

# 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...***

**“PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP”**

In chapter five of St. Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells Saint Peter to, “Put out into deep water for a catch.” How does Peter respond? First, like we probably would. Peter told Jesus they had been fishing all night long, and they had caught nothing. I think we could say Peter was a little bit skeptical that putting out into deep water would make any difference at all. However, as a measure of Peter’s faith and trust in Jesus, he did put the boat into deep water, and Luke tells us they made a great catch of fish. A remarkable story of trusting in the Lord even when the task seems unlikely to succeed.

Do you think Jesus asks us to, “Put out into deep water” during this season of lent, and throughout the year? What does it mean, anyway? It seems to me Jesus is asking us to try something new. Something different from our routine. Something a little scary, but at the same time, quite exciting. Perhaps Jesus is asking us to put our trust in Him, and be willing to venture into the unknown. Imagine that! Trying something new! Expanding our horizons!

What stops us from, “Putting out into deep water?” Probably a bunch of things like fear of the unknown. Or fear of failure. Or fear that we will be singled out, or even ridiculed for trying something new, or maybe fear of being embarrassed. Maybe we don’t have enough confidence in ourselves to try something we have never tried before. Maybe we are satisfied with the way things are, and we see no reason or need to change anything. Keeping everything the same is very comfortable, isn’t it? You might want to consider that it is Satan who is whispering in your ear, telling you there is no reason for you to listen to Jesus’ invitation to, Put out into the deep.” Satan likes nothing less than tempting us to stand pat, or even turn away from Jesus.

Let me share an example of what, “Putting out into the deep” is. This past Saturday evening Patricia and I attended Hoosic Valley’s production of, “The Adams Family” musical. It was truly wonderful, and I am so proud of the members of our Young Church who participated in the performance. Now I suspect there were some cast members who were performing on stage for the first time. Maybe they had speaking parts. Maybe they even had singing parts! Any of that can be truly difficult any time, but even more so for the first time. Yet these students took on the challenge. They were willing to try something new. They “Put out into the deep!

I do not know what, “Putting out into the deep” means for me anymore that what it means for you. Change can be difficult, but the results can be so rewarding. I close with the final words Jesus spoke to his apostles in Saint Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus said, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” We can, “Put out into the deep” because Jesus is with us. God bless.

***Deacon Chris***

***Mass Schedule & Intentions***

<b>Saturday March 10</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	<b>Michael Bartis</b> <b>Joseph Oathout</b>  <b>John Brigham</b>
		Midge Day The Book Nook Volunteers Bob and Midge Day
<b>Sunday March 11</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>
		Estate of Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	<b>Anne Marie Gervais</b>
		John and Ruth Bauchiero
<b>Tues. March 13</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Thur. March 15</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday March 17</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Spe	<b>Eileen and Larry Kyer</b>
		The Family
<b>Sunday March 18</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	<b>Joseph E. Smith</b>
		Estate of Joseph E. Smith
10:15 a.m.	Spe	<b>Michael Bartis</b>
		Nelson and Pam Schmidt
		<b>Nancy Knickerbocker</b>
		Nelson and Pam Schmidt
		<b>Leo Tracy</b>
		Walt and Paula Moran
		<b>Maureen Farinelli</b>
		Walt and Paula Moran

**DISCERNMENT FOR  
PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

Dear Parishioners,

Over the next few weeks, we will engage in the process of selecting up to seven new members for the pastoral council. The pastoral council assists the parish life director with the long-range pastoral planning affecting the whole of parish life. Council members help vision, plan, strategize, and coordinate overall ministry with the parish life director.

During Masses the weekends of March 17-18, we will make available forms for nominations of individuals for service on the pastoral council. Individuals can submit their own names for nomination, or nominate another person they feel would be a good candidate. Those who accept nomination will be asked to participate in a discernment session from which new council members will be elected. Following are some of the traits to consider for potential council members:

- Able to work well within a team environment
- Able to remain open-minded to new ideas. An effective listener
- Possess a visionary ability for long-range planning
- Able to commit to monthly meetings over a three year period
- Able to humbly serve in a parish leadership role
- Baptized and Confirmed Catholics active in parish ministry

Please reflect on individuals you consider suitable for service on the pastoral council. Parish staff members are not eligible for service due to conflict of interest concerns. Thank you for your assistance in this vital aspect of parish life.

