

# 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...***

**“WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY?”**

Many of you parents have probably heard this question from your children. It is not a new question. In fact, I believe my brother and I asked our parents the very same question when we were youngsters. The answer we got was probably not the best answer, but it certainly served its purpose. One of our parents, usually our father, would answer the question very strongly with these words, “Because I say so!”

That answer was good enough for my brother and I, but I think an even better answer might have been, “Because God says so!” Throughout our history as God’s chosen people we have been obligated to “Keep Holy the Lord’s Day.” It is one of the Ten Commandments God presented to Moses and the Hebrew people. The Ten Commandments made up the Law for the Jewish people, and they remain the moral foundation of our Catholic faith. Remember that Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

It should be good enough to know that every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation for us. We commit a serious sin against God when we purposefully miss Mass on Sunday. That alone should be enough, but we should also understand that the Mass is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church as, “The source and summit of the Christian Life.” At Mass we give thanks to God as we worship in prayer and song. We give thanks as we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of His life on the cross for our sins. We give thanks to God for the resurrection of Jesus who lives in us and gives us His Holy Spirit to guide our life journey.

At Mass we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word as we hear the Word of God proclaimed in scripture readings that inform our faith and present us with the life and teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. We join in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as we recall Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for our salvation, and we are connected to the life-giving power of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Most importantly, we come to Mass every Sunday, and whenever we can, to receive the gift of eternal life, the gift of the living Christ’s Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Every time we receive Holy Communion, Jesus invites us to join our hearts with His. At every Mass we receive the grace to deepen our bond with Jesus, so we can experience even more of His presence, His love, and His mercy. Why do I have to attend Mass? Because it brings me the joy of Christ, and the peace of Christ, and I feel better than I did. For that I say alleluia, amen! God bless.

***Deacon Chris***

***Mass Schedule & Intentions***

**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

**Tues. April 24**

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

**Wed. April 19**

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

**Saturday April 28**

4:00 p.m. Sch **Joseph E. Smith** Estate of Joseph  
E. Smith

**Sunday April 29**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Stacey Kirkwood** John and Dot  
Jackuback  
10:15 a.m. Spe **Maureen Farinelli** Dave and Rita  
Duncan  
**Mary Beth Lanzillo** Rose Cosgrove  
**Vincent Paone** Jack and Kathleen  
Sanvidge

**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.

**2018 BISHOP’S APPEAL**

**“SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – IT STARTS WITH YOU!”**

The 2018 Bishop’s Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 5/6. This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person. In these next two weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop’s Appeal as generously as you possibly can.

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend April 28 and 29.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm No Servers      8:30 a.m. Thomas and Megan Rice

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm Tom Carey      8:30 a.m. Pat Hebert

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm MA Arnold      8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune  
Pam Schmidt      Katherine Rice

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/30) YELLOW TEAM -  
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

### 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. Deb Witkowski  
Deb Hebert  
John Reardon

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (4/29) Tom Wallingford, Mary Clemente,  
Mary Kay Oliver

**ALTAR LINENS:** (4/29) Kate Coventry

## 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

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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: Timing is everything: Young people, don't wait to get heart health screenings!** Knowledge is power, as the saying goes, and that's absolutely true about heart health. You probably know that getting regular exercise, eating a nourishing diet with lots of whole plant foods, not smoking, and keeping your stress levels in check all benefit your ticker. And hopefully you translate that knowledge into daily action, since that's what matters. (Just reading heart-healthy recipes doesn't count!) Screenings for heart-disease risk factors are also essential, and recent research suggests there's widespread misunderstanding about when to begin these tests. In a survey of women, the majority said they believed that heart-health screenings should begin at age 41. That's more than two decades too late! For both women and men, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings should begin at age 20, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). These tests are especially important because dangerous blood pressure and cholesterol levels often have no symptoms. You might feel invincible in your 20s and 30s, but don't neglect these and other important screenings recommended by the AHA, and schedule an appointment with your doctor if you're overdue. **Starting at the age of 20 have your blood pressure checked at least once every two years or at each regular checkup and have your cholesterol checked. Starting at the age of 45 have your blood glucose checked at least every 3 years.** <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.

## 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.



**Vacation Bible School Registration**

Vacation Bible School Registrations are due by April 29th. The number of registrations will determine if we will have this program this year.

**First Communion**

First Communion will be held on May 6th at 12:00 at our Speigletown Site. Please keep our 19 young church members in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

**Confirmation**

Please hold our Confirmandi in your prayers as they go on retreat in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24th at 7:30 PM at the Speigletown Site. Prayer cards are available at the doors of the church.

**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**

**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.**



**BOOK NOOK NEWS**

**The 10th Anniversary Blow-out \$5/Bag Book Sale is here!**

The Book Nook will be open every Saturday morning in May, beginning Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 am until noon for their 10th Anniversary \$5/bag sale. It will also be open before and after the Masses during May. So many books...so little room! The triple classroom will once again be filled with books from your favorite authors and some you've never heard of. There are biographies, romance, history, cook-books, religious, self-help, antique books, CD's, DVD's and of course children and young adult books. **This sale only happens twice a year, so don't miss out!** Bring your own bag or use one of ours -- no bag is too big or too small!

Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Book Nook!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Please mark your calendars**

7/14 **Super Raffle Drawing** 5:00 pm S Site

**ACCESS THE BULLETIN  
VIA OUR WEBSITE**

**The Transfiguration Parish website has been upgraded and has a 'new' look, with direct links to video, Facebook and much more.** The weekly bulletin continues to be available to read and refer to each week. We invite everyone to visit the website at ***www.transfigurationparish.net*** and then type into the search bar "Bulletin". Like us on Facebook.

**Offertory Report:**

**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.*

**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**

**"Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation."**

**Pope Francis**

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