

# 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<br>9:00 a.m. | Thursday<br>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...***

**THE ROAD TO EMMAUS – WHEN HAS JESUS WALKED WITH YOU?**

One of my favorite authors is Father Ronald Rolheiser. The first book I read from Father Rolheiser was, “The Holy Longing; Guidelines for a Christian Spirituality.” I read the book early in my formation for the permanent diaconate, and I still refer to the book often as part of my ongoing formation as a disciple of Jesus.

Right now, I am reading another Rolheiser book titled, “Sacred Fire; A Vision for a deeper Human and Christian Maturity.” In the preface Fr. Rolheiser indicates that this book takes the basic spirituality of “The Holy Longing” to an even higher level as we all seek to develop an adult Christian discipleship. One might say this book continues the spirituality of “The Holy Longing” on a graduate level.

I have just finished a section of the book on the gospel story about the road to Emmaus. We are all familiar with the scripture which occurred right after the crucifixion of Jesus in Jerusalem. The story relates the journey two of Jesus’ disciples walking from Jerusalem to the nearby town of Emmaus. They are deeply troubled and in despair over the death of Jesus who they believed was the messiah. Along the way, the risen Christ joins them and teaches them about all the scriptures that referred to Jesus and his mission of salvation. The disciples do not recognize Jesus until later that evening at supper when he breaks the bread, and they realize that Jesus has risen and been with them the entire day!

One of the points Fr. Rolheiser makes is how the disciples left Jerusalem attempting to flee from the troubles there. The question for us to consider is this. How often do we try to go the other way when times are difficult? How often do we seek to evade troubling or painful situations by choosing to ignore them in the hopes they will just go away? Do they simply go away, or do we find that ignoring our challenges only makes them more difficult to eventually face?

There is a line in the gospel reading on the road to Emmaus when one of the disciples asks Jesus if he is the only one who does not know what happened in Jerusalem the past few days. Fr. Rolheiser writes about the irony of this question in “Sacred Fire.” The irony is that Jesus is actually the only one who does know what happened in Jerusalem as He willingly sacrificed his life for our sins and rose from the dead for our salvation!

Finally, consider this question. How often has Jesus walked with you on your road to Emmaus? Has Jesus opened up the scriptures for you? Has Jesus been there with you in times of difficulty or loss? Has Jesus revealed himself to you through the love of others, or in the breaking of bread in Holy Eucharist? Perhaps the next time any of us find ourselves on our own road to Emmaus, we can all give thanks and praise knowing that Jesus, our good shepherd, is right there with us. God bless.

***Deacon Chris***

***Mass Schedule & Intentions***

**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

**Tues. May 1**

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

**Wed. May 3**

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

**Saturday May 5**

4:00 p.m. Spe **Molly DeCaprio** Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge  
**Nancy Knickerbocker** Tom and Cheryl Wallingford  
**Michael Bartis** Phil and Mary Clemente  
**Will Rowe** The Rowe and Collins Families  
**Harold Cone** Bob and Elinor Gardner

**Sunday May 6**

8:30 a.m. Sch **Stacey Kirkwood** Bruce and Bonnie Coraldi  
 10:15 a.m. Spe **Mary Beth Lanzillo** The Veneziano and Brendese Families  
**Alice Doherty Burke** Mark & Gail Perry

**2018 BISHOP’S APPEAL  
 “SPREADING THE JOY OF THE  
 GOSPEL – IT STARTS WITH YOU!”**

Next weekend is the 2018 Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Sunday. This Appeal supports all the vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Albany. It is our opportunity to reach out in support of all the people of God beyond the boundary of Transfiguration Parish. Pledge cards will be available at all Masses next weekend. You can make a one-time gift or make a pledge that you can pay in installments throughout the year. Your gift directly helps our parish to pay its share of the important work of the diocese. Let us strive for 100% participation: not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

## This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service next weekend May 5 and 6.*

### Schaghticoke Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Jaquelyn Carlo  
Maria Rice

#### LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Rigney

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Barb Perry  
Julia Carlo

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (5/6) WHITE TEAM -  
K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo, J. Rowe

### Speigletown Site:

#### ALTAR SERVERS

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

#### LECTORS

4:00 pm Walt Byrne 10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Maureen Filarecki 10:15 a.m. Sandy Barrett  
Jane Heslin Ellie DeBonis  
Isabelle Churran Marge Brendese