Deacon Chris

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend March 17 and 18.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Ema Carlo  
Katherine Rice

#### LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard  
Julia Carlo

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (3/19) YELLOW TEAM -  
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers 10:15 a.m.

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm Patricia Keough 10:15 a.m. Barbara and Hugh  
Graber

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Jerry Steele 10:15 a.m. Robin Jackson  
Andre Foucher Mary Grace Purcell  
Nancy Foucher Ellie DeBonis

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (3/18) Tom Wallingford, Mary Clemente,  
Mary Kay Oliver

**ALTAR LINENS:** (3/18) Mary Dugrenier

### 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.

### 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.

### 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:

**Blood Pressure Screening THIS weekend.** Stop in and have your blood pressure checked and your blood sugar read by a Registered Nurse.

**Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am in Speigletown.**

**Health Tips:** *To stay sharp, pass (on) the salt!* According to superstition, tossing salt over your shoulder wards off bad luck. Logic aside, you may be better off with salt over your shoulder than on your plate! While recent research shows no association between salt intake and risk of heart disease, heart failure, or death, the American Heart Association recommends an upper limit of 2,300 mg of sodium a day and advises most adults to shoot for no more than 1,500 mg, especially adults older than 51, African Americans, and those with high blood pressure, diabetes or chronic kidney disease.

Here's yet another reason you may want to shake up your salt habit: New research suggests that excess salt consumption might put you at risk for dementia. In an animal study, when mice were fed a high-sodium diet for eight weeks, they had reduced blood flow to areas of the brain related to memory and learning. They also performed worse on tests related to recognizing objects, finding their way through mazes, and nest building — "activities of daily living" for mice. There was some good news, though: When researchers put some of the animals back on a normal diet, their brain power was restored. If you eat a lot of packaged foods or eat out a lot, you're probably consuming far more than recommended levels, since processed foods and restaurant food are often loaded with salt. Eat plenty of fruits and veggies and you'll also increase your intake of potassium, which helps to balance out the effects of sodium. And if you tend to do a "heavy pour" with the salt shaker, keep in mind that just 1/4 teaspoon of salt contains about 575 mg of sodium. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

## Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays

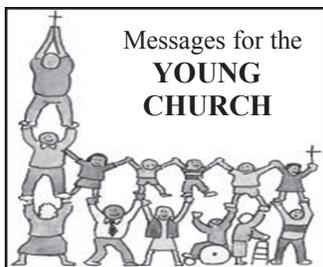
**August 16, 2018**

Price \$95.00

(Includes bus transportation and game ticket)

Reservations call—235-0337

- Bus departs from Transfiguration Parish - South
- Departure Time - TBA
- As always, great seats
- Tickets are on sale.
- Sign up sheets at the entrances of the churches or call the offices.



**The movie HAIL FULL OF GRACE  
Sunday, March 11 at 6:30 Speigletown**

The Story of Mary the Mother of God, and her reuniting with the apostle Peter 10 years after Jesus' Resurrection. Mary's encouragement and guidance lead Peter to rediscover the truth.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 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.

**CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES  
Thank you for your support**

**Ecumenical Lenten Lunches**

Transfiguration Parish Schaghticoke will be hosting lunches during the Lenten season on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> and ending March 20<sup>th</sup> with our neighboring churches, Hoosic Valley Community Church, Johnsonville Methodist, Melrose, Pitts-town 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.



**BOOK NOOK NEWS**

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish on Hillview Drive in Speigletown will be open on Saturday, March 17 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*

- 3/14 **Communal Penance - 3:00 pm @ Our Lady of Victory**  
- 7:00 pm @  
**Transfiguration S Site**
- 3/15 **The Sorrowful Mysteries 6:30 - 7:30 pm S Site**  
**"Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary"**
- 3/16 & 23 **Fish Fry Friday 4-7 pm S Site**

**Offertory Report:**

**March 3 and 4**

4:00	\$1,626.00
8:30	2,056.00
10:15	1,404.00
On-line	588.65

*Week 36 of the 2017-2018 Budget*

*Budget = \$183,877.80*

*Collection = \$189,915.88*

*Surplus = \$6,038.08*

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

**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 March 16 and 23.**

**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.**

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.

**Discussion Series**

**The Sorrowful Ministries**

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

**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**

"The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church."

Pope Francis

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