

# 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.

## VISION STATEMENT

Transfiguration Parish is committed to continual growth in the Catholic Faith through a lifelong union with Jesus Christ, and in service to others through the ministry of the Church. We spread the Good News of His love and promote His Word through evangelization, education, reflection, and daily witness. As faithful stewards we pledge to direct and develop the spiritual, human, financial, and material resources of the Church. We respond to His love with gratitude and prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and equality for all.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:	4:00 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:** 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.

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

**WHAT'S NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR?**

Every New Year brings about a time for reflection and wonder. First, we reflect on the previous year with all its highs and lows. I certainly hope 2017 had more highs than lows for you. The first of the year is also a time of wonder for us, as we look forward to 2018 and wonder what it has in store for us. Again, I hope the New Year has more highs than lows for you.

One of the things you will notice this year is a couple of changes to our bulletin. On the front page, we have always had our Mission Statement which speaks about who we are as a Catholic community of faith. This year, we have added a Vision Statement which seems to complement our Mission Statement so very well. Our Mission Statement speaks about what we do as disciples of Jesus, and how we spread the Good News of His Gospel with our words and actions. Both statements can certainly stand alone, but together they seem to define Transfiguration Parish as an active community of faith in God, and service of God's people.

The other addition to the bulletin is what is titled, "Words to Live By." Every week we will run a phrase or statement which is something we can reflect on in our lives. These sometimes very simple phrases can have a significant impact on our lives, as we contemplate their meaning. They might even encourage us to make a change in our life; a change for the good. I hope you will read the, "Words to Live By" every week, and think about how they might relate to what is going on in your life today.

Of course, the New Year is a time when we often make a New Year's resolution; something that will improve the quality of our life during the year. Sometimes we come across something that seems to fit in with what we are thinking about, and I found that in the December 30<sup>th</sup> reflection in the Little Blue Book. I think it forms the basis of a wonderful resolution.

The Blue Book talks about how John the Baptist and Jesus both preached repentance with words like, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," or "Repent, and be saved." Now when I think about repentance, I think about being sorrowful for my sins, and confessing them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps that is what repentance means to you as well, and we are both right in that understanding of repentance.

However, the Little Blue Book gives us a new definition of the word re-pent from the Greek word that means, "think again." Perhaps my resolution for this year will be to re-pent or think again about what is important in my life, and what direction my life is going in. In doing so, I decided to make sharing the, "Joy of the Gospel" a priority in my life for 2018. What could possibly be more important in my life, or a better direction for my life than sharing my love of Jesus with everyone around me. How about you? What is your resolution? Happy New Year everyone! God bless.

***Deacon Chris***

***Mass Schedule & Intentions***

**Saturday January 6**

4:00 p.m.	Spe	<b>Carol Frost</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
		<b>Lillian Wallingford</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
		<b>Michael Bartis</b>	Joe and Loretto Marchese
		<b>Shirley Walsh</b>	Margo Perras

**Sunday January 7**

8:30 a.m.	Sch	<b>Bonnie Fabio-Tidd</b>	Eiko Bogue
10:15 a.m.	Spe	<b>Henry E. Weglarz Meg Smith Peggy Melanson</b>	Lloyd Hebert The Thayer Family Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti

**Tues. January 9**

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

**Thur. January 11**

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

**Saturday January 13**

4:00 p.m.	Spe	<b>Jonathan Bayly Nancy Knickerbocker</b>	The Family Bob and Pat Wilkinson
		<b>Teresa Fox</b>	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford

**Sunday January 14**

8:30 a.m.	Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>	Estate of Joseph Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	<b>Henry E. Weglarz Marge and Fedela Venaziano Kay Turgeon</b>	The Venaziano & Brendese Families The Family Joe and Loretto Marchese

**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 January 13 and 14.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Emma Carlo  
Katherine Rice

#### LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Barbara Perry  
Margaret LaFortune

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (1/14) WHITE TEAM -  
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers                      10:15 a.m. Madison, Grace and  
Emma Shover

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm To be scheduled              10:15 a.m. To be scheduled

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Colleen Wilkie              10:15 a.m. John Reardon  
Doug Wilkie                              Deb Witkowski  
Isabelle Churran                      Marge Brendese

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (1/14) Diane Heer  
Nancy Shellard

**ALTAR LINENS:** (1/14) Martha Cioffi

### 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.

### Tickets for the 2017-2018 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

**Please join us for:**

#### Les Miserables

February 25, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$73.00 per ticket

#### On Your Feet

June 3, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$62.00 per ticket

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 518/235-0337 or [E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net](mailto: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.

