

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...**BUILD UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN**

Let's say you are out and about sometime this month, and you happen to meet a friend. Perhaps you haven't seen each other for some time, and you strike up a conversation. Since this is the Advent Season, I bet at some point in the conversation, one of you will ask the other this very important question, "Have you got your Christmas shopping done yet?"

Now don't get me wrong. I love the giving of the season, and how we search for just the right gifts for family and friends. Certainly, as I have gotten older, I appreciate the wonderful feeling of giving gifts much more than receiving gifts. However, isn't it a sign of how commercialized the season has become that we ask each other if we have got our Christmas shopping done? I wonder why we don't discuss spiritual things during the Advent Season. Why don't we ask each other what we are doing this Advent to prepare the way of the Lord? Or, why don't we ask one another what we are doing to add to our prayer life this Advent? Or, why don't we ask one another if we are reading every day from the Sacred Scriptures to help deepen our relationship with God? Or, why don't we ask one another if we are participating more fully, and more often, in the Holy Eucharist as we receive the one gift that truly matters, the gift of Jesus' body and blood in Holy Communion?

Again, I admit that this is a busy and exciting time of the year. I remember my childhood, and how I would get just as excited as any child does today in anticipation of Christmas day. Unwrapping presents on Christmas morning is a wonderful time for children, and their parents. But you know what? I honestly do not remember a single present that I opened on Christmas morning when I was a child. Not a single one! I will tell you what I do remember though. I remember Christmas Eve as a very special time. My father sang in the church choir on Christmas Eve, so we would all go to Midnight Mass early to hear the choir singing Christmas Carols. I was an altar server, so my brother and I always served at the Midnight Mass which was always beautiful.

Of course, my brother and I were always up early Christmas morning, and we would open presents. Then we would get ready, and go to my grandparent's house by 9:00 am to meet up with the rest of my mother's siblings and their family. Then we would travel house to house to share some stories and laughter in each other's company. Finally, that evening, we would go to my father's sister's house to meet up with the Keough family for more laughter, music, and joy. Those times with family are what I remember, not presents!

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday December 16**

4:00 p.m. Sch **Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cone** Bob and Elinor Gardner

Sunday December 17

8:30 a.m. Sch **Joseph E. Smith** Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Bill Gauthier Jack and Kathleen Sanvidge

10:15 a.m. Spe **Michael Bartis** Walt and Paula Moran

Tim Lucey Joe & Mary Grace Purcell
Bernice Kelvington Bob Kelvington
Nancy Knickerbocker Jean Sullivan

Tues. December 19

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

Thur. December 21

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

Saturday December 23

4:00 p.m. Sch **Merton and Marie Thayer** The Family

Sunday December 24

8:30 a.m. Sch **Deceased Family and Friends**

10:15 a.m. Spe **Deceased Family and Friends**

Sunday December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 p.m. Spe **For the Parishioners**

4:30 p.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

Monday December 25 - Christmas Day Mass

8:30 a.m. Sch **For the Parishioners**

10:15 a.m. Spe **For the Parishioners**

From the Desk of Deacon Chris - continued

Jesus told us to build up treasures in heaven. Those treasures are not material possessions or what presents we receive on Christmas day. Those treasures are the memories we have of the love we share with family, friends, and even strangers. Those treasures are the way we live our lives in service of one another as disciples of Jesus. I urge all of you to enjoy all the excitement of the season, but always keep in mind what is truly most important, the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ! God bless.

Deacon Chris

REMINDER!!!

The site of the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will alternate each month. In December it will be in Schaghticoke for the entire month and in January the Mass will be in Speigletown, etc.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service next weekend December 23 and 24.

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm	No Servers	8:30 a.m.	Nevan Doubleday Derek Cipolla Julia Carlo
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LECTORS

4:00 pm	Tim Carey	8:30 a.m.	To be scheduled
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm	To be scheduled	8:30 a.m.	Margaret LaFortune Pat Rigney
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MONEY COUNTERS: (12/26) WHITE TEAM -
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

10:15 a.m.	Paulina and AJ Sirtori
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LECTORS

10:15 a.m.	To be scheduled
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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MONEY COUNTERS: (12/24) Tom Wallingford,
Mary Clemente and Mary Kay Oliver

ALTAR LINENS: (12/24) Diane Heer

Offertory Report:

December 9 and 10

Due to the bulletin publication schedule there will not Be an Offertory Report for this week.

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

NOTICE!!!

We pray for deceased relatives and friends at every Mass. If you have requested a Mass for a friend or loved one, we invite you to participate in the Offertory by bringing the gifts to the altar. Please notify one of the Ushers prior to Mass if you want to bring up the gifts to honor your deceased friend or loved one.

