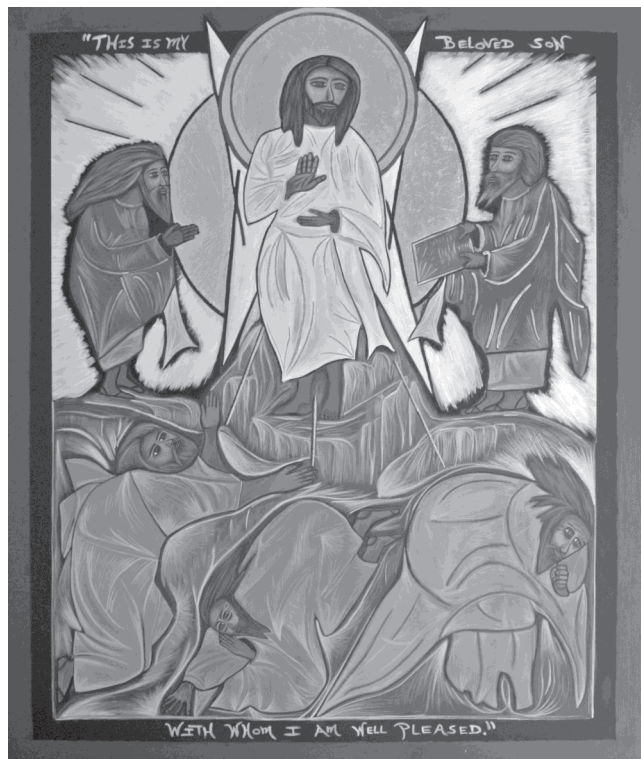


Transfiguration Parish



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:		4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
	Tuesday	Thursday
Communion Service:	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: 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....

LET US REMIND OURSELVES

We have recently added a new announcement for every Mass. It will be the last announcement, and simply says, "Let us take a moment to center ourselves, and to remind ourselves that we are in God's presence." Simple words that have such profound meaning. We know Jesus is always with us, but how often do we take a moment to remind ourselves that our Lord and Savior is right there with us? Probably not as often as we should, I bet.

This is the first Sunday of Lent which we all know is a season of conversion, a season of penance, and a time for prayer, fasting, and abstinence. Lent is also a time when we try to grow in a deeper, loving relationship with God and I want to suggest a way we can do so right at Mass.

Perhaps we can all make an even greater effort to be fully present, and fully involved in the Eucharistic Celebration. We know Jesus is fully present to us during Mass, but are we fully present to him? Do we commit ourselves fully to prayer, listening, and giving thanks to God? Or are we partly present, but also thinking about other things such as:

Work or School – We spend a great deal of our time at work or school, and it is often on our minds. Can we leave it out of Mass?

Money and Finances – We all have bills to pay, and sometimes our concerns over finances occupy our minds and cause us much anxiety. Can we leave it out of Mass?

Family and Friendships – We all have family situations, and sometimes things are not quite the way we want them to be. Can we leave it out of Mass?

These are just a few items that can occupy our minds during Mass, and prevent us from being truly present to Jesus. There are certainly others, probably as many others as there are people at each Mass, but we want to block everything else from our minds during Eucharist. Just offer those other things to God, and let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

So, what do I mean by being fully present, and fully involved in the Mass? It really isn't that hard, but we should pray all the prayers together and out loud. We should sing all the songs during Mass, no matter if we have good singing voices or not. God blessed you with a voice, use it! We should listen to all the scripture readings and reflect on what they mean to our lives, and we should pay attention to the homily to enhance our understanding of the scriptures. Finally, we should be attentive to the Eucharistic Prayer as we witness ordinary bread and wine becoming the living Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Then let us truly take a moment to center ourselves, and remind ourselves that we are in God's presence as we receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion. There is no greater gift, no greater joy, than to receive the bread of life.

