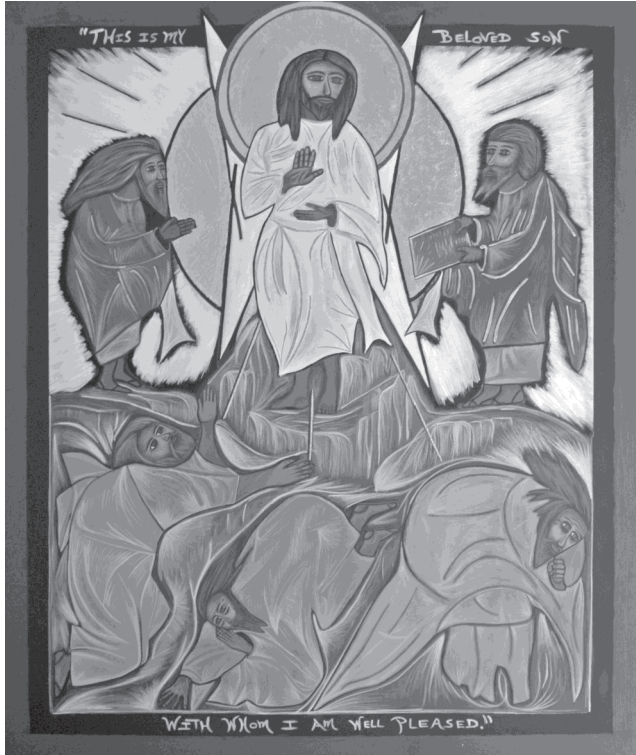


Transfiguration Parish



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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Administrative Offices**

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris....
HOW DOES JESUS FIT INTO MY LIFE?

One of the things I most appreciate about the Little Black Books that we use during the Season of Lent is the way the reflections make me think every day. This is how the reflection ended on Wednesday, March 2nd:

“How does Jesus fit into my life, my day-to-day consciousness? Sporadically? On the perimeter? Or, at the center? Talk to him about it.”

Now I’d like to tell you that Jesus is at the center of my day-to-day consciousness each and every day. Truth is, that is probably not the case every day. Some days I am very conscious of Jesus in my everyday life, but other days I get too caught up in other things; timelines I have to meet, meetings I have to plan, articles or homilies I need to write, family commitments I have to meet, or any number of other things.

All of those things are necessary and worthwhile, and sometimes I am very conscious of Jesus when I am doing them. I guess the question is whether I place my relationship with Jesus as most important, and whether I include Jesus in everything I do. Do I fully appreciate the grace and blessings he gives me, and do I know in my mind and heart that without Jesus, I am nothing?

Sometimes, if I am honest with myself, my answers to these questions are not what I’d like them to be. I know I should always keep Jesus at the center of my day-to-day life, but sometimes day-to-day life gets in the way. Does that ever happen to you? Perhaps the best thing I read in that reflection in the Little Black Book on March 2nd was the very last line. “Talk to him about it.” I think that is excellent advice.

On a separate note, I want to thank the Administration and Music Department at Hoosic Valley Central School for graciously re-scheduling the music concert that was scheduled for March 24, 2016, the night of Holy Thursday. On behalf of our parish I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your consideration. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 19

4:30 p.m. Spe	William MacCobb	Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge
	Ileen and Larry Kyer	The Family
	Ray Cloutier	Rose Cosgrove
	William G. Lanoue	The Family

Sunday March 20

8:30 a.m. Sch	Bobby Mailloux	Mom and Dad Maiello
10:15 a.m. Spe	Mariane Martin	Kay Lanoue
	Dom and Marge Denio	The Family
	Francesco Sirtori	The Family
	Rita Shirley Bomba	Jim and MaryBeth Lanzillo

Tues. March 22

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

Thurs. March 24

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

Saturday March 26 - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

Sunday March 27 - Easter Sunday

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

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

We need your help to.....
DECORATE THE CHURCH
 for Easter
Saturday, March 26th
 at the
South Site
10:00 AM

CALLING ALL THE IRISH...

Local Irish band **GET UP JACK** will perform at Catholic Central High School on **Saturday, April 9**. The warm up act will be **Yankee Holler**, an Americana & Roots Rock band. Yankee Holler will begin at 6pm followed by a 7pm performance from GET UP JACK. Light fare and beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase along with a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Students 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Students 17 or 18 years old may come without a parent/guardian. Tickets will be \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Reservations may be made by phone to the Advancement Office @ 235-7100 x210, email vbariteau@cchstroy.org or mail: Catholic Central High School Attn: Advancement Office 625 Seventh Avenue Troy, NY 12182.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles

July 21, 2016

Price \$85.00

(Includes bus transportation and game ticket)

Reservations call—235-0337

- Bus departs from Transfiguration Parish - South
- Departure Time - TBA
- Seating - Sections 109, 110 and 111 (field level seats)
- Tickets are on sale.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Tuesday - April 19, 2016

Tuesday - April 26, 2016

From 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Transfiguration Parish Hall

South Site

\$35.00 per person

Contact Ellie Debonis at the church office - 235-0037 for more information.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 19 @ 4:30 PM in Speigletown

Sunday, March 20 @ 8:30 AM in Schaghticoke

Sunday, March 20 @ 10:15 AM in Speigletown

We remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of palms. At Eucharist, we hear the narrative of the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.

Tenebrae Service – Wednesday, March 23

@ 7:00 PM in Speigletown

Join us for this prayerful Service of Shadows. There will be a series of scripture readings followed by songs led by "Harmony of Faith" as the church gradually goes from full light to total darkness as candles are extinguished and lights lowered.

