

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...

THE CREED – DO YOU BELIEVE?

Every Sunday right after the homily, we recite what we call The Creed, or The Profession of Faith. Right along with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Act of Contrition, the Creed is a foundational prayer of the Church. We have versions of the Creed that we use at Masses. We have the Nicene Creed which is most often said. We also have the Apostles' Creed and the Baptismal Creed that Father Ingemie most often uses. In each version, we state what we believe as Christians, what we believe as children of God, and disciples of Jesus.

Did you know that the first section of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* is all about The Profession of Faith. The Creed is the beginning of most programs in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). When we pray the Creed, we profess our core belief in the Holy Trinity, and the Paschal Mystery of Christ. In past years, the Nicene Creed began with the words, "We believe in one God." We now begin the Nicene Creed with the words, "I believe in one God." The old version was community (We believe) oriented, while the current version is very personal (I believe). Changing the words from we to I makes reciting The Creed a more challenging profession of faith for all of us. We all know we can blend into the group when we use the words, "We believe," but when we state, "I believe," we are challenged to live up to what we profess.

So, the question we should ask ourselves is this, "Do I believe in what I pray in The Creed?" Am I just reciting the words, or do I truly believe what I profess? I know I sometimes say a prayer without actually praying the prayer? Do you know what I mean? I say the words without really reflecting on what I am saying, and what the words mean. Sometimes I have to remind myself to slow down, and actually pray the prayer. Our prayers are not the multiplication tables, not just something we memorize. When we pray, we enter the realm of the Divine, and we seek to give thanks and praise to God.

During Lent we dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare to journey with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. Lent is a time of conversion as we seek to embrace our faith and grow in a loving relationship with God. Now we enter into the Easter Season, a time for great rejoicing and joy. Jesus lives, and He offers us all the promise of everlasting life in the Kingdom of God. Let us all say, "I believe!" Happy Easter.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 31

8:00 p.m. Sch **Easter Vigil**
For Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sunday April 1

8:30 a.m. Sch **Easter Sunday**
For Deceased Relatives and Friends
10:15 a.m. Spe **Easter Sunday**
For Deceased Relatives and Friends

Tues. April 3

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

Wed. April 5

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

Saturday April 7

4:00 p.m. Sch **Will Rowe** The Rowe and Collins Families

Sunday April 8

8:30 a.m. Sch **John Thompson** Joe and Marilyn Thompson
10:15 a.m. Spe **Jana Thayer** Thom and Kate Thayer
Marjorie Weiss Dick and Betsy Harte
Maureen Farinelli Dick and Betsy Harte

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 April 7 and 8.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

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

LECTORS

4:00 pm To be announced 8:30 a.m. To be announced

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Donna Colligan 8:30 a.m. Alicia McKinney
Dot Jackuback Barbara Perry

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/8) WHITE TEAM -
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m. Paulina and
AJ Sirtori

LECTORS

10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m. Hugh and
Barbara Graber
Deb Hebert

MONEY COUNTERS: (4/8) Diane Heer, Nancy Shellard

ALTAR LINENS: (4/8) Mary Kay Oliver

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.

REMINDER!!!

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

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.

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: Spring clean your way to health and happiness! Spring is almost here, bringing with it green leaves, flowering buds, and for many people a desire to clean and organize. For those who regard spring cleaning as a task worse than, say, visiting the dentist, here's information that may change your mind: When you can't get the gym, housework can help keep your heart healthy, significantly reducing cardiovascular disease and increasing lifespan. Beyond physical benefits, there are positive psychological aspects of living in an orderly environment. A study of women showed the importance of creating a home that's restful and restorative, since living in a cluttered space was associated with feelings of depression and fatigue, as well as higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol. Another perk: Living in an organized home may motivate you to choose healthier snacks. Even if you're not ready to purge your pantry and clear your closets, you may want to at least start making your bed every day, if you don't do so already. Doing so gives you a feeling of accomplishment first thing in the morning; can make the rest of your day more productive; can help you feel calm and less stressed at bedtime and may even help you sleep better. And once you start this neatness habit, chances are your desire for orderliness will spill over into other areas of your life. Hello, spring cleaning! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP

New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays

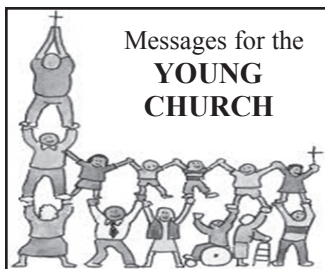
August 16, 2018

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.



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

SERVICE DAY

April 6th - 10 AM to 2 PM
Speigletown Site

All ages welcome. A job for everyone.

Come help us add a little fun to the hospital stay of children in our area. We will be working with Piece Makers quilting group to make pillowcases for area hospitals to give to children who are being cared for at their facility.

Annual Super Raffle is HERE!!!!

Feel free to call the church offices to reserve your favorite number chance during the week. Chances will be available after the masses each weekend at our North and South sites at \$100 per ticket. The drawing will take place after dinner at a Barbeque on July 14, 2018 after 4:00 at our South Site. As always the Grand Prize is \$10,000. There will also be 4 - \$1,000 and 2 - \$500 prizes. Call 235-0337 for more information.



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook at Transfiguration Parish on Hillview Drive in Speigletown will be open on Saturday, April 7 and Saturday April 21 from 9:00 am until noon with the April half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **Danielle Steel, John Sanford, Stuart Woods, and Debbie Macomber.** The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 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

4/6

Service Day

10:00 am-2:00 pm
S. Site

Offertory Report:

March 10 and 11 March 17 and 18
Mach 31 and April 1

Due to the bulletin publication schedule there will not be an Offertory Report for this week.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Traditionally, the Sunday following Easter Sunday is designated "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Church venerates the image St. Faustina saw representing the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the entire world. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this year at Masses April 7th and April 8th. There will be Divine Mercy materials and prayer cards available at all Masses including how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a popular prayer of Thanksgiving for Jesus' Divine Mercy.

Thanksgiving for Jesus' Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness,
today all mankind calls out from the abyss
of its misery to Your mercy---to Your compassion,
O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out.
Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles!
O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding,
Who are acquainted with our misery through and through,
and know that by our own power
we cannot ascend to You,
we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace
and keep on increasing Your mercy in us,
that we may faithfully do Your holy will
all through our life and at death's hour.
Let the omnipotence of Your mercy
shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies,
that we may with confidence,
as Your children await Your final coming - that day known to
You alone.
And we expect to obtain everything promised us
by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness.
For Jesus is our Hope:
Through His merciful Heart
as through an open gate we pass through to heaven

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"I'm a pencil in the hand of God."

St. Mother Teresa

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