ACCESS THE BULLETIN VIA OUR WEBSITE

The Transfiguration Parish website has been upgraded and has a 'new' look, with direct links to video, Facebook and much more. The weekly bulletin continues to be available to read and refer to each week. We invite everyone to visit the website at www.transfigurationparish.net and then type into the search bar "Bulletin". Like us on Facebook.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

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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:

Health Tips: *Joyful holidays: Tamp down the stress and ramp up the fun this season!* If your holiday memories recall Dickens — "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." — it's high time you create a new game plan. While a certain amount of stress comes with the season, a few simple steps can tip the scales toward joy. Here are a few helpful tips for letting the magic of the holidays shine through: **Cover your bases.** The daily habits that keep you feeling good all year, like regular exercise, sound sleep, and nourishing meals, can slip away during the holidays faster than you can whistle "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer." But you need them now more than ever. Resist the urge to burn the midnight oil wrapping gifts, stick with your morning walk, and find five minutes a day to sit in a quiet space, close your eyes, and focus on your breathing. That inner calm will help you manage any "outer" chaos. **Less is more.** Instead of bouncing around to four holiday parties in a night, pick one (at most, two). If you're hosting a holiday gathering, keep your menu simple and nourishing rather than elaborate — and take people up on their offers to help. Brainstorm ways to simplify gift-giving with your family and friends, such as doing a Yankee swap or going in on a group experience. **Focus on fun.** There is nothing like music to transform drudgery into delight! Crank up your favorite tunes, whether Jay-Z or Tchaikovsky, and you'll find yourself sailing through tasks with a smile. Splice in a family dance party for extra credit, extra exercise — and extra endorphins. . <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

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

Please join us for:

Les Miserables

February 25, 2018 - 2:00 pm - \$73.00 per ticket

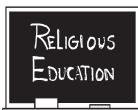
On Your Feet

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 for information. Please be prepared to make a 50% deposit on your ticket purchase at the time of your request for tickets.

We need your help.....

Unfortunately, for decorating purposes, Christmas Eve is on Sunday. We need people to help immediately after the 10:15 Mass December 24th, Christmas Eve Sunday. We cannot bring the decorations into the Church until after Mass on Sunday when advent is over. It should not take too long, as always, more help means less time.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will be held at the Speigletown Site on **December 21st**. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 PM.

Reminder..... that Youth Ministry will gather on Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 PM in Schaghticoke for our annual Wrapping Party.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 10 Sessions are from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in Schaghticoke.

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.**



BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook will be open on Saturday morning, January 6, 2018, from 9:00 am until noon. Until then, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Thank you from all of us, for your continued sup-

**Save the Date!!!
ROAST BEEF DINNER
Friday, January 19th - 4:00-7:00 pm
Transfiguration Parish Hall
South Site**

We will be serving another delicious dinner at a reasonable price. We offer a salad, roast beef, potato, a vegetable, roll and butter. Adults, \$11.00, Seniors (65+) \$10.00 and affordable prices for teens and children. We also offer beer, wine, soda and dessert for purchase. Tickets will go on sale January 6 and 7 after the Masses. You can contact the parish offices to make reservations and purchase tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

As always we will be looking for parishioners to make desserts for us to sell to go with the meal. We always need help as wait staff and kitchen help to continue to make our dinners a success. Please take time to sign-up after the Masses or contact Mary Hurley at 235-6479.

UPCOMING EVENTS Please mark your calendars

12/19	<i>Advent/Christmas Interactive Discussion Series—The Joyful Mysteries</i>	6:30 pm S Site
12/24	<i>Christmas Vigil Masses</i>	4:00 pm S Site 4:30 pm N Site
12/25	<i>Christmas Day Masses</i>	8:30 am N Site 10:15 am S Site
1/19	<i>Annual Roast Beef Dinner</i>	4-7 pm S Site

The **Sacrament of the Sick** conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of the strengthening of the Holy Spirit against anxiety and fear for those who are ill or who for those who have the potential for illness (e.g. the elderly). IT IS NOT ONLY FOR THOSE AT THE POINT OF DEATH. If you or a loved one would need the benefits of this great Sacrament, please contact the Parish Offices or any of the Parish Clergy to make arrangements.

Prayer for Advent

Heavenly Father, may hope and expectant joy be with us as we celebrate the Advent season. May the evergreen Advent wreath remind us that we have been created to live and love eternally. And may our faith, we pray, be strengthened as we prepare for the occasion of your son's birth, when the human and the divine were joined because of your great love for us. **Amen**

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER INGEMIE!

Father Ingemie will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on December 21, 2017. We congratulate him for 50 years of dedicated and faithful service to the people of God. We are very grateful for his continued service as our Sacramental Minister at Transfiguration Parish.

There will be a light reception for Father Ingemie following the 4:00 pm Mass in Schaghticoke on Saturday, December 16. Please join us as we honor Father Ingemie on the Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

2017-2018 Transfiguration Parish Ski Program will be on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 12th, for 6 weeks at Willard Mountain. **A pass for lessons and lift ticket are now available for \$150.00.** Helmet purchase is available to ski program members for \$30.00 plus tax in the pro shop. For more information or to receive the Program Registration forms, please contact Sharon Frazee @ 235-8693. This is a wonderful deal and great way for kids and adults to learn how to ski.

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