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:		4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
	Tuesday	Thursday
Communion Service:	9:00 a.m.	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….

BUILDING TOWERS – WHAT A BLESSED MONTH

Father Ingemie spoke about building towers of discipleship in his homily last weekend, which just so happened to coincide with the Garage Sale, the Book Nook Sale, and the Schaghticoke Fair. I got to thinking about the three factors in building a tower of discipleship, and very soon decided to write about the factors as they relate to the Garage Sale, the Book Nook, and the Fair.

A Commitment to Jesus – During the month of August I saw so many parishioners make a selfless commitment to Transfiguration Parish, during the many hours of preparation for, and the running of, the Garage Sale, the Book Nook, and the Fair Booth. Such a commitment to our parish also indicates a true commitment to Jesus.

Sacrifice – Oftentimes when we think of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross for our sins, we think of his pain and suffering. We should also consider Jesus' unconditional love for each of us. The fundraising events in our parish are truly labors of love, and now I am not only talking about the Garage Sale, the Book Nook, and the Fair, but every event we run throughout the year. Sacrifice comes in many ways, but the selfless sacrifice parishioners make for the benefit of our parish is truly remarkable.

Generosity – Right away I think of the many hours people put in to make these events happen every year. Beyond that, there are the vast number of items people bring in for the sale, the huge number of books that are donated, and the generosity of people who donate food items for the Fair Booth. These donations of time and treasure without any expectation of reward are what true discipleship is.

I'd like to add perhaps one more item that helps build towers of discipleship, and that is perseverance. I think about the people working at the food booth cooking and serving customers. Thankfully, the customers keep coming and coming, and the workers keep right on serving them with a smile. For the garage sale and the book nook, we see waves and waves of merchandise come in, and I know people wonder if they will ever get everything ready for sale. It happens because people persevere, and stay on task even when they are bone tired.

One final observation. Our parish makes a considerable amount of money through these fundraisers. These funds are essential for the operations of our parish, but there is something that I also appreciate, and that is the community building I see. People working side by side for long hours in service of our parish. That is what I call stewardship, and I feel blessed to be a part of this parish. Thanks to everyone who participates in our many ministries and fundraisers during August, and throughout the year; you are building towers of discipleship! God bless.

Deacon Chris

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	**September 10**		
4:00	Spe	**Burton and Alma Feathers**	John and Kathy Farina
		Mildred Hart	John and Kath Farina
		Don Dessingue	Tom and Cheryl Wallingford
Sunday	**September 11**		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	**For the Parishioners**	
10:15 a.m.	Spe	**Ray Cloutier**	Bob & Meg Jones
		Alice Burke	Paul & Jean Hebert
		Milton Anderson	John and Ruth Bauchiero
		Franciene Barna	Don and Lisa Fane
Tues.	**September 13**		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	**Communion Service**	
Thurs.	**September 15**		
9:00 a.m.	Spe	**Communion Service**	
Saturday	**September 17**		
4:00	Spe	**Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**	
		James A. Riley	Gene and Mary Posniewski
		Bill Bradley, Sr.	Phil and Mary Clemente
Sunday	**September 18**		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	**Stephen, Sr. and Agnes Odmin**	Angie Odmin
10:15 a.m.	Spe	**Skip Trahan**	Parishioners of Transfiguration Parish
		Marie Brady	Hugh and Barbara Graber
		George Weatherwax	Don and Lisa Fane

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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend September 17 and 18.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Julia Carlo
Nevan Doubleday

LECTORS

8:30 a.m. Pat Rigneyt

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Julia Carlo
Margaret LaFortune

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/19) YELLOW TEAM -
M. Della Rocco, B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. No Servers 10:15 a.m. Maddie and Grace Shover

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Walt Byrne 10:15 a.m. Students

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Colleen Wilkie, Doug Wilkie, Maureen Filarecki 10:15 a..m. Ellie DeBonis, Hugh Graber, Barbara Graber

MONEY COUNTERS: (9/18) Tom Wallingford, Mary Kay Oliver, Mary Clemente

ALTAR LINENS: (9/18) Leslie Dunn

ADULT/FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

We are all on a journey of conversion, and are encouraged to grow in our faith, and in our relationship with Jesus. Transfiguration Parish will be offering a series of faith formation programs this Fall into the Advent Season starting with:

BIBLE STUDY
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Deacon Chris Keough will facilitate a 6 week interactive Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles. The sessions will be offered **on Thursdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Speigletown Chapel**. Sessions will last @ 1 hour. The morning and evening sessions will be identical.

Thursday, September 22, 2016
Thursday, September 29, 2016

Thursday, October 6, 2016
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Thursday, October 20, 2016
Thursday, October 27, 2016

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse
(518) 753-4554, ext. 13 *p.hebert@transfigurationparish.net*

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' Note:

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

Two by Two" Faith in Action Team meeting Thursday, **September 15th @ 10:30AM at** Speigletown.

