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:
 5:30 p.m.
 4:00 p.m.

 Sunday:
 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.

 Tuesday
 Thursday

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

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Usually first Sunday of the month.

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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Palm Sunday March 29, 2015

From the Desk of Deacon Chris.... ARE YOU ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES?

This week we will hear two versions of the Passion of the Lord. On Palm Sunday we read St. Mark's account of Jesus' passion, and on Good Friday every year we read the Passion of the Lord according to St. John. In all of the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion we are reminded that St. Peter denied Jesus three times. From John's gospel we hear Peter being asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" St. Peter denies even knowing who Jesus is!

Have you ever denied knowing Jesus? Have you ever denied being a disciple of Jesus? Have there been times when you have covered up your relationship with Jesus? For instance, on Ash Wednesday, do you wash the ashes from your forehead right after the service? Or do you wear your ashes on your forehead throughout the day, proclaiming to everyone that you are a disciple of our Lord.

St. Mark tells us that St. Peter broke down and wept after he denied Jesus three times. We also know that Peter confirmed his love for Jesus when Jesus appeared to the apostles after his resurrection, and asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Jesus forgave St. Peter just like he forgives us when we deny him, or turn away from him and sin.

Perhaps this week we can all reflect on the question, "Am I one of his disciples?" This week is the most holy week of the Church year. Please join us for the Tenebrae service on Wednesday evening, and all of the services for the Holy Triduum. When Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" answer as St. Peter answered by saying, "Yes Lord, you know I love you." I wish all of you a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Deacon Chris

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 28

4:00 p,m. Spe **Edna Sanvidge** Tim and Holly Fogarty

Alice Miles Leo & Jane Heslin
Mary Shun Leo & Jane Heslin

5:30 p.m. Sch **Miloslav Januska** The Family

Sunday March 29

8:30 a.m. Sch Sr. James Michael Ryan Jim & Heather Ryan

Polly Premo and Family
John, Jeanette and
Andrea Sassaletti

10:00a.m. Spe **Julie Anderson** Walt & Paula Moran

Paul & Jean Hebert
The Pultorak Family
Dave & Rita Duncan

Tues. March 31

9:00 a.m. Sch Communion Service

Wed. April 1

7:00 p.m. Spe. **Tenebrae Service**

Thurs. April 2

9:00 a.m. Spe Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Spe Holy Thursday

Fri. April 3

7:00 p.m. Sch Good Friday

Saturday April 4 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p,m. Spe The Intention of the Mass is for our parishioners.

Sunday April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Sch The Intention of the Mass is for our parishioners.

10:00a.m. Spe The Intention of the Mass is for our parishioners.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Several people have told me how much they have benefited from the Little Black Books during Lent. I have enjoyed them for many years, and have always felt they are a wonderful addition to my own prayer life.

I have ordered the Little White Books for use during the Easter Season. They are also an excellent way for us to enhance our personal prayer life during Easter. The Little White Books will be available the weekend of Easter Sunday, and will cover from Easter to Pentecost Sunday on May 24, 2015.

Whether you did or did not use the Little Black Books during Lent, I encourage every family to try the Little White Books during the Easter Season. I am fairly sure you will be glad you did. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Palm Sunday March 29, 2015

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend April 4 and 5.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 p.m. All Servers 8:30 a.m. All Servers

LECTORS

8:00 p.m. To be scheduled 8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:00 p.m. To be scheduled 8:30 a.m. To be scheduled

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/6) YELLOW TEAM -

M. Della Rocco, B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires, B. Madigan

Speigletown Site: ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. Maddie Shover 10:00 a.m. Eva Picket

Gracie Shover Paulina Sirtori

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Mary Harrison 10:00 a.m. Mike Schongar

Jean Sullivan Teresa Beamish Pat Hebert

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Deacon Chris
Jerry Steele
Ellie DeBonis
TBA
Deacon Chris
Deb Witkowski
Sandy Barrett
Jean Colaneri
Dick Harte

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/5) Doug Wilkie, Mary Grace Purcell

Sue Creagan

ALTAR LINENS: (4/5) Helen Humphrey

COMMUNION VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are looking to establish a group of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Ministers) who want to participate in a program of bringing Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound, and not able to attend Mass with us. This is an extremely necessary and rewarding ministry for our parish. Please contact the parish office or Deacon Chris if you are willing to join us in reaching out to our fellow parishioners. An organizational meeting will be held to discuss this important parish ministry.



Book Nook News

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish in Speigletown will be open Saturday morning, April 4 from 9:00 am until noon. We have had a wonderful selection of books do-

nated over the recent weeks and offer them to you on special during April. Buy one/get one free specials are on the following great authors: Robyn Carr, Danielle Steel, John Grisham, JD Robb and on our large print books. Cookbooks, self-help, religious, children and young adult books are 6/\$1.00, romance novels are 12/\$1.00. Please stop by and take a look at our newest arrivals and stock up on your reading material! Donations are always welcome; please remember no VHS tapes, encyclopedias or text books. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook! Watch for our May anniversary sale.

