

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....***"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" –
POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC
EXHORTATION**

On the eve of Pope Francis' first visit to the United States, I turned to the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," and found that it emphasizes the spirit of evangelization in our Church. I found a couple of quotations from Pope Francis that I want to share with you. Pope Francis tells us, "Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others, and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." Let's just break that quotation down, and reflect on it.

"The Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us." – We are all called to a loving relationship with God. God's unconditional love is always with us because God is love. The challenge is for us to respond to God's love in ways that will lead us to eternal salvation. How we respond to God's love matters.

"To see God in others." – Do you see God in others? Or, do you judge others based on their appearance, or their social status, or their race? Do you see all people as beloved children of God? Do you love others as God loves them?

"To go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." – Jesus told us the last shall be first, and the first among you will be the servant of all. Are we able to place the needs of others ahead of our own needs? Can we all remember times when we have sought the good of others with no expectation of any gain or reward for ourselves? Isn't it true that the love that grows in our hearts when we have served others, is all the reward we need?

Our Holy Father is a living example of the new evangelization, a living example of the joy of the Gospel among us. Let us all pray for him, and the success of his first visit to our country. I will close with another quote from Pope Francis for all of us to reflect upon: "Instead of imposing new obligations, Christians should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet."

Deacon Chris

REMINDER!!!

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday September 19**

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

Tues. September 22

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

Thurs. September 24

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

Saturday September 26

4:30 p.m. Spe	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cone	The Family
	Michael Gulli	The Family
	Mary Alice Kruse	Dave and Rita Duncan
	Stephen and Marie Javorcak	The Family
	Michael Casey	Dan, Linda Casey and Family

Sunday September 27

8:30 a.m. Sch	William and Joan O'Hearn	The Family
	Susan Simpson LaRose	The Family
10:15a.m. Spe	In Thanksgiving for the Transfiguration Parish Family	Deacon Charles and Mary Anne Valenti

September 26 and 27, 2015***"Catholic University of America Collection"******Reason – Faith – Service-Leadership***

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend September 26 and 27.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Maria and Katherine Rice

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Hebert

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Margaret LaFortune
Barbara Perry
Pat Rigney
Jim Ryan

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/27) WHITE TEAM -

K. Madigan, P. Hayes, D. Carlo and J. Rowe

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 p.m. Gabby Serafin 10:15 a.m. Gaetana Baldwin
Renee Serafin Sofia Baldwin

LECTORS

4:30 p.m. Andre Foucher 10:15 a.m. Teresa Beamish

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 p.m. Deacon Chris 10:15 a.m. Deacon Chris
Deacon Charlie Deacon Charlie
Jean Sullivan Mary Grace Purcell
Colleen Wilkie John Reardon
Doug Wilkie Stacey Sidowski

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/27) Walt and Gail Byrne, Jack and Barbara Burke

ALTAR LINENS: (9/27) Diane Heer

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:

Are you caring for someone suffering with a memory disorder: Need a break? Transfiguration Parish is proud to offer "Two by Two", a Faith in Action Care Team from Transfiguration North & South in cooperation with the Eddy Alzheimer's Services. This team of compassionate trained volunteers from our own parish provides social support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairment disorders. This Care Team provides respite, friendly visits and is prepared to pick up prescription or groceries or prepare a meal if needed. **For more information contact Pat Hebert at the number listed above.**

Health Tips: Be the picture of calm at work: Place a photo of happy people on your desk. Smile for the camera! Go ahead and jump into that photo booth with friends or family, or indulge in another group selfie. It'll help keep you calm later on. It turns out that photos of people who appear happy cause changes to the amygdala, a part of your brain that processes emotions. Looking at joyful images of yourself and loved ones reduces negative feelings, even in the face of stress. Place a photo of happy people you know on your desk, or use one as your screensaver. It's a great reminder that people love and care about you. Even if you don't experience work-related stress (lucky you!), personalizing your workspace with family photos has also been shown to improve your health, happiness and productivity. If you spend more time at your desk than anywhere else during the day, then make this picture-perfect idea work for you. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

HELP! HELP! MAKE PIES

The date to make pies for our **Annual Apple and Pumpkin Pie Sale** is fast approaching. Our first project is to make crust for our pies on **September 30th at 10:00 am**. We will then be making our pumpkin pies on **October 1st at 1:00 pm** and on **October 2nd at 1:00 pm** we need your help to wrap the pumpkin pies. The **final phase** of this fundraising effort is **Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am**. All of these projects will take place in our South site kitchen. We will need many hands to make the apple pies. All total we will make 250 pies. Sign-up sheets at the entrances of both churches.

BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa –

will celebrate Respect Life Sunday with a fundraiser called "Baby Bottle Boomerang" after each mass on October 3 and 4. Birthright offers support and emergency supplies to new mothers and their infants. Baby bottles are taken home, filled with coins, cash, or checks and then returned the following week. Your gift can be made in honor of a special person, whose name and address you list on the insert in the bottle. Birthright will then mail a beautifully designed card to the person being honored.

BUY A BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASS!!!

Purchase a Boscov's Shopping Pass for \$5.00 and be eligible to receive 25% off most items in the store on **Tuesday, October 29th**. Please tell your family and friends. Passes will be sold at the entrances of our Churches after Mass and will be available at the Roast Pork Dinner on October 16th. If you need a supply of passes to sell, contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office at 235-0337.



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 to your continued support and that of the surrounding community, the Book Nook made a record \$826 during the recent garage sale. Thank you, thank you!



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

THIS SUNDAY - September 20th

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

Our youth will be washing the windshields of our parishioners cars during Mass today.

If you haven't done so—

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAR ALARMS.

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

9/21	Pastoral Council Meeting	6:30 pm S Site
9/27	Evangelization Meeting	11:30 am S Site
9/30-10/3	Pie Baking Fundraiser	S Site
10/16	Annual Roast Pork Dinner	Look for times on page 3 4-7 pm S Site

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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:

	<u>September 5 and 6</u>	<u>September 12 and 13</u>
4:30	\$ 2,850.00	\$1,450.00
8:30	1,602.00	2,027.00
10:15	666.00	1,218.00
<i>Week 10 of the 2015-2016 Budget</i>		<i>Week 11 of the 2015-2016 Budget</i>
<i>Budget = \$50,961.59</i>		<i>Budget = \$56,057.74</i>
<i>Collection = \$44,819.30</i>		<i>Collection = \$49,514.30</i>
<i>Shortfall = \$6,142.29</i>		<i>Shortfall = \$6,543.44</i>

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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