

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...

NEED A GOAL FOR LENT? HOW ABOUT HOLINESS?

We very often think about what we can do for Lent. Most often, we try to make some sort of sacrifice during lent. We give up desserts, or we watch less television, or we give up something else so we have more time for praying, or going to daily Mass, or doing works of charity. Those sacrifices are wonderful, but there is a question that we probably don't ask ourselves even though we should. The question is, "How can I be more like Jesus?" How can I be holy like Jesus is holy?

Now you might say I am really going over the line when I talk about being holy like Jesus. You might say I am being totally unrealistic, or you might say I am being arrogant to even consider being holy like Jesus is holy. My answer to you is this. Why can't we all strive to be holy like Jesus is holy? No less an authority than Saint Peter wrote about being holy like Jesus in his first letter. In 1 Peter 1:15-16, Saint Peter wrote, "As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct for it is written, 'Be holy because I am holy.'"

Sometimes I think our society tends to set limitations on our expectations. We often hear that we shouldn't set our hopes too high, so we won't be disappointed. We will be fine if we don't try to reach too high. Just settle for mediocrity. To society's limitations, I say nonsense! Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit in Baptism to sanctify us, to make us holy. The Holy Spirit is always with us to guide us to holiness, to guide us to sainthood! Yes, I am telling you we are all called by Jesus to become saints!

We are all watching the Winter Olympics which give us an excellent example of what I am talking about. Just think about the Olympic athletes who refused to settle for mediocrity. They chose to set their hopes high, and dedicated their lives to become world class athletes. Certainly, they made many sacrifices to achieve their goals and put in hours upon hours of practice in their events.

So why can't we set our sights on being Olympic Christians? This Lent, you don't have to settle for being a mediocre Catholic. You can strive to be more like Jesus, strive to be holy as He is holy. Don't limit your expectations or your goals because you are afraid of failure. Jesus calls us to holiness. Just answer His call. You can do it. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday February 17		
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Will Rowe The Rowe and Collins Families
Sunday February 18		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Bob Carlson Angela Odmn
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Michael Bartis Henry Weglarz The Powers Family John and Ruth Bauchiero
		Marjorie Weiss Dorothy Purcell Midge Day Joe & Mary Grace Purcell
Tues. February 20		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	Communion Service
Thur. February 22		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	Communion Service
Saturday February 24		
4:00 p.m.	Sch	Joseph E. Smith Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Sunday February 25		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	Linda Scarati Joe Fitzpatrick
10:15 a.m.	Spe	Henry Weglarz Joe and Loretto Marchese
		Marjorie Weiss Charles & Marge Brendese, Stephen Brendese
		Maureen Farinelli Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
		Carol Murray The Family

**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 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.

Prices are: Complete Dinner - \$9.00; Fish Fry only - \$5.00; French Fries - \$2.25; Cole Slaw - \$2.00 and Macaroni and 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 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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend February 24 and 25.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm	No Servers	8:30 a.m.	Julia Carlo Nevan Doubleday Derek Cipola
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LECTORS

4:00 pm	Tim Carey	8:30 a.m.	Cheri Foster
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm	MA Arnold Pam Schmidt	8:30 a.m.	Margaret LaFortune Pat Rigney
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MONEY COUNTERS: (2/25) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m.	Gaetana, Sofia, Vincenzio Baldwin
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LECTORS

10:15 a.m.	Mike Schongar
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m.	Ellie DeBonis Robin Jackson Mary Grace Purcell
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MONEY COUNTERS: (2/25) Diane Heer, Nancy Shellard

ALTAR LINENS: (2/25) Sandy Reardon

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.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man, and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering, and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

SERVICE DAY

Join us on February 23rd. We will meet from 10:00 to 2:00 at our Schaghticoke Site (please note location change). Everyone welcome.