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' Note:

Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting Thursday, April 2nd @ 10:30AM at the Southern site.

More Volunteers are still needed for "Two by Two", the Transfiguration Parish Faith in Action Team. Join your fellow parishioners on this team that provides non-medical support and friendship to someone caring for a family member with dementia/Alzheimer. All volunteers are offered training and continued support. By belonging to this team you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping.

To receive more information, contact Pat Hebert @ 692-2135. Health tips: This nut really is all it's cracked up to be! You'll be amazed by how many health benefits you get in just one small handful. What if we told you there is a nutritious snack that is packed with eye, brain, and probably heart-protecting omega-3 fatty acids, protects against degenerative diseases like arthritis, and reduces your risk of certain types of cancer and type 2 diabetes? Then what if we told you that you only need to eat a small handful of this miracle food once a day, four or five times a week, to enjoy its tasty benefits? You'd stock the pantry, wouldn't you?! Well, there is such a food, and it's walnuts. If you've been avoiding nuts because of their high fat content, we're here to tell you to reconsider. The fat is primarily monounsaturated, which helps reduce LDL (bad) cholesterol and maintain HDL (good) cholesterol. Just incorporate them into your diet sensibly. That means consuming a small handful every day. What if you don't like walnuts? Plenty of other nuts and seeds provide almost the same benefits — almonds, sunflower seeds, cashews, pecans and chia seeds get the job done deliciously, too. None have the omega-3's of walnuts though. www.clevelandclinicwellness.com

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Tournament will take place **May 16th**. The day will include 9 or 18 holes of golf at **Brunswick Greens Golf Course**. At the end of the day everyone will meet back at Transfiguration Parish Hall at the South Site for a choice of a steak or chicken dinner included with the price of your golf ticket as well as many prizes for the golfers. We will offer a cash bar. Those who do not play golf are also invited for dinner at a reasonable price. The winner of the Super Raffle will be drawn that day. We have many donations from local businesses that will be raffled at the end of the dinner. For more information, please contact Ellie at the church office - 235-0337.

Offertory:

March 21 and March 224:00\$1,938.005:30670.008:302,103.0010:001,045.00Week 36 of the annual budgetBudget = \$204,615.18

Collection = \$192,649.29 Shortfall = \$11,965.89

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



CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

Thank you for your support

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

A Pontifical Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Lane.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Lane. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, he annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastor ministry. For more information, visit MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday.

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

Annual Super Raffle is here!!!!

Tickets will go on sale this weekend for the Transfiguration Parish Super Raffle. Chances will be available after the masses at our North and South sites at \$100 each. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, May 16th** after the dinner following our Annual Golf Outing. As always the Grand Prize is \$10,000. There will also be 4 - \$1,000 and 2 - \$500 prizes. Call 235-0337 for more information.

Consider donating to the Pittstown Area Food Pantry.....

The food pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items or a money donation to purchase perishable foods. Checks should be made out to the Pittstown Area Food Pantry and can be put in an envelope and dropped in the Offertory basket or at the Church offices. For more information contact Bonnie Coraldi at 235-0337 or 753-4554.

Decorating for Easter

Saturday, April 4th at 9:00am Contact Martha Cioffi @ 235-7743 or e-mail mcioffi8@nycap.rr.com for more information. Thank you, Martha

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

<u>Please mark your calendars</u> Pastoral Council Meeting

4/27

5/16

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm S Site
Golf Tournament TBA - S Site

Brunswick Greens Golf Course

Super Raffle Drawing After Golf
Tournament Dinner

EASTER BASKETS

Keep in mind while shopping for Easter candy and gifts for your families that there are some children who may go without an Easter basket this year. We are going to be making Easter baskets for those children in our Parish who may be less fortunate. We are looking for donations of candy and small toys that could be tucked into a basket to help give them a Happy Easter. We will have boxes for your donations at the entrances to our churches at the north and south site each weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity. We need help packing the Easter Baskets on Monday March 30 at 10:00 AM at the Speigletown Site. All are welcome to come and assist and enjoy the fellowship. Any questions call Beth Thayer 235-0337.

Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

July 23rd - 1:05 pm

New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles Price \$85.00

(Includes bus transportation and game ticket)

- Bus departs from Transfiguration Parish - South
- Departure Time TBA
- Seating Section 214B (under overhang)

Tickets are on sale after Masses on Sunday or call the Church office at 235-0337.

RCIA UPDATE: This weekend, at the Easter Vigil, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church will be held by Father Ingemie welcoming Heather Valade into the Catholic Church. A small reception will be held in the Triple Classroom after the Easter Vigil in honor of Heather. Please stop by and welcome and congratulate Heather, her husband and sponsor Brian and the rest of her family. **All are welcome.** *Happy Easter!*

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