

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 HAPPENED TO JUDAS?

I am writing this early Monday morning on President's Day. Sometimes I write my bulletin article on Sunday afternoons, and I spent a fair amount of time yesterday afternoon and evening thinking about what I would write on. I came up with a couple ideas which I didn't think were very good, so at the end of Sunday I pretty much had nothing. Then I got up early this morning to do my morning prayer routine, and my article appeared. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

I hope you are reading the *Little Black Book* every day. Today the reflection is on, "What Happened to Judas?" The writer suggested that Judas betrayed Jesus because he wanted to move things along. The Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed was not happening as quickly as Judas wanted, so he went to the chief priests and Pharisees to ultimately have Jesus made king in the succession of David. Judas wanted Jesus to take his place as a worldly king.

I have heard suggestions like this before. Only God knows for sure why Judas did what he did, and impatience might very well have been one of his motivations. We cannot, however, rule out the pursuit of material wealth as being the reason Judas betrayed Jesus. I say this because Judas did not approach Jesus to suggest a meeting with the chief priests and the Pharisees. No, Judas acted in secret, and he betrayed Jesus in the dark of night for a price. And he betrayed him with a kiss! It seems to me that Judas loved material possessions more than he loved Jesus.

Do you know people who seem to love material possessions more than Jesus? I bet you do. They are people who may be doing quite well, but they want more and more. The pursuit of material possessions almost becomes their religion. Doesn't the secular world promote this way of thinking? We all need to make sure our priorities are properly ordered. Yes, we should work hard to provide for ourselves and our families, but we cannot lose sight of the most important thing which is to love God and love our neighbor.

Think about the comparison between Judas and Saint Peter. They both betrayed Jesus, but Peter came to Jesus with great sorrow and asked for Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Unlike Judas, Peter loved Jesus with all his heart, mind, and soul. During this Lent, let us all imitate the love of Saint Peter. God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Tues. February 27

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

Thur. March 1

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

Saturday March 3

4:00 p.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Nick and Barbara Nicholas
Will Rowe The Rowe and Collins Families

Sunday March 4

8:30 a.m. Sch **Joseph E. Smith** Estate of Joseph E. Smith
 10:15 a.m. Spe **Marjorie Weiss** John and Ruth Bauchiero
Jim Matthews John and Ruth Bauchiero

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 March 3 and 4.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Thomas and
Megan Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Hebert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Barbara Perry
Alicia McKinney

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/5) YELLOW TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

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

LECTORS

4:00 pm Cindy Dunham 10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/4) Maureen Filareci, Rose Cosgrove

ALTAR LINENS: (3/4) Martha Cioffi

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.

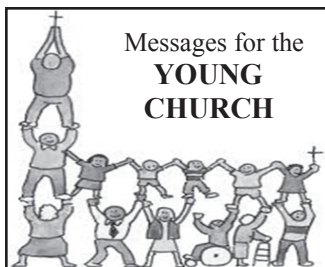
Nurses' Notes:

*More Volunteers are still needed for "Two by Two", the Transfiguration Parish **Faith in Action Team**. Join your fellow parishioners on this team that provides non-medical support and friendship to someone caring for a family member with dementia/Alzheimer. All volunteers are offered training and continued support. By belonging to this team you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping. **To receive more information, contact Pat Hebert @ 692-2135***

Health Tips: Triple play! These three strategies will help keep your mood meter on high for the winter months. "You're never fully dressed without a smile," goes the famous tune from Annie, but the short days of winter (i.e., now) can put even the brightest of smiles to the test. First things first: Light up (no, not like that!). Increasing your exposure to natural light may help to keep your circadian rhythms, which affect your mood, normal. Get outside early and often, keep your shades up until sundown, and make sure you have bright, warm indoor light, both at home and at work. If you think you may have seasonal depression, talk with your doctor and consider investing in a light box that delivers 10,000 lux — sitting beside one for 20 to 60 minutes in the morning, ideally before 8 a.m., is the number one treatment for the winter blues. Strategy number two: Stay active! Walk, swim, dance, cross-country ski — get your body moving to pump up your endorphins every day. Exercise outside when possible to get the benefits of daylight, but if it's too cold out there, turn up the lights indoors. Combining exercise and bright light may benefit your mood. And finally, plan a trip — emphasis on the word plan. The simple act of scheduling a vacation makes us happier, research shows. As for the vacation itself, the benefits will last if you're able to truly relax. Bon voyage! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Annual Divine Mercy Consecration 33 Days to Merciful Love

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period **starting Tuesday, March 6**, with the book: ***33 Days to Merciful Love***, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the annual diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. Paperback copies of ***33 Days to Merciful Love*** are available at Amazon.com. Please find more information on the dedicated webpage: www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration



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, March 3, from 9:00 am until noon with the March half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **Mary Higgins Clark, Fern Michaels and Sherryl Woods.** The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 during March 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 2017 and 2018 donations. Remember we accept all books **except**, encyclopedias, text books, magazines and VHS tapes. Our 10th Anniversary Sale is not too far away, so make plans to stop by each Saturday morning during the month of May for the **\$5/bag Blow-Out Sale.** Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

3/1-3/23 **Fish Fry Fridays** 4:00-7:00 pm *S Site*
 3/1 **The Sorrowful Mysteries** 6:30 - 7:30 pm *S Site*
 “Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar”

Offertory Report:

February 17 and 18

4:00	\$1,153.00
8:30	1,276.00
10:15	1,104.00
On-line	378.65
Mail	345.00

Week 34 of the 2017-2018 Budget

Budget = \$173,662.32

Collection = \$179,047.58

Surplus = \$5,385.26

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.

Discussion Series

The Sorrowful Ministries

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

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 and at the church office until the drawing. Tickets are \$100 each and you have the potential to win \$10,000.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Oh my God, forgive what I have been, correct what I am, and direct what I will be.”

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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