

Pastor's Desk

As I write these words on Tuesday, July 8th, I am overcome by the realization that I will begin my new assignment in Columbia County in exactly one month. Please know of my love and appreciation for all of you here at Transfiguration Parish. I have been so proud to serve as your pastor and you will always have a special place in my heart. Please keep me in your prayers, especially during the move because I want to make sure that you are all going to be well cared for and that loose ends are tied up as well as they can. This **Monday night, July 14th**, we are having an open meeting of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to focus on some outstanding projects and address several concerns. Everyone is welcome and I see this as taking the form of some of the joint meetings of men and women that we have had in the past. Please come to socialize as well as informally discuss issues you might have. We **will begin at 6:30 pm** and keep the formal meeting short. I feel it is important for everyone to hear in greater detail what we hope to accomplish as a parish and properly recognize what we have done in the past. It will also be an opportunity for me to spend some quality time with you.

My last 'work day' in the parish will be **Friday, July 25th** when I will leave for a scheduled vacation which was planned so I could attend the wedding of my godson in Wisconsin. I will be back in time to celebrate a **Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6th in Schaghticoke**. More details will follow as well as plans for me to return in September for an **afternoon social**, possibly on **Sunday, September 28th**. This will all be discussed on Monday evening. It saddens me greatly to think of next weekend, July 19th and 20th, as my last Sunday celebrations with all of you. I will make myself available after the 5:30 pm and 10:00 am liturgies and make a point to arrive a bit earlier for the other two liturgies... let's see how that works out!

With much love and prayers,

Father George