The **Sacrament of the Sick** conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of the strengthening of the Holy Spirit against anxiety and fear for those who are ill or who for those who have the potential for illness (e.g. the elderly). IT IS NOT ONLY FOR THOSE AT THE POINT OF DEATH. If you or a loved one would need the benefits of this great Sacrament, please contact the Parish Offices or any of the Parish Clergy to make arrangements.

### 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' Notes:

#### Reminder:

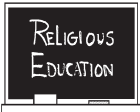
**Blood Pressure screening next week.** Stop by before or after Mass throughout the weekend to have your blood pressure checked

**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:** *Pink noise may help you get better shut-eye. Pink may be the new black. Or rather, the new white. We're not talking about fashion, or even color, but about sound frequency — and how it affects sleep when used as background noise. "White noise" recordings help some light sleepers by drowning out other sounds, and preliminary research shows that a different frequency of sound known as "pink noise" may also be effective, and may even boost brain power. White noise creates a constant sound — think of the hiss that comes from a radiator, or the sound of "static" on the TV or radio. Pink noise is stronger at lower frequencies and tends to be less harsh. Rain falling, wind moving through trees, and many other sounds found in nature are pink noise, as is the sound of a fan. In a study on older adults, pink noise increased deep sleep and dramatically improved memory. The researchers aren't claiming that pink noise is better than white noise. (There hasn't been research comparing the two types of sound.) "They may both help," says Cleveland Clinic sleep specialist Michelle Drerup, PsyD. If you struggle with getting restful sleep, "you can experiment with different types of sound, and volume," says Drerup. To give pink noise a try, use a recording or sound machine that mimics rain, a stream, or other nature sounds — or simply turn on a fan.*  
<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

### NOTICE!!!

We pray for deceased relatives and friends at every Mass. If you have requested a Mass for a friend or loved one, we invite you to participate in the Offertory by bringing the gifts to the altar. Please notify one of the Ushers prior to Mass if you want to bring up the gifts to honor your deceased friend or loved one.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 10 Sessions are from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in Schaghticoke.

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.

Thank you for your support. Contact Beth Thayer 518/235-0337.

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will alternate each month. In January it will be in Speigletown for the entire month and in February the Mass will be in Schaghticoke, etc.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 am until noon. We are starting our 10th year and with that will bring many, many specials. January begins with half-priced specials on the following authors: Fern Michaels, Janet Evanovich and Stuart Woods. Please stop by and check out all of our new arrivals. We have a lot of 2017 copyrights from all your favorite authors. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook.

Save the Date!!!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Friday, January 19th - 4:00-7:00 pm
Transfiguration Parish Hall
South Site

We will be serving another delicious dinner at a reasonable price. We offer a salad, roast beef, potato, a vegetable, roll and butter. Adults, \$11.00, Seniors (65+) \$10.00 and affordable prices for teens and children. We also offer beer, wine, soda and dessert for purchase. Tickets will go on sale January 6 and 7 after the Masses. You can contact the parish offices to make reservations and purchase tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

As always we will be looking for parishioners to make desserts for us to sell to go with the meal. We always need help as wait staff and kitchen help to continue to make our dinners a success. Please take time to sign-up after the Masses or contact Mary Hurley at 235-6479.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

1/19 Annual Roast Beef Dinner 4-7 pm S Site

Xmas Centerpieces

Thanks to all who helped make the Christmas centerpieces for our parishioners homebound or in nursing homes. They all came out so beautiful. A special thanks to Mary Agnes Arnold, Karen Della Rocco, Cheri Foster, Susan Martin-Cippola, Laurie Polley and Pam Schmidt who helped to make this happen and Mark Murray who provided the greenery. Couldn't have done it without you all.

Pat Hebert

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Bountiful God, in this gift-giving season, we thank you for all that you have given us - a redeemer, helpless and holy, human and divine; the Holy Family, a reflection of your divine love; friends and family members with which to share that love. As we continue through the Christmas season, may we gain a greater appreciation of all of your gifts, especially Emmanuel, God with us! Amen.

Offertory Report:

December 16 and 17

Table with 2 columns: Time and Amount. 4:00 \$1,328.00, 8:30 1,744.00, 10:15 2,032.00, On-line 320.00

Week 25 of the 2017-2018 Budget

Budget = \$127,692.66

Collection = \$130,293.25

Surplus = \$2,600.59

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will be Friday, January 19, 2018. Several buses are being sponsored by different organizations. Information is posted on the bulletin boards. If you have any questions contact Beth Thayer at 235 0337.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Serve the Lord with Laughter."

St. Padre Pio

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