

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:	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Alternating Months:	August, 2015	July, 2015
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: 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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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed Friday - During June, July and August

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris....

ARE YOU A PROPHET?

In Father Ingemie's homily last weekend he told us that, by virtue of our Baptism, God calls all of us to share in Jesus' prophetic mission, as well as his mission as priest and king. I don't have enough space to talk about all three missions, so I will only ask you this question. Has God called you to be a prophet?

I bet many of you would answer something like this; Who, me? No, I'm not a prophet. I'm just a teacher, or farmer, or lawyer, or factory worker, or housewife, or whatever other occupation there is. But I'm no prophet! I don't have the knowledge or skills to be a prophet; I wouldn't possibly know what to say, and I sure don't want to get involved any more than I have to.

Does that sound pretty much right? You know what? You are not alone! Many of the great prophets we read about in the Bible felt much the same way. Many tried to talk their way out of God's calling. We all know the story of Jonah who actually took off in the other direction to try to get as far away from Nineveh as he could! Eventually though, Jonah answered God's call as a prophet, and saved the city and residents of Nineveh from the wrath of God.

So, are you called to be a prophet? Yes, I believe you are, and I believe you can prophesy in many ways. You don't necessarily even need to use words. You can be a prophet by living a faithful life as a disciple of Jesus. Certainly, you may need to use words. For example, let's say you are at a gathering of friends, and the topic turns to a teaching of the Church which most of the people are opposed to. Now you can turn and run away like Jonah, or you can speak up, and defend the teachings of the Church, the teachings of Jesus. Being a prophet is not always easy, but speaking the truth of Jesus Christ is what we are all called to do.

You might say that you wouldn't know what to say in such an instance, but I say you should always remember that Jesus is with you at all times, and his Holy Spirit will guide you. Just speak from the heart where the love of God resides in all of us. If we just open our minds and our hearts, God will give us the words we need.

This week I ask everyone to think about ways that you are already acting as a prophet. While you are at it, also try to think of other ways you can help build the kingdom of God as Jesus' prophet here on earth. You have everything you need as a Baptized Disciple of Jesus Christ.

Deacon Chris

NEED CATHOLIC RESOURCES AND INFORMATION?

There are several very good resources online. Here are two that are particularly helpful:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org
National Catholic Reporter: www.ncronline.org

WE NEED WORKERS!!!

Please sign-up at the entrances of our churches to work at either or both of these events.

SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR FOOD BOOTH

Shifts - September 3rd through September 7th

GARAGE SALE

September 4th & 5th

Shifts - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

These events are major fundraisers for Transfiguration Parish. Without your help we cannot continue to be successful. Call 235-0337 for more info.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday July 11

4:30 p.m. Spe	Edna Sanvidge	Tom and Beth Connor
	William LaRose	Nick and Barb Nicholas
	William Hayes	Jack & Kathleen Sanvidge
	Sam Spano	Nick & Liz Spano

Sunday July 12

8:30 a.m. Sch	Richard Osborn	The Family
10:15a.m. Spe	Edna Sanvidge	Walt and Paula Moran
	Rev. Thomas Duncan	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
	Mary Alice Kruse	Tim and Holly Fogarty

Tues. July 14

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

Thurs. July 16

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

Saturday July 18

4:30 p.m. Spe	Edna Sanvidge	Frank and Ellen Pultorak
	William Hayes	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
	Stella Stack	Todd and Paula Garneau

Sunday July 19

8:30 a.m. Sch	Jonas Desrosiers	The Family
10:15a.m. Spe	Rev. Thomas Duncan	Tim and Holly Fogarty
	Mary Alice Kruse	Walt and Paula Moran
	Desmond Zettburg	Bob and Gussie Jarmick
	Living Intention	