I know I said in the beginning that being fully present and involved in the Eucharist would be a good goal for Lent, but I really should have said it is a good goal for all

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 4		
4:00 p.m. Spe	Shirley Walsh	Phil and Mary Clemente
	Harry Cushing	John and Barbara Burke
	Christine Martone	Ed and Carol Dyer
Sunday March 5		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Stephen & Marie Javorcak	The Family
10:15 a.m. Spe	Elizabeth Smith	Lloyd Hebert, Jr.
	Carol Murray	The Family
	Edward Moran, Sr.	Walt and Paula Moran
	Therese Moran	Walt and Paula Moran

Tues. March 7
9:00 a.m. Sch **Communion Service**

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

Saturday March 11		
4:00 p.m. Spe	Shirley Walsh	John and Barbara Burke
	Christine Martone	Phil and Mary Clemente

Sunday March 12		
8:30 a.m. Sch	Thomas Barton, Jr.	Beverly Barton
10:15 a.m. Spe	Elizabeth Smith	Kathleen Moran
	Christine Martone	John and Ruth Bauchiero
	Jack and Evelyn Mahoney	Jack, Sharon and Barbara
	Edward Moran	Paul & Jean Hebert

FAMILY GAME DAY

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Speigletown Site

Following the 10:15 am Mass – 2:30 pm

**Games, Puzzles, Coloring for ALL AGES
Please Bring Any Unwanted Games, Puzzles,
Coloring Books, Crayons**

**Free Will Donations Can Be Submitted at
The Parish Offices or at the Event**

**Bring Your Family's Favorite Game
Drinks and Snacks Will be Provided**

**COME AND JOIN US TO SEE OLD FRIENDS
AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!**

From the Desk of Deacon Chris - continued

of us, all the time! Jesus is always present to us, let's try to be more aware of this, and always present to him. God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend March 12 and 13.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Thomas and
Megan Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Cheri Foster

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy
Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/12) WHITE TEAM -

K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. No Servers 10:15 a.m. Paulina and
AJ Sirtori

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Jean Sullivan 10:15 a.m. Barb Colangione

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Jane Heslin 10:15 a.m. Marge Brendese
Jerry Steele Robin Jackson
Walt Lynick Ellie DeBonis

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/12) Tom Wallingford,

Mary Clemente and Mary Kay Oliver

ALTAR LINENS: (3/12) Diane Heer

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, March 9th @ 10:30AM at the Southern site.

Reminder: Blood Pressure screening next week. Stop by before or after Mass throughout the weekend to have your blood pressure checked

Are you caring for someone suffering with a memory disorder: Need a break? Transfiguration Parish is proud to offer "Two by Two", a Faith in Action Care Team from Transfiguration North & South in cooperation with the Eddy Alzheimer's Services. This team of compassionate trained volunteers from our own parish provides social support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairment disorders. This Care Team provides respite, friendly visits and is prepared to pick up prescription or groceries or prepare a meal if needed. **For more information contact Pat Hebert at the number listed above.**

Health Tips: *Your mom was right — in cold weather, you're more likely to get sick. If you or your kids scoff at bundling up when it's cold outside, heed this: Researchers at Yale have recently discovered that, in cold temperatures, our body's natural immune defense mechanisms are less efficient, making us more susceptible to illness. While the research was done on mice, the team believes the effects are the same for humans. You may be thinking that that doesn't mean dashing out without a jacket can make you sick, as Mom used to warn. It's a fair argument, but the fact is that since the rhinovirus, or cold virus, exists in our noses at any given time (where it replicates best, by the way) — and that it does exactly that in roughly 20 percent of us — exposing yourself, and especially your nose, to the cold really can bring on illness. So wrap your face in a scarf when you're outside during the chilly months — it's an easy way to avoid those nasty bugs. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>*

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

During the month of March, Transfiguration Parish will offer two programs for continued Adult Faith Formation. We will be offering a Bible Study program over the next two weeks based on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The program will be facilitated by Hugh Graber, and all sessions will be held in Schaghticoke. There will be morning and evening sessions. The schedule is as follows:

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sessions will be interactive, and participants are asked to bring their own Bible. Bibles will be provided for those not having their own.