Flu Vaccines will be available before and after Mass:

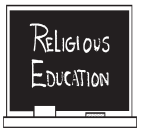
September 24th in Speigletown, at the 4:00PM Mass
September 25th in Speigletown, at the 10:15AM Mass
October 15th in Schaghticoke at the 4:00PM Mass
October 16th in Schaghticoke at the 8:30AM Mass

Health Tips: Have a safe summer: Make your phone calls on terra firma, not behind the wheel. *There's a universe of wisdom in the Buddhist proverb "When you're walking, walk. When you're eating, eat." Fast-forward to 2016, when we'd add this: "When you're driving, drive." Whether you're setting off on a summer road trip or just driving to work, save your calls for when the engine is off. Texting while driving, a particularly egregious form of distracted driving, gets a lot of attention, and for good reason. But driving while talking on your cell phone is also dangerous, even if it's a "hands-free" conversation via speakerphone or Bluetooth. In fact, hands-free calls may be as distracting as handheld calls. Research shows that conversations that engage your visual imagination reduce your ability to see hazards on the road, even when you're looking right at them. If your spouse calls while you're driving and asks if you've seen their running shoes, for instance, your mind begins scanning your house for them. If a friend calls with bad news, you might imagine the distressed expression on her face. That internal visual process competes with external visuals, including the road, other cars, stoplights, and pedestrians, sometimes with disastrous consequences. So hold your calls until you arrive at your destination — turn off the ringer, or put the phone in the back seat if necessary. You'll help to ensure safe travels for yourself and everyone else on the road.* ***http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com***

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Have you or anyone you know ever thought about becoming Catholic? Or are you a Catholic who has not received all of the sacraments? Many people assume that RCIA is only for people who have never been Catholic and are looking to "convert." The fact is that RCIA can be for anyone, Catholics, who have not received all of their sacraments or non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. This process is an individual spiritual journey for anyone seeking an active relationship with the Catholic Church. The Community of Transfiguration Parish warmly welcomes all and will be companions on the journey for all who come. Groups will be gathering soon. **If you are interested** in learning more about the RCIA process, **contact Pat Hebert at (518) 235-0337, ext 5 or 753-4554, ext 13.**



Have you been called? Catechist Needed.
Faith Formation is in need of catechist for the upcoming year. At the **Schaghticoke** we need someone to work **with our 9th graders**. Their session is from 7 to 8 on Sunday night. **In Speigletown we need a 3rd /4th grade catechist.** This session is from 11:15 to 12:00 on Sunday mornings. Assistance, materials, and guidance are all provided. Come share your faith with the children.

Faith Formation Registration is underway. If you did not receive a packet in the mail and would like one please contact the office. They are also available at the entrance of both churches. If you have any questions please contact Beth Thayer at 235-0337. **Parent meetings will be held on September 14th at the Speigletown Site and September 20th at the Schaghticoke Site. Both meetings at 7 PM**. Parents may attend the meeting at either site.

DON'T FORGET WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR LEGOS

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. Bags and notices will be available at all church entrances.

Thank you for your support.
Contact Beth Thayer 235-0337
e.tayer@transfigurationparish.net

The Piecemakers Quilt Show & Sale

Saturday Oct. 22, 2016
9 am - 4 pm

Transfiguration Parish Hall
(formerly St. Bonaventure)
50 Hillview Drive
Speigletown, NY 12182
Admission $2.00 per person

Browse our gift gallery for unique items by the Piecemakers. We will have Vendors, a Chinese Auction and Refreshments provided for purchase by our Parish Youth. For more information contact Kate Coventry at firebirdquilt@live.com.

Offertory:

August 20 and 21		August 27 and 28
4:00	$ 984.00	$ 994.00
8:30	1,551.00	1,608.00
10:15	1,246.00	1,663.00
Week 8 of the annual budget		***Week 9 of the annual budget***
Budget = $39,230.80		***Budget = $44,134.65***
Collection = $36,366.00		***Collection = $40,631.00***
Shortfall = $2,864.80		***Shortfall = $3,503.65***

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

9/18	***Faith Formation Mass***	***10:15 am S Site***
9/19	***Pastoral Council Meeting***	***6:30 pm N Site***
9/20	***Evangelization Meeting***	***11:30 am S Site***
10/22	***Piecemakers Quilt Show***	***9:00 am-4:00 pm S Site***

THANK YOU ADVERTISERS

This past week Kathy Bunce, our parish representatives from the bulletin printer, Liturgical Publications, Inc., worked on setting up the advertising for the weekly bulletin.

We want to express our sincere thanks to those of you who have placed an ad or continued your ad on the bulletin. We are grateful for your support and want to encourage our parishioners to use the bulletin and thank our advertisers with our business whenever possible.

It's not too late to get your business in front of the parish! We are in need of additional advertisers to reach our goal! Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you have an interest in finding out information to advertise, please contact Kathy Bunce at 800-477-4574 x 6371 or email her at kbunce@4lpi.com.

Tickets for the 2016-2017 Season PROCTOR'S THEATER IN SCHENECTADY

Please join us for:

An American in Paris
October 16, 2016 - $62.00 per ticket

The Sound of Music
April 9, 2017 - $70.00 per ticket

Beautiful - The Carol King Musical
April 14, 2017 - $75.00 per ticket

Contact Ellie DeBonis at the church office 235-0337 or 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.

The BOOK NOOK NEWS

Thank you all for your support of the Book Nook. Because of your donations and purchases, the Nook raised a record $1,125 during last week's garage sale. Thank you so much. You will have one more opportunity to shop the $5/bag sale next Saturday morning, September 17 from 9:00 am until noon and before and after the Masses that weekend. It won't be back again until May! Thanks again for your continued support. See you at the Book Nook!

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