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:

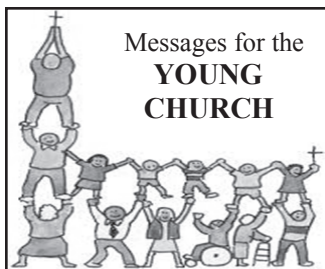
Health Tips: *Rx for flu season: Overuse of antibiotics can lead to drug resistance when you really need it.* When you're sneezing, coughing and feeling miserable, it's common to think that an antibiotic can put an end to your suffering. But unless you have a bacterial infection, an antibiotic can do more harm than good, warns Gus Ferrer, M.D., co-author of *Cough Cures: The Complete Guide to the Best Natural Remedies and Over-the-Counter Drugs for Acute and Chronic Coughs*. Antibiotics are one of the most important classes of drugs in existence, having saved millions of lives since they've been in use. However, thanks to overuse and abuse, the bacteria they are supposed to kill are starting to build up a resistance. There are already some very potent and dangerous infections that are impervious to nearly every antibiotic available. In fact, antibiotic resistance has led to a rise of so called "superbugs" like MRSA, which are becoming epidemic in hospitals, of all places! Other medical care challenges have been created as a result of antibiotic resistance, including difficulty treating patients with pneumonia, blood infections, and some strains of tuberculosis. And organ transplants are in jeopardy because there are fewer drugs able to suppress the immune system during surgery and recovery. Despite all the warnings about antibiotic resistance from groups such as the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Ferrer says that patients still come in asking, even begging, that doctors dispense them. Nine out of 10 doctors feel under pressure to dispense an antibiotic when a patient asks, one survey found; another survey reveals that 97 percent of patients who request an antibiotic are written a prescription. So remember this: Antibiotics only fight bacterial infections. They don't work against viruses, and most colds, flu and sore throats are caused by viruses. Taking an antibiotic as a "just in case" cure is unnecessary. It's best to go without an antibiotic whenever you can
<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

FLU SEASON & THE SIGN OF PEACE

At every celebration of The Eucharist we are encouraged to, "Offer each other the sign of peace." The sign is very often accomplished through shaking hands. We are all aware of the spread of the flu throughout our state and country. We also know that shaking hands is one of the ways we can spread flu germs to one another.

In the interest of everyone's health, please be aware that shaking hands is not a required form of offering peace. People can simply nod to one another, and exchange words like, "Peace be with you" without ever touching hands. Sharing the sign of peace is part of the Eucharistic Rite, but it does not mean we have to infect one another.

If you are not feeling well and are concerned that shaking hands with others might be harmful for them, please choose to speak words of peace rather than shake hands. Additionally, please do not be offended if a fellow parishioner does not offer you their handshake at the sign of peace. They are simply concerned about your good health.



SHADOW STATIONS on **March 4th at 9:30 am** at our **North Site** with the Young Church and on **March 18th at 7:00 pm** at our **South Site** with the Confirmation Class.

Stations of the Cross

QR Scan Codes have been placed at each Station of the Cross at both sites. You can use the scanner app from your phone and the prayers for each station will come up on your phone.

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our annual ‘Souper’ Bowl Sunday collection. Transfiguration Parish collected 200 food items and donated \$600 to the Pittstown Food Pantry.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

Transfiguration Parish Schaghticoke will be hosting lunches during the Lenten season on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon beginning February 20th and ending March 20th with our neighboring churches, Hoosic Valley Community Church, Johnsonville Methodist, Melrose, Pittstown United Methodist, Valley Falls Methodist Churches, Schaghticoke Presbyterian. These lunches comprise of sharing a simple soup and a spiritual reflection. No sign-up needed. Please join us.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be collecting items for children’s Easter baskets beginning this weekend until March 18th. 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 will be open on Saturday, February 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

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

Offertory Report

February 3 and 4		February 10 and 11
4:00	\$1,493.00	\$1,468.00
8:30	1,552.00	1,795.00
10:15	2,017.00	1,066.00
On-line	788.65	438.65
<i>Week 32 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>		<i>Week 33 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>
Budget = \$163,44.84		Budget = \$168,554.58
Collection = \$170,023.28		Collection = \$174,790.93
Surplus = \$6,576.44		Shortfall = \$6,236.35

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.**

Discussion Series
The Sorrowful Ministries

Thursdays - at our South Site from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

- February 22** - “The Agony of our Lord in the Garden”
- March 1** - “Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar”
- March 8** - “Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns”
- March 15** - “Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary”
- March 22** - “The Crucifixion of the Lord”

SUPER RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE

Super Raffle tickets will go on sale during the Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners and after all masses starting with the dinner of February 16th. Tickets are \$100 each and you have the potential to win \$10,000.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be, and becoming that person.”
St. Therese of Lisieux

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