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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend July 18 and 19.
Schaghticoke Site:
ALTAR SERVERS
 8:30 a.m. Aleyah, Tyler and David Proper
LECTORS
 8:30 a.m. Jen Mahoney
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
 Connor Ryan
 Jim Ryan
MONEY COUNTERS: (7/19) WHITE TEAM -
 K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe
Speigletown Site:
ALTAR SERVERS
 4:30 p.m. Gabby Serafin 10:15 a.m. Maddie Shover
 Renee Serafin Gracie Shover
LECTORS
 4:30 p.m. Jean Sullivan 10:15 a.m. Stacey Sadowski
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 4:30 p.m. Deacon Chris 10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris
 Doug Wilkie Marge Brendese
 Colleen Wilkie Ellie DeBonis
 Ed Murray Barbara Graber
 Maureen Filarecki Hugh Graber
MONEY COUNTERS: (7/19) Rose Cosgrove and
 Maureen Filarecki
ALTAR LINENS: (7/19) Leslie Dun

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

Health Tips: Don't let a fear of ticks curtail your outdoor summer fun! A few precautions can keep you safer from Lyme disease. Ticks aren't just pesky bloodsucking pests. Their bites can infect you with Lyme disease, so it's smart to learn how to steer clear of them. Here are some simple precautions you can take to steer clear of ticks — and avoid contracting that lingering virus: 1. First, stay away from places where ticks are likely to lurk. The more you can avoid wooded or heavily shrubbed areas, the better — especially ones with high grass and leaf litter. If you're planning to go hiking in the woods, wear long pants and do a thorough tick check after your outing. 2. Protect yourself. Insect repellents with 20 to 30 percent DEET repel ticks. Follow instructions and apply carefully, avoiding hands, eyes and mouth. You can also treat your clothing with products containing a chemical called permethrin, applying it to the outsides of boots, pants, socks and tents — and it should remain active through several washings. 3. Repellents are not the only way to guard against ticks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests making your yard a "tick-safe zone" with smart landscaping changes like a three-foot barrier of wood chips between forested areas and your lawn. Even the best efforts may not be enough to stop ticks, so be sure to thoroughly check your clothes, your body and especially your pets when you get home from an outing. Showering soon after you return home can help you locate ticks or tick bites. And drying clothes on high heat for an hour can kill any that may have burrowed into clothing. If you ever see signs of Lyme disease (like a bull's-eye-shaped rash around a bite), consult a doctor as soon as possible. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO OUR LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 It is time to think about donating school supplies to those students in our local schools who are in need of help. We have compiled a list of commonly needed supplies. You can pick up a copy of the list at the entrances to our churches at both the north and south sites. You will also find a box to collect those items that you purchase over the next few weeks starting July 25th. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

Save the dates and save your treasures!
The 7th Annual Parish Garage Sale
September 4th and 5th
 If you're spring/summer cleaning, please set aside your unused or unwanted items for this important fund-raiser.
 Call 235-0337 for more information.
We are looking for a Chairperson.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE
Starting in July 2015, Transfiguration Parish will have three Weekend Masses. There will be one Vigil Mass on Saturday, and two Masses on Sunday. The new Mass schedule will be:
 Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 PM
 Sunday Morning Masses – 8:30 AM in Schaghticoke
 10:15 AM in Speigletown
The site of the Saturday Mass will alternate each month. During the month of July, the Saturday Mass will be in Speigletown for the entire month. In August, the Saturday Mass will be in Schaghticoke for the entire month. September will be in Speigletown, October will be in Schaghticoke, etc.

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WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

Youth who were in grades 7 – 12 for this year are invited to DROP IN on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. There will be different activities each week, lawn games, board games, movies and snacks will be served.

Speigletown	July 15
Schaghticoke	July 22
Speigletown	July 29
Schaghticoke	August 5
Speigletown	August 12
Schaghticoke	August 19

Keep in touch with us over the summer. **DROP IN!!!**

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

We continue to collect and redeem bottles and cans for our youth ministry. This is our second year collecting and each year we have received \$1,000 to fund programs for our youth. This year our money is being used to send 4 young people to diocesan leadership programs. Thank you for support in the past and your continued support in the future.

