

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:		4:30 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: Usually first Sunday of the month. 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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Administrative Offices

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*From the Desk of Deacon Chris....***“PREACH THE GOSPEL AT ALL TIMES, AND WHEN NECESSARY USE WORDS”**

Last week, I wrote about the importance of evangelization for all of us. The quote at the top of this piece is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who we all know as one of our greatest saints. Oftentimes when I talk with someone about evangelization, they will say something like this to me; “Chris, evangelization is not for me. I am not a public speaker, and I wouldn’t know what to say.” Does that sound like something you might say to me if I told you that you are called by Jesus to be an evangelist?

Now we have St. Francis of Assisi telling us to preach the gospel at all times, and use words if we need to. WOW! What does he mean by that? Well, I think most of us have heard the saying, “Actions speak louder than words.” Maybe St. Francis is telling us we can evangelize by what we do as much as by what we say. It is how we live our lives as Disciples of Christ that proclaims the gospel to everyone we meet. And don’t sell yourself short. You don’t have to speak like a professional politician to proclaim the gospel. I am no great public speaker, but I am always happy to share my faith with others. Here is my secret; I always know that Jesus is with me when I share my faith, and I just speak from my heart. Believe me, you know more than you think, and the Holy Spirit will always guide you.

The second reading from St. James is one of my favorites, and it supports what I am talking about. **Basically St. James is telling us that our salvation is through our faith and our works!** We all can pretty much say we have faith, but St. James says in today’s reading, “Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.”

I ask you to reflect this week on the words of St. Francis of Assisi and St. James. Then let’s all ask ourselves how our works demonstrate our faith with or without the use of words.

Deacon Chris

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass will alternate each month. In August, the Saturday Mass will be in Schaghticoke for the entire month. September will be in Speigletown, October will be in Schaghticoke, etc.

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday September 12**

4:30 p.m. Spe	Mary Alice Kruse Betty Scarchilli	Midge Day Nick and Barbara Nicholas
	Sam Spano & Family Emil J. Schmidt, Sr. Rev. Donald Duncan	Nick & Liz Spano The Family Joe and Loretto Marchese

Sunday September 13

8:30 a.m. Sch	William and Joan O’Hearn Michael Casey	The Family Joe and Loretto Marchese
	Thomas Barton, III Paul Shannon	Bev Barton Bev Barton
10:15a.m. Spe	Gary Lucier	Walt and Paula Moran
	Charles Quinn	Lloyd Hebert, Jr.

Tues. September 15

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

Thurs. September 17

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

Saturday September 19

4:30 p.m. Spe	George Joslin Mary Alice Kruse	The Family Joe and Loretto Marchese
	Rev. Thomas Duncan	Nick and Barbara Nicholas
	Stephen and Agnes Odmin Stephen Ludmilla Javorcak	Angie Odmin The Family

Sunday September 20

8:30 a.m. Sch	William and Joan O’Hearn	The Family
10:15a.m. Spe	Margaret Denio	The Beamish Family
	Anthony Paradise Helene Fox	The Parish Hugh and Barbara Graber

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Words cannot express my appreciation to everyone who worked this year at the food booth at the Schaghticoke Fair, and at the Garage Sale in Speigletown. This is my first experience with both, and I am so very impressed by our community, and how we plan for and manage these huge events.

A special thanks to the people who chaired the Fair and Garage Sale. I am well aware of the time and effort it takes to plan for these fundraisers, and the success of both events give testimony to how well they were planned.

Thanks to everyone who staffed the food booth at the fair despite some record setting temperatures. I was there on Wednesday, and can attest that the food was outstanding with a wide variety of offerings.

Thanks also to everyone who worked at the garage sale, both prior to the sale and during the sale. The hours spent sorting out goods and pricing them could only be achieved with a dedicated group of people working together.

Finally thanks to everyone who worked at both events! You have truly exhibited a spirit of giving and stewardship. We should all be proud of our achievements this past week!

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend September 19 and 20.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Aleyah, Tyler
David Proper

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Paul Loatman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Erin Carknard
Denise Mahoney
Bob & Kathy Keyes

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/21) YELLOW TEAM -

M. Della Rocco, B. Heber, J. Kelly, G. Squires, B. Madigan

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 p.m. No Servers
10:15 a.m. Erin Dugrenier
Sydney Sadowski

LECTORS

4:30 p.m. Walt Byrne
10:15 a.m. Stacey Sadowski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 p.m. Deacon Chris
Deacon Charlie
Kathleen Sanvidge
Jack Sanvidge
Jerry Steele
10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris
Deacon Charlie
Debra Hebert
Claudia Mahoney
Jack Mahoney

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/20) Doug Wilkie,
Mary Grace Purcell, Sue Creagan

ALTAR LINENS: (9/20) Leslie Dunn

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:

Flu Vaccines given:

Sunday, September 13th, in Schaghticoke before and after the 8:30 Mass, and again on

September 19th & 20th in Speigletown before and after the 4:30 and 10:15 Mass.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine each year for anyone 6 months of age or older as soon as the vaccine is available.

