You** to all who made our celebration of the Birth of Christ so special.

Next Session for Grades 7 – 10 is:

January 28th in Speigletown at 6:30 – 8:30.

‘SOUPER’ BOWL SUNDAY

At each Mass on February 4 the young church will be collecting food and monetary donations for the Pittstown Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES. Thank you for your support. Contact Beth Thayer 518/235-0337.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 am until noon. We are starting our 10th year and with that will bring many, many specials. January begins with half-priced specials on the following authors: Fern Michaels, Janet Evanovich and Stuart Woods. Please stop by and check out all of our new arrivals. We have a lot of 2017 copyrights from all your favorite authors. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook.

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 Mary Hurley at 235-6479.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

- 1/16 *Liturgy Committee Meeting* 6:30 pm S Site
- 1/19 *Annual Roast Beef Dinner* 4-7 pm S Site
- 1/22 *Pastoral Council Meeting* 6:30 pm S Site

Offertory Report:

| <u>December 23 and 24</u> | | <u>December 30 and 31</u> |
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| 4:00 | \$1,024.00 | \$1,134.00 |
| 8:30 | 3,887.00 | 1,461.00 |
| 10:15 | 2,341.00 | 1,204.00 |
| On-line | 417.55 | 202.55 |
| <i>Week 26 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i> | | <i>Week 27 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i> |
| <i>Budget = \$132,800.40</i> | | <i>Budget = \$137,908.14</i> |
| <i>Collection = \$137,962.80</i> | | <i>Collection = \$141,964.35</i> |
| <i>Surplus = \$5,162.40</i> | | <i>Surplus = \$4,057.21</i> |

January 6 and 7

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| 4:00 | \$1,746.00 |
| 8:30 | 2,993.00 |
| 10:15 | 2,114.00 |
| On-line | 986.33 |
| <i>Week 28 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i> | |
| <i>Budget = \$143,015.88</i> | |
| <i>Collection = \$149,803.68</i> | |
| <i>Surplus = \$6,787.80</i> | |

CHRISTMAS 2017
\$9,031.00

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

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.

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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

Pope Benedict XVI

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