Thank you for your support

Offertory:

<u>June 27 & 28</u>		<u>July 4 & 5</u>	
4:00	\$1,434.00	4:30	\$1,357.00
5:30	565.00		
8:30	1,904.00	8:30	2,458.00
10:00	1,407.00	10:15	1,538.00
<i>Week 52 of the annual budget</i>		<i>Week 1 of the annual budget</i>	
7/2014-6/2015		7/2015-6/2016	
<i>Budget = \$279,999.72</i>		<i>Budget = \$5,096.15</i>	
<i>Collection = \$265,032.11</i>		<i>Collection = \$5,353.00</i>	
<i>Shortfall = \$14,967.61</i>		<i>Surplus = \$256.84</i>	
<i>Thank you for your on-going generosity and continued commitment to your parish. Please consider increasing your weekly donation.</i>			

CONFESSIONS

On **July 18th** Father Ingemie will hear Confessions at the Transfiguration Parish Speigletown Site. He will be available from **3:45 - 4:14** prior to the 4:30 pm Mass.

We will also try to schedule Confessions at the Schaghticoke Site on a Saturday in August. We will announce the date at a later time. We hope that you will take advantage of receiving this very important Sacrament.



Book Nook News

The Book Nook **will not** be open on Saturday, July 4, but will be open on Saturday July 18 from 9:00 am until noon and before and after the Masses. That is the last Saturday we will be open until September 4-5. The Book Nook is closed during August, in preparation of the parish-wide garage sale scheduled for September 4-5. July specials include buy one/get one free on the following authors: Catherine Coulter, Fern Michaels and David Baldacci. Large print books are also buy one/get one free. Romance novels are 12/\$1.00. Please stop by and check out all our new donations. Thanks for your continued support and please continue to drop off your donations. We will need them for the Garage Sale! See you at the Book Nook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

7/14	Liturgy Committee Meeting	6:30 pm	S Site
7/20	Pastoral Council Meeting	6:30 pm	S Site
7/23	NY Yankees Stadium Bus Trip	To Be	Announced
7/26	Evangelization Team	11:30 am	S Site
9/4&5	Annual Parish-Wide Garage Sale		South Site
9/3-7	Transfiguration Parish Food Booth at the Schaghticoke Fair	Daily	

SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

As you know, the Church is experiencing a shortage of priests. As a result, there have been times when priests have not been available to celebrate Saturday Vigil Masses or Sunday Masses.

In order to address the needs of the faithful in light of the shortage of priests, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a liturgy known as the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. This liturgy is based on the Liturgy of the Hours which has been prayed by the faithful for centuries and it includes the regular Mass readings. It may also include the distribution of the Holy Communion, depending on availability of consecrated hosts. It is important to note that the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest fulfills the obligation of the faithful to attend the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass. This liturgy can be conducted not only by a deacon, but also by a trained layperson.

While the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest liturgy is not a Mass, it is a practical solution to the priest shortage. Yet it is more than that. This liturgy is another opportunity for the laity to share their gifts and talents with others. It is another opportunity for the laity to fulfill the privileges and responsibilities which they assumed at their baptism. The Church has been enriched by the many ways the laity has taken part in the life of the Church.

Attending a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest may not be as spiritually fulfilling as attending a Mass, but we must accept the fact it is a part of our prayer life in today's Church. Let us not forget that God is present in this liturgy, as well as He is in the Mass.

Let us pray for an increase in vocations, but let us also pray that God sends His grace upon both clergy and laity during this time of challenge.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.

TICKETS FOR SHOWS AT PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us on:

November 20th at 8:00 pm for **Motown**.

Tickets are \$65.00 each.

January 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm for **Cinderella**.

Tickets are \$60.00 each.

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 235-0337 or E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net for more 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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