Take advantage of this opportunity. Remember to bring your health insurance card.

Blood Pressure Screening THIS weekend. Stop in and have your blood pressure checked by a Registered Nurse.

Health Tips: Don't get the flu blues! Get your flu shot now, before peak season arrives. Don't delay! Getting a seasonal flu vaccine is the most effective way to protect yourself from the disease. If you haven't already gotten the vaccine for this season's most common strains, make it a point to find a clinic or schedule your "keep healthy, keep happy" appointment today. Since the immune system becomes less robust with age, you may want to take extra steps to protect yourself. Of course, there are additional things you can do to safeguard your health this flu season, too. Take everyday precautions like avoiding people who are sick and washing your hands often. Then, enjoy all the fun that fall and winter have to offer, in good health!

<http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

HOSPITALITY ORGANIZER WANTED

Hi everyone! I've been organizing Hospitality after our 8:30 Sunday Mass at the North Site for about three years. I've enjoyed it and am very grateful to all of you who helped me. So many wonderful families and individuals went out of their way to make wonderful Hospitality gatherings. Thanks to each and every one of you!

I have decided that it's time to pass the torch and ask if someone else would be willing to take over. I will be more than happy to share any helpful information to get you started.

Fran Smith



The BOOK NOOK is OPEN!

The Book Nook is open on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am until noon. We are also open before and after Masses on Saturday 9/19 and Sunday 9/20. During the parish garage sale, we had several new donations written by your favorite authors, so please come take a look! The September buy one/get one free specials are on Janet Evanovich and Stuart Woods. The children/young adult books are 6/\$1, as well as the self-help, religious and cookbooks. Stop by and check us out! Thanks so much for your continued support and we appreciate your visiting us during the recent garage sale and setting a new record for sales! See you at the Book Nook!

MANY THANKS

As you may know, I have had to face several medical challenges over the past few months. In January I was diagnosed with colon cancer. Soon after my diagnoses, I underwent surgery to remove the cancerous tissues and then I embarked on twelve sessions of chemotherapy. I recently completed the chemo treatments. My doctors are optimistic about the success of the total treatment. Time alone will tell.

As I reflect upon the past few months, I remember the words of St. Paul to the Thessalonians: "Give thanks in all circumstances." Even though the past few months have been challenging, there are many reasons for me to give thanks. One of the many is all the support that I received from my Transfiguration Parish family. Your cards, your sincere words of support, your offers of assistance, and most importantly your prayers have been greatly appreciated and have helped me through my challenges. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude.

As we go forward together, I ask you to continue to remember me in your prayers. Rest assured, you will remain in mine.

*Peace, Love, and Joy
Deacon Charlie*



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, Help me to keep my worries at bay as
I send my child off to the next phase of life
Give me a confident faith to always believe
You are always with them.
In Jesus' Name we prayer
Amen

Catechists Needed

Faith Formation is in need of catechists to work with the 5/6 Grade at the Southern Site and the 9th Grade at the Northern Site. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry. If the answer is YES please contact Beth Thayer at 235-0337.

Faith Formation

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN
NEXT SUNDAY**

If you have not registered your child please contact Beth Thayer at 235-0337 as soon as possible. This allows us to prepare adequately for books and supplies for each grade level.

Youth Ministry Service

On **September 19 and 20** at each Mass the youth of our parish will be **washing the outside of your car windows**. After Mass they will accept donations that will be used to pay for their attendance at diocesan, state, and national youth ministry activities.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAR ALARMS. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our youth ministry activities.

WITNESS THE POPE'S MASS IN THE UNITED STATES

On **September 27th** we will stream the Pope's Mass into the hall at our Speigletown Site. The Mass begins at 4:00; refreshments will be sold by the youth ministry during this event.

Come join as a parish to witness our Pope, Pope Francis, celebrates Mass in Philadelphia.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Confirmation pictures are available at the entrance of each site. If you do not find your envelope please contact Beth Thayer 235-0337.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

Thank you for your continued support of our Bottle and Can Drive. We will have a **community collection on September 12 and 13**. Please consider asking neighbors and family members to collect for our youth ministry. Bags and notices will be available at all church entrances.

Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS Please mark your calendars

9/14	Liturgy Committee Meeting	6:30 pm S Site
9/21	Pastoral Council Meeting	6:30 pm S Site

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The **43rd Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration** sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held Saturday, **October 17th, 2015 at 2:00 pm** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at the corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue, Albany, New York.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office.

Please return forms by October 5th. You may mail the form to the Office of Lay Ministry, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, N. Y. 12203, FAX - 518/641-6841 or email: Jennifer.alicea@rcda.org

Offertory: September 5 and 6
Due to the holiday schedule we will have a report of this week's collection in next week's bulletin.

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

TICKETS FOR SHOWS AT PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us on:

November 20th at 8:00 pm for **Motown**.
Tickets are \$65.00 each.

January 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm for **Cinderella**.
Tickets are \$60.00 each.

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 235-0337 or E.Debonis@transfigurationparish.net for more information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

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