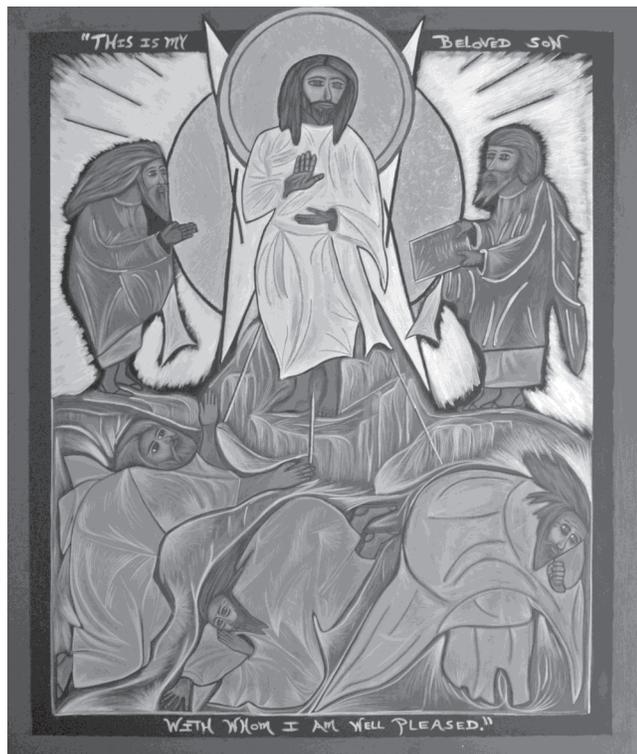


Transfiguration Parish



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.	
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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From the Desk of Deacon Chris....

“OUR FATHER”

During the Season of Lent, we are all called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer is such an important part of our relationship with Jesus. Simply put, prayer is talking with God. So the question is, “How can anyone have a loving relationship with Jesus if they don’t talk with him, if they don’t pray?”

I pray every day, multiple times. Sometimes I think I have prayed well, and I have made a connection with Jesus. Other times I think I was not able to focus completely on my prayer due to all of the activity going on in my head. Those times I still pray, but my prayer is not as rewarding as when I am able to block out all distractions.

I’d like to discuss the “Our Father.” I suspect it is the first, or one of the first, prayers we all learned as children. Did you know the Our Father is the only prayer that Jesus taught his disciples? At least it is the only one recorded in the Gospels. I bet we have recited the Our Father hundreds, or maybe thousands, of times. My question is, “Do we recite the Our Father, or do we pray the Our Father?” There is a big difference. Let’s ask ourselves these questions:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

I looked up the word hallowed in my Webster’s dictionary. The definition given was, “To make or set apart as holy, greatly venerated.” Do I always venerate the Father’s name? Is the Father’s name holy to me? Or do I sometimes take the Lord’s name in vain, and sin against the second commandment?

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...

How often am I obedient to the will of God as I live my life? Are the choices I make obedient to, or in opposition of, the will of God? Is my life more about serving myself, or serving others?

Give us this day our daily bread...

Am I thankful for the nourishment that feeds my body every day? Do I take it for granted while others in the world are hungry? Do I receive the “bread of life” to nourish my soul in Holy Communion as often as I can, and at least every Sunday? Am I fully aware that I am receiving Jesus himself in Holy Communion; Jesus who is my Lord and savior?

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us...

Do I receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis? In this year of mercy, am I merciful to others as Jesus is merciful to me? Do I truly forgive others who have hurt me, and sinned against me?

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

Do I turn to the Lord whenever I am tempted to sin? Do I know in my mind and heart that Jesus conquered Satan once, and for all? Guided by the Holy Spirit, am I able to reject the temptations of Satan?

From now on, let us all try to truly pray the “Our Father,” not just recite it. Let’s reflect on the words we pray, and let the words that Jesus taught us give order to our lives. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday February 13

4:30 p.m. Sch **William and Joan O’Hearn** The Family
Ray Cloutier, Jr. The Family

Sunday February 14

8:30 a.m. Sch **Frank Wiesenforth** The DeLair Family
Muffy Harting Frank & Terri
Dave and Alicia
McKinney

10:15 a.m. Spe **Gloria Sullivan** Paul & Jean Hebert
Patricia Harrison-Stampfli The Jones Family
Marianne Martin The Jones Family

Tues. February 16

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

Thurs. February 18

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

Saturday February 20

4:30 p.m. Sch **William and Joan O’Hearn** The Family
Edgar Labrum Dot Jackuback

Sunday February 21

8:30 a.m. Sch **Edna Sanvidge** Milissa Cantanucci

10:15 a.m. Spe **Evelyn Mahoney** The Family
Gloria Sullivan Walt and Paula
Moran
Robert L. Jones The Family
Marion Delorey Phil and Mary
Clemente
Susan Jensen-Morgan Family & Friends
Fifth Anniversary

Lenten Events - Transfiguration Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Speigletown

Stations of the Cross - Shadow Stations

Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 7:00 pm in Speigletown

Today, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today’s collection.

