

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....

WWJD?

Several years ago the acronym, WWJD, became popular in our society. The letters stand for, "What Would Jesus Do," and many people would wear formed rubber bands around their wrists with the letters on them. The regional sales manager for the company I worked for at the time had one of the bracelets, and I like to think he looked at his wrist whenever he was faced with a moral or ethical decision. Based on what I know about some of the decisions made by the sales team, I'm not sure the question, WWJD, was ever asked.

I got to thinking about those wrist bands during this Lenten Season, and particularly after reading Matthew chapter six where Jesus speaks about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Jesus warns us not to be like the hypocrites who make sure others know they are praying, fasting, and giving alms. Jesus wants us to pray, fast, and give alms because they are the right things to do, not because others will notice us. Remember that Jesus said the hypocrites have, "Already received their reward." Jesus reminds us that our good works should be done in secret, and tells us in Matthew's Gospel that, "Your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

So I wonder if the people who wore the WWJD bracelets were doing so only so people would notice them, or if they were actually referring to their wrists to remind them to always follow Jesus' teachings about corporal and spiritual works of mercy. I'll be honest; at one point I thought about getting a WWJD wrist band to wear, but finally decided I did not need a band to do what Jesus wants me to do.

Still, I think the acronym, WWJD, has meaning in our lives. Shouldn't we always ask ourselves that question whenever we are faced with an important moral or ethical decision? I think we would all agree that we should ask ourselves the question, but we usually don't. Maybe that is because the answer to WWJD would lead us to act in a selfless way that is the right thing to do, but much less appealing to us. Perhaps we don't ask the question because we don't like the answer.

We don't have to wear WWJD on our sleeves, but it might not be a bad idea to ask ourselves the question. What do you think? God bless.

Deacon Chris

Volunteer at the REGIONAL FOOD BANK

We are going to be gathering together a group of people to volunteer one evening at the Regional Food Bank in Latham on **April 17th from 5:00-7:00.**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 25

4:00 p.m. Spe	Shirley Walsh	Joe and Loretto Marchese
	Joseph Primeau	Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
	Jack Graber	Ellie DeBonis
	Jackie Sullivan	Jean Sullivan

Sunday March 26

8:30 a.m. Sch	Miloslav Januska	Wife, Barbara
10:15 a.m. Spe	Andrew Laswell	Carl and Martha Cioffi
	Rosemary Struzenski	Hugh and Barbara Graber
	Christine Martone	Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge
	Marianne McGreevy-Martin	The Family

Tues. March 28

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

Thurs. March 30

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

Saturday April 1

4:00 p.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

Sunday April 2

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

10:15 a.m. Spe	Christine Martone	Walt and Paula Moran
	Helen Bowman	Walt and Paula Moran
	Peg Teitch	Joe & Mary Grace Purcell
	Jack Graber	John and Ruth Bauchiero

Please help with our..... ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

We are looking for someone to volunteer to chair this prosperous fundraising event for us this year. Advertising and gathering orders starts the first week of October and the event happens three days around the first weekend in December. Please contact Ellie DeBonis at the South Site office at 235-0337 if you can be of help.

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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend April 1 and 2.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 No Servers 8:30 a.m. To be announced

LECTORS

4:00 Dot Jackuback 8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 MA Arnold 8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
Tom Hallock Alicia McKinney

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/3) YELLOW TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly and G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. To be announced

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Debra Hebert
Robin Jackson
Mary Grace Purcell

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/2) Maureen Filarecki
Rose Cosgrove

ALTAR LINENS: (4/2) Sandy Reardon

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:

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: The power of the past: Build resilience by reminiscing strategically. If you've dabbled in mindfulness, you know about the power of presence. This practice of paying attention to the present moment, rather than ruminating about yesterday or worrying about tomorrow, can bring peace of mind. But looking back on the past doesn't have to bog you down. In fact, doing so strategically may boost your well-being. It's all about what you choose to remember. In a recent study, researchers divided young people into four groups and had each recall a particular type of memory, along with the thoughts and feelings that surround it. Those who recalled a "problem-solving memory" — an experience of coping well with a challenge — or an event that shaped their identity showed improved well-being after the experiment, along with increased feelings of competence and meaning in life. Those who recalled events that involved conflict or regret, or just any memory that came to mind, had no such improvement. Rather than dwelling on disappointments, make a practice of occasionally recalling positive memories, either in your journal or by sharing with a trusted friend or family member. Memory lane can be a powerful path to greater happiness, if you walk it with intention. . <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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:

LENTEN SERIES

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Evangelization Team will be hosting a **LADIES TEA on Saturday May 13th** in the Transfiguration Parish Hall at the South Site. More information to follow.

Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Detroit Tigers

August 2, 2017 at 1:05 pm

Price \$95.00

(Includes bus transportation and game ticket)

Reservations call - 235-0337

- Bus departs from Transfiguration Parish - South
- Departure Time - TBA
- Seating - Section 225 (3rd base line between 3rd base and home plate under over-hang)
- Tickets are on sale now. If a tickets are purchased and paid in full before Easter Sunday (April 16th) they are \$90.00 each - after Easter Sunday they are \$95.00 each. A \$50.00 deposit and \$45.00 balance is due by June 15th.

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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.

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.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be collecting items for children's Easter baskets 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, April 1 and April 15 from 9:00am until noon. We have had a lot of donations over the past few months so please stop by and see our collection. The April half-price specials are on John Grisham, David Baldacci, Lisa Jackson and Mary Higgins Clark. Children/young adults are 6/\$1.00, as are cookbooks, historical novels, biographies, religion and self-help, romance novels are 12/\$1.00. Thank you for your continued support. Watch for our May-June Bag Sale Starting May 13th. Thank you 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

3 Tickets Left

Beautiful - The Carol King Musical

April 14, 2017 - \$75.00 per ticket

4 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

3/28	Lenten Luncheon	12:00 Noon	N Site
3/30	4th week of Lenten Series	7:00 pm	N Site
3/31	Fish Fry Dinners Continue	4:00-7:00	S Site

Offertory:

March 11 and 12

4:30 \$2,214.00

8:30 1,792.00

10:15 1,082.00

Week 37 of the 2016-2017 Budget

Budget = \$181,442.45

Collection = \$179,067.80

Shortfall = \$2,374.65

March 19 and 19

4:30 \$2,068.00

8:30 1,657.00

10:15 1,723.00

Week 38 of the 2016-2017 Budget

Budget = \$186,346.30

Collection = \$184,515.80

Shortfall = \$1,830.50

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

WE NEED HELP!!!

We will be decorating the South Site Church for Easter at 9:00 am on Easter Saturday, April 15th. We need your help and creative ideas. As always, the more help the easier the

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 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 LUNCHES** have begun at 12:00 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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