

# 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.

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***From the Desk of Deacon Chris...*****SALVATION OR DAMNATION?**

In today's Church, we talk much more about salvation than we do damnation. The Church proclaims that God is a loving, merciful God, and that Jesus died and rose again for our salvation. The loving act of Jesus saves us from all our sins, and we rejoice in His resurrection. I think it is safe to say that the Church since Vatican II is a kinder, gentler Church.

Some of you may remember that it has not always been that way. I certainly do. First, let me say that God never changed. God has always been loving and merciful, but He was not always been portrayed that way prior to Vatican II. Then the Mass was said in Latin, and the priest always had his back to the congregation. The Mass was very reverent, and the grace and blessings received during Mass were the same, but it was different than today's Mass.

I don't know about you, but I remember as a child that homilies were often about, "fire and brimstone." My parish priest, who I loved and respected, often preached that sinners would, "burn in hell for all eternity" for their sins! That concept of eternal damnation made a lasting impression on me in my childhood. I think everyone was more afraid to sin, because we knew we would be damned for our sins! In some ways, God was viewed as a more vengeful than loving God. The thought stuck in my mind was this; if I sinned against God, I would certainly pay the price.

I much more prefer believing in a loving, merciful God who forgives me from my sins, and gives me His Holy Spirit to guide me to eternal life in Jesus. However, I must admit that it might be nice if we combined the best of pre and post Vatican II. Consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for instance. When I was growing up during pre-Vatican II I went to confession every Saturday morning. We all did, because we were afraid that we might die in a state of sin and be sent to hell for all eternity as payment for our sins. Today, fewer and fewer people take advantage of the mercy, healing, and love of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is sad for me.

***Mass Schedule & Intentions*****Saturday April 14**

4:00 p.m. Sch **Mary Ann Schmidt** David and Robin Osborne, Morgan and Ben

**Sunday April 15**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Mary Hodek** The Family  
**Henry and Doris Jones,** The Anderson,  
**Geraldine Burke and** Jones, Burke and  
**Mary Lou Lessard** Tullock Families

10:15 a.m. Spe **Elaine Beamish** The Beamish  
Family Ann  
**Marie Gervais** Walt and Paula  
Moran  
**Concetta Boschwitz** John and Ruth  
Bauchiero

**Tues. April 17**

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

**Wed. April 19**

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

**Saturday April 21**

4:00 p.m. Sch **Lynne Dean** The Family  
**Robert Murphy** Joan Murphy

**Sunday April 22**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Stacy Kirkwood** Frank and Ellen  
Pultorak  
10:15 a.m. Spe **Terry Kelvington** Bob Kelvington  
**Jana Thayer** Paul & Jean Hebert  
**Lloyd J. Hebert, Sr &** The Family  
**Anne M. Hebert**  
**Ronald Fountain** Marie Sullivan

***From the Desk of Deacon Chris... - continued***

How many of you remember how full our churches were before Vatican II? We just had our Easter Sunday Masses, and our churches were filled to near capacity. That level of attendance at Mass was normal on Sundays when I was growing up. Today, we have almost as many empty spaces in our churches as full ones. That is sad for me.

I do not suggest that we ever think of God as being vengeful, or a God who condemns us for all eternity. I far prefer a loving, merciful God who sent His only Son so we can know the measure of His love for us. Shouldn't our churches be filled to capacity every week, because we know that God loves us more than we can ever imagine? That makes me happy. God bless.

***Deacon Chris***

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend April 21 and 22.*

### 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	Donna Colligan	8:30 a.m.	Paul Loatman
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#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm	Tim Carey Dot Jackuback	8:30 a.m.	Erin Carknard Pat Rigney
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**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/22) WHITE TEAM -  
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

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

10:15 a.m.	Barbara and Hugh Graber
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#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10:15 a.m.	Sandy Barrett Claudia Mahoney Jack Mahoney
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**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/22) Mary Hurley

**ALTAR LINENS:** (4/22) Martha Cioffi

## 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.

\*\*\*\*\*We have sold all the tickets we have available to fill one bus for the NY Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays baseball game. If you are interested, please place your name and number of tickets you would like on our waitlist. We will consider sending another bus to Yankee Stadium, if we have 30 reservations on our waitlist. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can begin to make the arrangements. Call the church offices to make the reservations. \*\*\*\*\*

