

# 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....*  
**LOOK TO THE CLOUDS!**

A couple from our parish sent me an email with this story I'd like to share with you: They were outside at their condo complex where they met a man who was seated on a bench looking up at the sky. He asked them if they knew what he was doing. When they replied that they did not know what he was doing, he proceeded to tell them that, since he was a little boy, his mother would send him outside on Easter to look up into the clouds and find Jesus in one of the clouds. The gentleman said he has been doing this each year since he was a little boy, and the couple estimated that he must be at least 70 years old.

What a nice story, and a reminder to me that we can find Jesus anywhere. We find him through prayer and scripture, we find him in nature and its beauty, and we can find Jesus through our interactions with each other. I thought to myself that this man looking to the clouds to find Jesus does make some sense. After all, don't we most often look up to the sky when we think of heaven?

I also thought that finding Jesus is both something we do as a community of faith, and as individuals. Remember that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again for all of us together, but he also suffered, died, and rose again **for each one of us**. I know that the Paschal Mystery of Christ becomes so much more powerful when I realize that **Jesus loves me so much that he suffered, died, and rose for me!**

I don't think it matters which way we find Jesus as long as we find him with sincerity of heart. It has to be real. I think about baseball players who hit a home run. As they touch home plate, they often make a sign of the cross, and point up to heaven or they kiss their fingers and point up. Now this might be a sincere gesture of love for Jesus, but it seems to me to be more about the player himself than it is about finding and loving Jesus. I am reminded of the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector in the temple. The Pharisee spent all of his time praising himself for all that he does, while the tax collector stood off to the side striking his breast, and saying, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." We should all be like the tax collector.

One final thing. This was in the Little White Book for Tuesday, March 29. The scripture is about the risen Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, and she does not recognize him. The writer says, "How can someone who believes in Jesus, meet Jesus and not know it's Jesus? Well, he wasn't what she had expected. His risen body was transformed. I wonder if there are times when the Lord is present to me in a special way and I miss it because it's not what I expected. Like right now?" God bless.

*Deacon Chris*

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

<b>Saturday April 2</b>		
4:30 p.m. Sch	<b>J. Michael Harrison</b>	Nelson and Pam Schmidt & Family
	<b>Patricia-Harrison Stampfli</b>	Nelson & Pam Schmidt & Family
	<b>Miloslav Januska</b>	The Family
	<b>William Connor</b>	The Family
<b>Sunday April 3</b>		
8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>Bobby Mailloux</b>	Leslie and Nicolò Maiello
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>Shelia Kenny-Savage</b>	Rosemary Purcell-Sneeringer
	<b>Gary Graber</b>	Hugh and Barbara Graber
	<b>Charles Longwell</b>	Bob & Meg Jones
<b>Tues. April 5</b>		
9:00 a.m. Sch	<b>Communion Service</b>	
<b>Thurs. April 7</b>		
9:00 a.m. Spe	<b>Communion Service</b>	
<b>Saturday April 9</b>		
4:30 p.m. Sch	<b>Ray Cloutier</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
<b>Sunday April 10</b>		
8:30 a.m. Sch	<b>J. Michael Harrison</b>	Bob & Pat Hebert
	<b>Robert Mailloux</b>	The Piecemakers Quilting Group
10:15 a.m. Spe	<b>J. Michael Harrison</b>	The Jones Family
	<b>Lillian Stern</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
	<b>Geraldine Nolan</b>	Rosemary Purcell-Sneeringer
	<b>Ed Sullivan</b>	Jeff and Rhonda Dinardo

**A big THANK YOU to.....**

Rich Harte and to all the support staff for all their work and organization to make the 2016 Lenten Fish Fry Friday's another huge success. We made over \$10,500 dollars this year. We look forward to your help again next year.

**Catholic Charities** is collecting personal care products. Please collect and donate these items during the month of April. Look for the drop off boxes at the entrances of our churches.

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend April 9 and 10.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 p.m. No Servers      8:30 a.m. Thomas and Megan Rice

#### LECTORS

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 p.m. MA Arnold      8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard  
Pam Schmidt      Barbara Perry

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/10) WHITE TEAM -  
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Gaetana and Sofia Baldwin

#### LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Hugh and Barbara Graber

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris  
Deacon Charlie  
Marge Brendese  
Ellie DeBonis  
Debra Hebert

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/10) Doug Wilkie  
Mary Grace Purcell  
Sue Creagan

**ALTAR LINENS:** (4/10) Diane Heer

## 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*

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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 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM in Speigletown.**

**Reminder: Blood Pressure and Diabetes screening next week. Stop by before or after Mass**

**Health Tips: For more happiness and less stress, go with the flow!** In today's overscheduled world, there's a lot to be said for carving out downtime. (We say it all the time, in fact!) But there's more to happiness than simple R&R. In fact, one of the best secrets to protect your well-being involves the opposite of relaxation: a state of total engagement known as “flow.” You feel it when you lose yourself in a favorite activity, whether it's writing, reading, hiking, making pottery, fishing, mountain biking, dancing, playing the piano, drawing, taking photographs, or cooking. “Flow” occurs when you engage in an activity in such a way that it becomes effortless and you lose self-awareness, forget time, and suspend your judgment,” explains Cleveland Clinic psychologist Scott Bea, PsyD. Athletes call it being “in the zone.” (That's not the same as zoning out on reality TV!) If you're starting from scratch, pick an activity you're interested in, and keep in mind that it usually takes some time to get your flow on: “It often comes when you practice an activity enough that it starts to become automatic. Once that happens, and you're able to break through the tendency to think too much, you're on your way,” says Bea. Be sure to carve out interruption-free times or places for your activity, since there is nothing like a beeping cell phone or “urgent email to break the spell. To take a page from Obi-Wan Kenobi's book, “May the flow be with you.” <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.



### 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.**

### 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.

### 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](http://www.transfigurationparish.net) and then type into the search bar "Bulletin". Like us on Facebook.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

- 4/4 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm - N Site
- 4/11 Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - S Site
- 4/24 Evangelization Team Meeting 11:30 am - S Site

### Offertory:

#### March 26 and 27

8:00	\$ 770.00
8:30	1,605.00
10:15	2,267.00

Week 39 of the 2015-2016 Budget

Budget = \$198,749.85

Collection = \$185,484.04

Shortfall = \$13,265.81

#### Easter Collection

8:00	\$1,515
8:30	1,558
10:15	2,255

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

### Pittstown Area Food Bank

This is just one way we help our Community.

The following donations have been made to the Pittstown Area Food Bank.  
Extra Turkeys that were donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Weekly food donations from our parishioners  
\$350.00 donation from the Lenten Luncheon  
\$463.00 from the Youth "Souper" Bowl Collection  
All the leftover food from each of the Friday Fish Fries (Macaroni & Cheese, desserts, etc.)  
Miscellaneous monthly donations from our parishioners  
**Thank you for your continued help and support.**

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.

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