This Week's Parish Announcements

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Transfiguration Parish will offer a Lenten Bible Study series on four successive Wednesdays beginning February 17, 2016. The Bible Study Program will focus on the Gospel of Luke, and will be facilitated by Mr. Hugh Graber. Sessions will be interactive in nature, and will last one hour. There will be day and evening sessions allowing participants to choose the time that is most suitable. Topics will include the parables and teachings of Jesus, as well as Luke's Passion Narrative. Participants should bring a Bible to each session. Interested parties can sign up by calling the parish offices at 518-235-0337 or 518-753-4554. Registrants can also email Deacon **C h r i s K e o u g h** at chris_keough@transfigurationparish.net or Hugh Graber at hgraber1@nycap.rr.com. All sessions will be held in the Speigletown Chapel on the following dates and times:

Session 1

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 2

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 3

Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Session 4

Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

HATS AND MITTENS

We know that many of the women of the parish enjoy knitting and crocheting. We are collecting hats and mittens to be donated to our local elementary schools during the winter season. We are looking for donations of ready made and hand made items. Please help those children who might go without.

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass will alternate each month. In February it will be in Schaghticoke, for the entire month and in March the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.

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:

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

Health Tips: *Get rid of bad breath in a flash with one of these fresh foods. Brushing and flossing daily are the best ways to keep your mouth and teeth healthy and your breath fresh. But some foods, like that cheesy garlic toast (oh-so-tasty when the holiday bash began!), can leave you with an unpleasant aftertaste — and dragon breath. If the sour taste in your mouth has you mumbling behind your hand, and there is no convenient place to brush your teeth, here are some ways to clean your breath and party on with confidence: 1. Bite into a wedge of lemon, or sip ice water with lemon. The acid in lemon juice neutralizes the enzyme in crushed garlic that causes bad breath. 2. Eat a piece of raw apple. Apple has anti-bacterial properties that help reduce foul smells in the mouth. 3. Sip some green tea. Green tea is rich in polyphenols, powerful antioxidants that can stop plaque from sticking to your teeth. 4. Ask the bartender for a mint leaf or two, and put them in a glass of ice water. There's a reason mint is one of the most common elements in toothpaste and mouthwash, but the ice water is key too. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>*

Tickets for the 2016-2017 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us for:

An American in Paris

October 16, 2016 - \$62.00 per ticket

The Sound of Music

April 9, 2017 - \$70.00 per ticket

Beautiful - The Carol King Musical

April 14, 2017 - \$75.00 per ticket

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.

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.



REMINDER
No Faith Formation classes on
February 14 and 21.

SERVICE DAY - February 17, 2016

On February 17th all are invited to participate in our Service Day. It will begin at 10:00 AM. We will prepare a full meal that will be served at Unity House. All ages are welcome. Lunch will be included. When did I see you hungry and feed you? Whenever you did this for the least of my brethren you did this for ME.

Any questions contact Beth at 235-0337.

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. Bags and notices will be available at all church entrances.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!
LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Come-One-Come-All to the **Transfiguration Parish Annual Fish Fry**. The Fish Fry Dinners will be every Friday during the Lenten season (except Good Friday) **The dates are February 19 and 26, March 4, 11, and 18.** You can either eat in or take out with dinners being served from 4-7 pm. Dinners will include a fish, fry, coleslaw and French Fries. Macaroni and Cheese will also be on the menu.

Fish Dinner - \$9.00 Cole Slaw \$2.00

French Fries - \$2.00

(Dinner includes Fish Fry, Fries & Cole Slaw)

Fish Fry - \$4.50 Mac 'n Cheese - \$4.50

Desserts and drinks will also be available for purchase. **HELP is needed.** Please give us a few hours of your time. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the churches. Also, please consider signing up to make a dessert for us to sell at the dinners.

Annual Super Raffle
is HERE!!!!

Feel free to call the church offices to reserve your favorite number chance during the week. Chances will be available after the masses at our North and South sites at \$100 each weekend. The drawing will take place after dinner at our Chicken and Steak Barbeque on July 17, 2016. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

2/14	<i>Evangelization Meeting</i>	<i>11:30 am S Site</i>
2/19	<i>Annual Friday Fish Fry</i> <i>- runs each Friday</i> <i>through March 18</i>	<i>4:00-7:00 pm S Site</i>
2/22	<i>Pastoral Council Meeting</i>	<i>6:30 pm S Site</i>
7/17	<i>Chicken and Steak Barbeque</i> <i>Super Raffle Drawing</i>	<i>TBA - S Site</i> <i>After dinner</i>

Offertory:

February 6 and 7

4:30 \$1,216.00

8:30 2,341.00

10:15 1,307.00

Week 32 of the 2015-2016 Budget

Budget = \$163,076.80

Collection = \$151,663.69

Shortfall = \$11,413.11

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

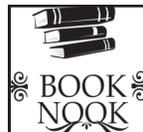
We are looking for a.....

COMMITTEE TO PLAN A
CHICKEN AND STEAK BARBEQUE

The barbeque will take place July 17, 2016
 at the

Transfiguration Parish
 South Site Parish Hall

The Super Raffle drawing will take place after dinner. For more information, please contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office - 235-0337.



The BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open Saturday morning, February 20th from 9:00 am until noon. Please remember it is not open before or after Masses during February, since we are having church at the northern site. The February half-price specials are on the following authors: **Janet Evanovich, Fern Michaels and James Patterson.** Stop by and stock up on your winter reading! Donations are always welcome, but please no encyclopedias, textbooks magazines or VHS tapes. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten Lunches will begin **Tuesday, February 16** at Noon in Schaghticoke, and continue every Tuesday until March 15. These are Ecumenical gatherings for lunches of soups and breads with brief presentations by various congregation leaders.

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