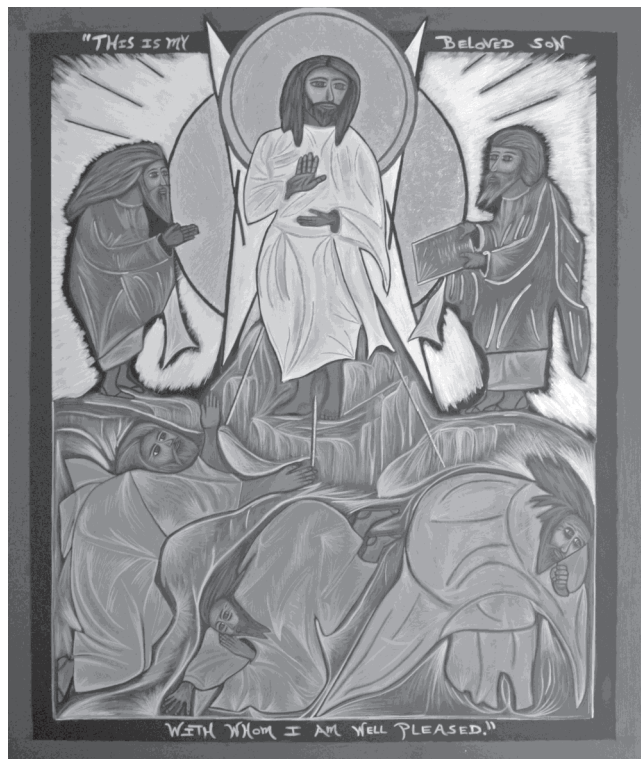


Transfiguration Parish



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.

**50 Hillview Drive
Speigletown, Troy, NY 12182**

Administrative Offices

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Schaghticoke, NY 12154**

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*From the Desk of Deacon Chris....***HAPPY EASTER**

I want to wish everyone a very happy Easter Season. As you well know, the joy of Easter is not confined to just Easter Sunday, but should remain with us all year long. Liturgically, the Easter Season will continue right up to Pentecost Sunday, but we should all know that the risen Christ lives in us at all times by virtue of our Baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I have the honor of preaching at the Masses on Easter Sunday. I take giving a homily very seriously, and I always hope my words will have some meaning and value in your life. At the end of my homily on Easter Sunday, I ask how well we understand and appreciate what Jesus did for us by willingly sacrificing his life for our sins. I want to share with you more about that.

One of the publications that I have subscribed to for many years is, "The Word Among Us." It contains the daily readings for Mass, and a reflection for every day. I use "The Word Among Us" as an important part of my daily morning prayer routine. My morning prayer routine is an excellent way to begin my day, and I look forward to it every morning. I want to share part of the reflection for Palm Sunday.

The author states this: "Jesus gave up everything – and he did it for us. He came from heaven to earth so that we could go from earth to heaven. He was hated so that we could know love. He was condemned so that we could be pardoned. He died so that we could have eternal life. In every way, he emptied himself so that we could be filled. May we never forget what Jesus did for us on the cross."

Do you believe the Holy Spirit is always with you to guide you in all ways? I certainly do, and this is an example of why I do. I had already finished my homily for Easter Sunday before I read the reflection from "The Word Among Us" on Palm Sunday. Now you might say that is a coincidence, but I know better. You see, I don't always have an idea about what I will write about or preach about. I often turn to the Holy Spirit in prayer to ask for guidance and inspiration. The Holy Spirit always comes through for me even though it is sometimes at the oddest hour. If you don't believe me, just ask how often I have gotten out of bed at two o'clock in the morning to write something down so I don't forget it. Jesus has saved us, and we can always count on the Holy Spirit!

I wish all of you God's grace and blessings this Easter Season.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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**

Tues. March 29
9:00 a.m. Sch **Communion Service**

Thurs. March 31
9:00 a.m. Spe **Communion Service**

Saturday April 2
4:30 p.m. Sch **J. Michael Harrison** Nelson and Pam Schmidt & Family
Patricia-Harrison Stampfli Nelson & Pam Schmidt & Family
Miloslav Januska The Family
William Connor The Family

Sunday April 3
8:30 a.m. Sch **Bobby Mailloux** Leslie and Nicolo Maiello
10:15 a.m. Spe **Shelia Kenny-Savage** Rosemary Purcell-Snearinger
Gary Graber Hugh and Barbara Graber
Charles Longwell Bob & Meg Jones

THANK YOU HUGH!!

I extend a most appreciative thank you to Hugh Graber for serving as the facilitator of our Bible Study program on the Gospel of Luke. Hugh prepared every session, and was there for morning and evening meetings every Wednesday for four weeks. Having attended all of the sessions, I can report that they were well attended, which gives hope for future programs. Hugh's knowledge, spirituality, and ability to create an informative and meaningful dialog among the participants was wonderful. On behalf of the entire parish, I offer Hugh a profound thank you for an excellent Bible Study.

Deacon Chris

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 17or 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

Thank you for your service next weekend April 2 and 3.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 p.m. No Servers 8:30 a.m. Jacquelyn Carlo
Maria Rice

LECTORS

4:30 p.m. To be announced 8:30 a.m. To be announced

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 p.m. Dot Jackuback 8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
Tom Hallock Alicia McKinney

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/4) YELLOW TEAM -

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

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Eva Pickert
Paulina Sirtori

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris
Deacon Charlie
Stacey Sadowski
Deborah Witkowski
Sandy Barrett

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/3) Tom Wallingford,

Mary Clemente
Mary Kay Oliver

ALTAR LINENS: (4/3) Leslie Dunn

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.

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.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse

(518) 753-4554, ext. 13 p.hebert@transfigurationparish.net

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:

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: *That coffee habit? It might just be protecting you from type 2 diabetes.*

Can't start your day without a cup or two of Joe? Bottoms up! People who drink three to four cups of coffee a day are less likely to have developed type 2 diabetes than those who don't drink coffee at all, and now researchers have a better understanding about why. Two compounds found in coffee — cafestol and caffeic acid — increase insulin production, which helps keep your blood sugar under control. Controlling blood sugar is crucial for diabetes prevention, since high blood sugar, or hyperglycemia, can lead to the signs and symptoms of the disease. Research also shows that coffee may help prevent diseases like stroke and certain cancers' reduce the risk of Parkinson's, dementia, and multiple sclerosis; and even boost concentration and memory. With so many benefits, you want to avoid adding anything unhealthy to your morning cuppa, right? That means skipping the nondairy creamers (corn syrup and trans fat alert!) and flavor shots (can you say sugar, sugar, sugar?), and limiting your use of artificial sweeteners. Instead, try unsweetened almond milk with cinnamon. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

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NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles

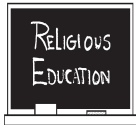
July 21, 2016

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.
- Sign up sheets at the entrances of the churches or call the offices.



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.

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.

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.

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:

March 12 and 13
4:30 \$2,285.00
8:30 1,869.00
10:15 1,171.00

Week 38 of the 2015-2016 Budget
Budget = \$193,653.70
Collection = \$180,848.04
Shortfall = \$12,805.66

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 at Transfiguration Parish will be open Saturday April 3 from 9:00 am until noon. The April specials will be on David Balducci, Patricia Cornwell, Janet Evanovich buy one get one free. Donations are always welcome but please no encyclopedias, magazines, and VHS tapes. Thank you for your continued support. Watch for our big May Sale.

REMINDER!!!

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

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