We are also offering a **Lenten Series** on Thursday nights during Lent. All sessions will begin at 7:00 pm, and will be offered in Schaghticoke. The schedule is as follows:

Prayer for Lent

Loving God, as the season of lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again. As you invite us to reflect on our love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving. Bless our desire to accompany Jesus suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world. With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning. **Amen**

Adult Faith Formation - continued

LENTEN SERIES

March 9, 2017 – Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving facilitated by Pat Rigney

March 16, 2017 – Understanding the Mass facilitated by Deacon Charlie Valenti

March 23, 2017 – Tracing our Jewish Roots/Traditions facilitated by Beth Thayer

March 30, 2017 – "Simply Peter" A Dramatic Monologue with Richard Harte as Peter.

April 6, 2017 – "Holy Week" facilitated by Deacon Chris Keough

Transfiguration Parish



SHADOW STATIONS
SUNDAY, MARCH 5th at 7:00 PM
SPEIGLETOWN SITE
Presented by the Confirmation Candidates.

Lenten Sacrifice

During the Masses of Lent the children of our parish will bring forth "thorns" that signify the thorns they have removed from the Crown of Christ by their Lenten sacrifice.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be collecting items for children's Easter baskets from March 4th until April 9th. Items that we will need are: Chocolate Easter Bunnies, Peeps, Small Chocolate Candies, Fruit Snacks, Small Bags of Chips or Popcorn and Small Toys. We will have collection boxes at the entrances of our churches. We appreciate your generosity to the children who may go without treats for Easter.

BOOK NOOK NEWS



The Book Nook is open on Saturday morning, March 4th and 18th from 9:00 am until noon. We've had a lot of great donations over the past month so please stop by and see what's there! The March half-priced specials are on **Janet Evanovich, Dean Koontz, Fern Michaels and Nora Roberts**. Children/young adult books are 6/\$1 as are the cookbooks, historical novels, biographies, religion and self-help. Romance novels are 12/\$1. We have great winter reading (or beach reading for those of you who are heading south!). Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

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

Please join us for:

The Sound of Music

April 9, 2017 - \$70.00 per ticket

5 Tickets Left

Beautiful - The Carol King Musical

April 14, 2017 - \$75.00 per ticket

5 Tickets Left

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.

SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Super Raffle tickets will go on sale during the Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners and after all masses starting this weekend. Tickets are \$100 each and you have the potential to win \$10,000. The drawing will be on July 15th.

WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family and marital situation; no matter what your personal history, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, physical condition; no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Transfiguration Parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

3/8 *Bible Study* 10:00 am & 7:00 pm N Site
3/9 *1st week of Lenten Series* 7:00 pm N Site
3/10 *Fish Fry Dinners Continue* 4:00-7:00 S Site

Offertory: February 25 and 26

4:00 \$1,245.00

8:30 1,578.00

10:15 1,511.00

Week 35 of the annual budget

Budget = \$171,634.75

Collection = \$167,445.80

Shortfall = \$4,188.95

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

THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited at our **Speigletown Site** on **March 12th** after the 10:15 AM mass in the chapel. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 3, 10, and 17** from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** If you are pro-life and can listen without judging, please call Susan at 430-7922 for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!!!! LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS Transfiguration Parish Hall South Site

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 March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7**. 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 - \$8.50

(Dinner includes Fish Fry, Fries & Cole Slaw)

Fish Fry - \$4.50 French Fries - \$2.00

Cole Slaw - \$2.00 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.

The LENTEN LUNCHESES will begin Tuesday, March 7th at Noon in Schaghticoke, and continue every Tuesday until April 4th. Please join us on Tuesdays to share this simple lunch of soup and bread and a brief reflection provided by our local congregation leaders as well as Transfiguration Parish.

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