**MONEY COUNTERS:** (5/6) Doug Wilkie, Mary Grace Purcell  
Sue Creagan

**ALTAR LINENS:** (5/6) Sandy Reardon

## Transfiguration Parish NEW YORK YANKEES BUS TRIP August 16, 2018

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. A sign-up sheet is available at the entrances of our churches or call 518/235-0337.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **May 4-6, 2018 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna.** The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Some financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028 or Denise Freeman, 607-353-0039 or e-mail: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

### 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:

*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: Enjoy your relationships more with smarter smart phone use!** *When you hear the word "connection," what comes to mind? A feeling of closeness between two people? Or — be honest! — proximity to Wi-Fi? The two definitions often collide, in fact, at the dinner table! According to a new study, putting your smart phone away when you're eating with friends or family can leave you feeling happier and more engaged. You probably know how annoying it can be when a friend or family member reads texts, answers calls, or checks social media when you're eating together. ("Sorry, what were you saying?") But as it turns out, it's unpleasant for the phone user, too! In the study, more than 300 people were randomly assigned to have their phones on the table or put away while dining with friends and family, and were then surveyed about their experience. Those who put their phones away experienced less distraction, more enjoyment, and even less boredom than those who had their phones out. Another study showed the same pattern in other settings, with participants enjoying their interactions more if they hadn't used their phones in the previous 15 minutes. Put your relationships first at the dinner table and elsewhere by putting your phone away so that you can enjoy the best kind of connection — human connection! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>*

## Tickets for the 2017-2018 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

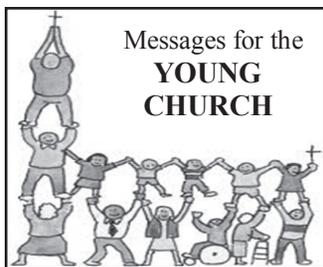
**Please join us for:**

**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.

**BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa** – will be offering fresh carnations for a \$1 donation after all masses on May 12 & 13 in celebration of Mother's Day. Proceeds from this sale will benefit women who need support through an unplanned pregnancy. Your continued support of this fundraiser is truly appreciated.



**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 May it will be in Speigletown the entire month and in June the Mass will be in Schaghticoke, 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*

- 5/5-6 **Commitment Weekend - 2018 Bishop's Appeal**
- 5/6 **First Holy Communion Mass** 12:00 Noon S Site
- 5/8 **Finance Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm S Site
- 5/10 **Mass for the Feast of the Ascension** 6:30 pm N Site  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR FOOD BOOTH**

**Wednesday, August 29th - Monday, September 3rd**

We are in pretty good shape for this event this year. We have Day Captains for everyday but, Monday, September 3rd. This is Labor Day and it is a big day not only because of the crowd, but it is one of our best profit making days. It would be ideal to have co-captains for that day. If you and a relative or friend would consider volunteering for this important day, please contact the church offices at 518/235-0337 or 518/753-4554. **We have a planning meeting scheduled for May 7th at 6:00 pm at our Speigletown Site.** Please come with your ideas and how you can help.

**Offertory Report**

| April 14 and 15                        |           | April 21 and 22                        |
|--|-----------|--|
| 4:00                                   | \$ 995.00 | \$1,093.00                             |
| 8:30                                   | 1,016.00  | 2,317.00                               |
| 10:15                                  | 1,145.00  | 1,327.00                               |
| On-line                                | 238.65    | 478.65                                 |
| <i>Week 42 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i> |           | <i>Week 43 of the 2017-2018 Budget</i> |
| Budget = \$214,524.24                  |           | Budget = \$219,631.98                  |
| Collection = \$220,278.28              |           | Collection = \$225,493.93              |
| Surplus = \$5,754.04                   |           | Shortfall = \$5,861.95                 |

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

**GARAGE SALE**

**Save the dates and save your treasures!**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish-wide Garage Sale

**Friday, August 31st and Saturday, September 1st**

If you're spring cleaning, please set aside your used, unused or unwanted items for this important fund-raiser. Call 235-0337 for more information.

**We are having a planning meeting on May 15th at 6:00 pm at our Speigletown Site.** We are looking for someone to Co-chair this event. It is a lot of work and you are busy for many days and weeks before the event. We are looking for someone to help share the responsibility. Please try to attend the meeting and bring any new and fresh ideas to help to continue to make this huge fundraiser a another big success.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY**

“Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone is enough.”

St. Teresa of Avila

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