

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...

IN THE ZONE

Most of you know I am a big sports fan. I played soccer, baseball, and basketball in high school. I would have played football, but our school was not big enough to field a football team, so we played pickup football games on our own without the advantage of helmets, shoulder pads, or any other protective equipment. I look back and wonder why no one suffered any serious injuries, because we played full on tackle football with no equipment!

My favorite sport remains basketball. Believe it or not, I was a fairly good player in high school, mostly because I was able to shoot the ball very well. I spent many hours outside in the fall, and cold winter months just practicing my shot over and over. Have you ever heard the phrase describing a player as being, "In the Zone?" We sometimes hear the phrase from sports announcers who tell us a particular player is, "In the Zone." The phrase indicates that the player seems to be able to do no wrong. Every shot he or she takes, or every play they make seems to be successful like they are in some otherworldly state of perfection. I must say there were times when I played basketball when I felt like I was in the zone. During those times, I just knew that my shots were going to go in the basket. Unfortunately, I was not in the zone that often, but it sure was fantastic when I just knew my next shot would go in.

Being in the zone could apply to other functions as well. Perhaps at work, you know your job and duties so very well that one might say you are in the zone. You know the answers because you have seen and done practically everything, and that makes you the go to person. Maybe in school, you have a test or presentation coming up. You have studied and prepared so well that you are in the zone, and you are absolutely sure you will get an "A" on the test because you know the material so well.

How about being in the zone in your prayer life? Is it possible to reach a state in prayer when you are able to block out everything going on around you, and you can focus entirely on Jesus? I know it is possible because I have experienced it! What a wonderful feeling it is. Sometimes I will get the feeling of being totally connected with Jesus when I am quietly reading scripture, and a phrase will almost magically make me stop to reflect. It is then that I know I am in Jesus's presence. Being in the zone in prayer and worship can happen anytime because Jesus is always with us. All we have to do is let go of everything else and allow Jesus into our minds and hearts. When we can do that, like when we receive Jesus' body and blood in Holy Communion, it is the most wonderful, peaceful feeling I know.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday February 3

4:00 p.m. Sch **Joseph E. Smith** Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Mary Dorothy Lanoue The Family

Sunday February 4

8:30 a.m. Sch **Bob Carlson** Dan and Linda Casey
 10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Mr. & Mrs. Pat Casale
Will Rowe The Beamish Family
Joseph Bauchiero John and Ruth Bauchiero
Henry Weglarz Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge

Tues. February 6

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

Thur. February 8

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

Saturday February 10

4:00 p.m. Sch **Mary Slingerland** Ed and Margaret LaFortune

Sunday February 11

8:30 a.m. Sch **Jon Chetwynd** The Family
 10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fane
Henry Weglarz Paul and Jean Hebert
Terry Kelvington The Beamish Family
Marjorie Weiss Paul and Jean Hebert

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE TEAM
 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

February 7th - 6:30 PM at the Speigletown Site
 Come to be part of our outreach to those in need.

From the desk of Deacon Chris - Continued

Jesus loves us, and wants to have a loving relationship with us. Being in the zone in prayer is not as hard as you might imagine. All you need to do is open yourself up to Jesus, and He will take care of the rest. Imagine being in a constant state of being in the zone in prayer! Imagine being in a state of complete happiness and peace. Wait a second; isn't that heaven? God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend February 10 and 11.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 8:30 a.m. Jaquelyn Carlo
Maria Rice

LECTORS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm MA Arnold 8:30 a.m. Bob and Kathy
Pam Schmidt Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (2/12) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Madison, Grace and
Emma Shover

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Barbara Colangione

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Debra Hebert
Robin Jackson
Barbara Colangione

MONEY COUNTERS: (2/11) Doug Wilkie, Mary Grace Purcel,
and Sue Creagan

LINENS: (2/11) Diane Heer

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

Please join us for:

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 for information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

SAVE THE DATES!!!! LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

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 February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23**. 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.

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 theme baskets that are raffled off at the Fish Fry Dinners are available for preview. Please take a look and buy chance tickets after masses at both the north and south sites.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

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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:

Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting Thursday, February 8th @ 10:30AM in Speigletown.

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

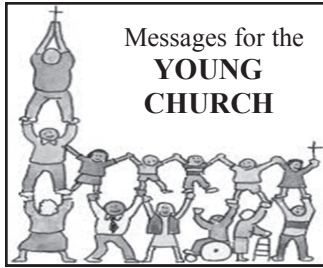
Are you caring for someone suffering with a memory disorder:

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: *Fido may help you live longer!* With holiday gift giving behind you (phew!), you may want to consider a health-related investment for yourself. The investment we have in mind has four legs and a tail. Dogs, it turns out, may be more than "man's best friend" — they might just help men and women alike live longer! In a population study of more than 3 million adults in Sweden, dog owners were less likely to die from heart disease or other causes over the course of 12 years. Owning a dog was especially beneficial for people who lived alone. Like all population studies, this one showed an association, not cause and effect, but it makes sense, given the physical activity involved in dog ownership. All those walks are good for the heart! Indeed, another recent study showed that among older adults, dog owners were more physically active, to the tune of 30 extra minutes a day. Dog owners may also experience stress reduction, according to research. Of course, owning a dog is a big commitment, and it's not for everyone. If you don't see yourself walking a dog in this lifetime, be sure to get out there and walk yourself — or swim, run, bike, dance, or play tennis. And be sure to invest in relationships that offer support and make you smile. Exercise and love, whether from canines or humans, are good for your health! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their Insurance Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. The Knights of Columbus is the Largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world. In order to qualify, candidate need not be a current member but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914-420-6836 or email: William.schneider@kofc.org.



'SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY

At each Mass on February 4 the young church will be collecting food and monetary donations for the Pitts-town Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

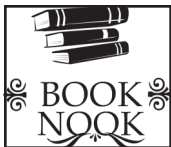
CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Members of our parish will be traveling to Costa Rica for their Mid Winter school break, while there they will be doing service at a local school. They are asking for donations of single subject notebooks, pencils, pens, and pencil cap erasers to take with them on this trip. **We will collect on Feb. 10 and 11.** If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook will be open on Saturday, February 3 and 17, from 9:00 am until noon with the February half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **David Baldacci, Robyn Carr and Lisa Jackson.** The children/young adult books are 12/\$1 during February and the historical novels, biographies, self-help, religion are all 3/\$1. Romance novels are 12/\$1. Please stop by and see all of the new donations. Remember we accept all donations **except**, encyclopedias, text books, magazines and VHS tapes. Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

REMINDER!!!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

2/16 - *Fish Fry Fridays* 4:00-7:00 pm S Site
3/23

Offertory Report:

January 27 and 28

4:00 \$1,625.00

8:30 1,596.00

10:15 1,154.00

On-line 238.65

Week 31 of the 2017-2018 Budget

Budget = \$158,339.10

Collection = \$164,172.63

Surplus = \$5,833.53

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

ZUMBA IS BACK!!!!

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from **6:00-7:00 pm at the Transfiguration Parish Hall in Speigletown.** The classes have started. You can join at any time. The fee for a **1 hour class is \$5.00 or \$25.00 for 6 classes, which will have to be prepaid.** Call Ellie DeBonis at 235-0337 for more information.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Remember that my life is like the wind." Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY, NY and Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

St. Catherine of Siena

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