### 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

**Health Tips:** The power of deep breathing: mental clarity and calmness. We know it's easy to write off deep breathing as some kind of how-to-book hocus-pocus. But there's real science here. Taking a deep breath through your nose triggers the release of nitric oxide, which has a calming effect and opens up your blood vessels. (Think about why this helps. When your blood pressure rises in stressful situations, it's because those arteries constrict, making it harder for blood to pass through. So when those arteries open up, your blood pressure lowers, and you feel much calmer.) Thinking about how you really feel and understanding your feelings lead to that awareness of triggers and anticipation, which leads to learning how you can neutralize the response, which then can lead to practice. That's when the neutralizing response becomes so automatic that it's like the chopsticks you played after a year of piano practice — tough the first time, so automatic the 80th that your neighbors could hum it. The second way deep breathing helps is by giving you some mental clarity, which can help you make specific decisions to solve your stresses. Whether you choose to do deep breathing by yourself in a meditative way or perhaps in a yoga class or in the few minutes after the knucklehead cuts you off in traffic, the fact is that deep breathing serves as a method by which you clear your mind of clutter and piece together smart, rational approaches to your issues.

<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

### Tickets for the 2017-2018 Season

#### PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

**Please join us for:**

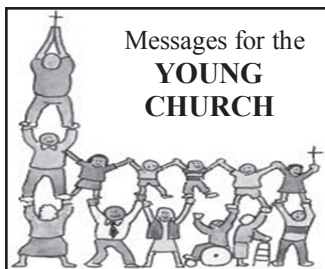
#### On Your Feet

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](mailto: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.**



**Thank you** to everyone who helped with our Service Day on April 6th. Through the efforts of our young church members, the Piece Makers our quilting group, and members of our parish we were able to make 16 brightly colored pillowcases to be given to area hospitals to brighten patients who are there for extended periods of time.

Thank you to all. Check the TVs at each church to see the pictures from the day.

**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**

**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 the 4:00 Mass 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 21 from 9:00 am until noon with the April half-priced specials on some of your favorite authors: **Debbie Macomber, John Sanford, Stuart Woods, and Danielle Steele.** The children/young adult books are 6/\$1 during April 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**

4/16	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 pm N Site</b>
4/17	<b>Liturgy Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 pm S Site</b>

**2018 FISH FRY FRIDAY**

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a great big **THANK YOU** to Rich Harte for all his hard work to make the 2018 Fish Fry Friday another success. The total profit for the 2018 year is \$11,310. Thank you again Rich and to your entire committee and group of dedicated help. Without their support it would not be possible. We will need to look for a co-chair for this event next year. Think about helping with this fundraiser.

**Offertory Report**

<b>March 30 and April 1</b>	<b>April 7 and 8</b>
8:00 pm \$ 727.00	\$1,879.00
8:30 1,623.00	1,575.00
10:15 1,921.00	1,883.00
On-line 238.65	1,173.65
<i>Week 40 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>	<i>Week 41 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i>
Budget = \$163,44.84	Budget = \$209,416.50
Collection = \$170,023.28	Collection = \$216,883.63
Surplus = \$6,576.44	Shortfall = \$7,467.13
<b>Easter Collection = \$5,176.00</b>	

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

**NOTICE!!!**

We pray for deceased relatives and friends at every Mass. If you have requested a Mass for a friend or loved one, we invite you to participate in the Offertory by bringing the gifts to the altar. Please notify one of the Ushers prior to Mass if you want to bring up the gifts to honor your deceased friend or loved one.

The **Sacrament of the Sick** conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of the strengthening of the Holy Spirit against anxiety and fear for those who are ill or who for those who have the potential for illness (e.g. the elderly). **IT IS NOT ONLY FOR THOSE AT THE POINT OF DEATH.** If you or a loved one would need the benefits of this great Sacrament, please contact the Parish Offices or any of the Parish Clergy to make arrangements.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY**

“Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.”

St. Augustine of Hippo

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