Holy Thursday – Thursday, March 24

@ 7:00 PM in Schaghticoke

We will remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet and the institution of The Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. There will be a candlelit procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the church hall for adoration until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday – Friday, March 25

Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 PM in Schaghticoke

Good Friday Service @ 7:00 PM in Speigletown

Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 26

@ 8:00 PM in Schaghticoke

We will gather to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. The church will transform from darkness to light with the blessing of fire and procession with the Paschal Candle. We will bless water, renew our baptismal promises, and initiate our catechumens into full union with the Church. Join us for this most holy celebration of the Church year.

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 27 @ 8:30 AM in Schaghticoke

Sunday, March 27 @ 10:15 AM in Speigletown

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' Note:

Health Tips: The Zika Virus: What You Need to Know:

By now, most everyone has heard of Zika. And by now, most people have asked themselves – or their friends or doctors – how worried they should be about this fast-spreading virus. The short answer is that unless you're pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you don't need to be overly concerned about the Zika virus. Here's what you need to know: **What it is:** Zika is a tropical disease spread by bites from infected *Aedes* mosquitos and also, as recently reported in Dallas, by sexual transmission. Until May 2015, the virus was mostly limited to Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. But since then it's been reported in the Americas. The virus has even been reported in the U.S., mostly from travelers returning from affected areas but now also by someone who contracted Zika through sexual contact with a partner who had contracted the virus elsewhere. **Why it's a big deal:** Health officials warn that Zika is sure to become more prevalent in the U.S., since there are three easy ways for it to spread: (1) Picture an infected mosquito on an airplane headed our way; (2) Imagine an American *Aedes* mosquito biting an infected person (unfortunately, *Aedes* mosquitos already exist within the U.S.); and (3) Yes, again, sexual contact with an infected person. **How it spreads:** While the virus isn't usually spread person-to-person, sexual transmission has occurred and is possible. Mosquitoes pick up the virus by biting an infected person, and then those mosquitoes transmit it to someone else they bite later. **Why the concern about pregnancy:** If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevent (CDC) recommends that you not travel to Mexico, Puerto Rico and parts of the Caribbean, Central and South America where Zika is present. The reason everyone is so concerned about pregnant women is because the virus has recently been linked to birth defects (called microcephaly) in newborn babies in Brazil. **What you can do:** There is no vaccine or treatment yet, although a vaccine is in the works. In the meantime, the best thing you can do is to use precautionary measures, especially if you live in or are traveling to an area with the Zika virus. Take note that officials are predicting that Zika is likely to reach Puerto Rico first, followed by outbreaks in Florida, Gulf Coast states, and possibly Hawaii. To avoid mosquito bites, wear insect repellent that contains DEET when you go outdoors and covering exposed skin as best you can (wear long sleeves, long pants and socks). You also want to keep doors and windows closed unless you have screens, and do your best to prevent wet, moist areas in and around your home (they're breeding ground for mosquitos). And be sure you know where your sexual partners have been recently. **What if you get it:** The good news is that, with the exception of pregnant women, Zika isn't serious for most people. In fact, only one in five people develop symptoms, which typically show up between three and 12 days after exposure. When symptoms do appear (red eyes, rash, joint or muscle pain, headache and fever), they're typically mild, last about a week or less and, with rest and proper care, go away on their own. <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 information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.



FIRST EUCHARISTIST RETREAT

Thank you to everyone who made our First Eucharist Retreat a success. The children enjoyed a tour of the church with Deacon Chris, and then returned to the hall to make their banners organized by Kyle Schmidt, and assisted by their parents, Cathy Yavaniski and Diane Bielawski. The families then attended Mass.

HELPERS NEEDED

On **March 22nd - 9:30 AM** at our **Speigletown Site** help is needed to fill and wrap Easter Baskets to be delivered to our area schools. Many hands will make light work of the 58 baskets that need to be filled that day. Any questions call Beth Thayer 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.

Thank you for your support.

BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa needs office volunteers to assist young women by listening to their concerns, helping with a self-administered pregnancy test, reviewing fetal development, and offering information on local community services. Birthright volunteers are compassionate, reliable, and dedicated to a 4-hour weekly commitment. The next 3-part training session is **April 8, 15, and 22** from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** If you are pro-life and can listen without judging, please call Susan at 877-0172 for more information.

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 each weekend at our North and South sites at \$100 per ticket. 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

7/17 **Chicken and Steak Barbeque** **TBA - S Site**
Super Raffle Drawing **After dinner**

Offertory:

<u>March 5 and 6</u>		<u>March 12 and 13</u>	
4:30	\$2,321.35	4:30	\$1,833.00
8:30	2,132.00	8:30	1,700.00
10:15	1,078.00	10:15	1,122.00

Week 36 of the 2015-2016 Budget *Week 37 of the 2015-2016 Budget*
Budget = \$183,461.40 *Budget = \$188,557.55*
Collection = \$170,868.04 *Collection = \$175,523.04*
Shortfall = \$12,593.36 *Shortfall = \$13,034.51*

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

A big thank you to the families for baking and hosting the Bring a Friend to Church Reception after the 4:30 Mass. It was wonderful.

Beth Thayer

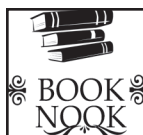
We are looking for a.....

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 March 19th and 20th before and after the weekend masses. The March half-price specials are on the following authors: **Dean Koontz, Fern Michaels and John Sanford**. 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!

REMINDER!!!

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

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