

# 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.

## VISION STATEMENT

Transfiguration Parish is committed to continual growth in the Catholic Faith through a lifelong union with Jesus Christ, and in service to others through the ministry of the Church. We spread the Good News of His love and promote His Word through evangelization, education, reflection, and daily witness. As faithful stewards we pledge to direct and develop the spiritual, human, financial, and material resources of the Church. We respond to His love with gratitude and prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and equality for all.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Schaghticoke	Speigletown
Saturday:	4:00 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:** 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...***PASSION, JOY, AND HUMOR**

I have just finished reading a book from an interview with Pope Francis titled, "God is Young." It is a short book of around one hundred pages, and Pope Francis responds to questions about young people and their journey of faith and life. In the interview our Holy Father reminds Catholics and all people of every age that, "God is young; He is always new." I was reminded of the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," and the scene where Jesus meets his mother Mary during His passion. Jesus, all beaten, battered, and tortured, turns to Mary and says, "See, mother, I make all things new again." What a wonderful thing to reflect on and remember. Jesus makes all things new again!

I want to share with you the very last question posed to Pope Francis in the book, and his response to the question. The question was, "I would like to end by asking you this: What are the attributes that a young person should never lack?" Pope Francis replied, "Passion and Joy," which seem to me to be excellent attributes for all of us. Having passion and joy in our lives do help keep us young and enthusiastic about life which is a loving gift from God. I was pleasantly surprised with the rest of the Pope's answer.

Pope Francis continued to answer the question with these words, "And from there one can move on to talk about another quality that should not be lacking; a sense of humor. Related to the ability to take delight, to be enthusiastic, a sense of humor is essential in order to breathe. Humor also helps us to be in a good mood, and if we are in a good mood it is easier to get along with others and with ourselves." Does it surprise you that the Holy Father believes a sense of humor is a vital attribute in our lives? Does our busy life allow for a sense of humor? Apparently, the Pope thinks it should.

Sometimes what is happening in our life just seems to follow a theme. I just finished reading the book Friday evening, and Saturday morning Patricia and I attended a Deacon study-day at the Pastoral Center. The topic for the day was titled, "The Magic of Humor: Jest for the Health of It!" Our presenter was Jim Snack who is a well known magician, teacher, and speaker associated with The Humor Project in Saratoga.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday February 23**

4:00 p.m. Sch Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

**Sunday February 24**

8:30 a.m. Sch Paul David Schroder Mary Ellen & Dave Schroder & Family

10:15 a.m. Spe Joseph E. Smith  
Joan Weglarz

Estate of Joseph E. Smith  
Phil & Mary Clemente

**Tues. February 26**

9:00 a.m. Sch Communion Service

**Thurs. February 28**

9:00 a.m. Spe Communion Service

**Saturday March 2**

4:00 p.m. Spg Clement Turgeon  
Eleanor Hansen  
Will Rowe

Mary & Gene Posniewski  
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Rowe & Collins Families

**Sunday March 3**

8:30 a.m. Sch Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

Joseph E. Smith

Estate of Joseph E. Smith

10:15 a.m. Spe Joan Weglarz

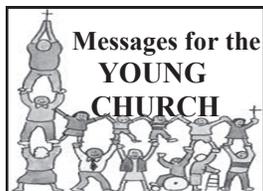
William "Bill" VanAlstyne Walt & Paula Moran

For three hours, Jim shared with us some magic, some stories, and some insight into the importance of humor in our lives. I will leave you with the results of a study Jim shared with us from a Gallup poll. The poll sought to determine the engagement of people in the workforce. The results were broken down into three categories. The first said that 26% of the workforce are engaged, which is to say they are loyal and productive. The second category said that 55% of the workforce are not engaged, which means they are just putting in their time. The third category indicated that 19% are actively disengaged, which means that they have no engagement at all. So, 74% of the workforce are just putting in their time, or doing nothing at all.

I could not help but think that this Gallup Poll could also apply to the engagement of people in the Church. Might the results be very similar with only 26% of the people actively engaged in their faith? Maybe the answer comes from Pope Francis's answer of the attributes we all need; Passion, Joy, and Humor. Maybe, by the grace of God, we can achieve 100% engagement of people in the Church. After all, nothing is impossible for God. God bless.

Deacon Chris





**Faith Formation Sessions**

**February 23 Youth Mass 4:00PM —Schaghticoke**

**March 3 sessions for K-6**

**March 10 sessions K—6**

**March 17 sessions K—6**

**March 17 grades 7—10 session 6:30 to 8:30 PM  
Speigletown**

Can and Bottle Drive Continues—Thank you for your continued support of our Bottle and Can Drive. The proceeds help fund activities for our youth. Please consider asking friends and family members to donate their cans and bottles.

**Beth Thayer, Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: 518-235-0337**

**Offertory Report: February 16 and 17**

4:00	\$ 992.00
8:30	1,738.00
10:15	1,306.00
On-line	419.43

*Week 34 of the 2018-2019 Budget*  
 Budget = \$174,486.78  
 Collection = \$170,248.38  
 Shortfall= 4,238.40

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



**BOOK NOOK NEWS**

The Book Nook is open  
**Saturday, morning, March 2**  
**from 9:00 am until noon.**

The March half-priced specials are on the following authors: William Johnstone, Nora Roberts and Susan Wiggs. History, and biographies/autobiographies are 10/\$1 this month. Religious, self-help, cookbooks and romance are 6/\$1. We have a great selection of DVDs and they are on special at 3/\$2. Please, stop by and see the many new donations that have come in. Thanks for your continued support and we'll see you at the Book Nook!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Please mark your calendars**

2/27/19 Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm Speigletown  
 3/6/19 Ash Wednesday 10:00am Schaghticoke  
 Communion Services 6:30pm Speigletown

**RAFFLE BASKETS!**

Tickets are available now, and through the Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, before and after the Masses for the beautiful gift baskets that will be raffled off (one) at each of the dinners. The six different baskets will be displayed at our two sites in rotation.

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The on-going **Back Pack Program** supplies at risk children with food for the weekend. We will be aiding Turnpike, Renssler and Hoosic Valley schools. Suggested items: Mac & Cheese (boxed or single, microwaveable ones), pasta, soups, spaghettios, single serve meals for microwave, fruit snacks, single serve cereal, fruit cups.

**Please—NO PEANUT PRODUCTS**

Boxes will be at the entrances of churches.  
 If you would like to help, please call the office.

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**ZUMBA CLASS**  
**MONDAY EVENINGS—SPEIGLETOWN**  
**6-7pm**

Great for beginners! Only \$5 per class. All are welcome!

**MYSTERY THEATER**

The Lansingburg Boys & Girls Club invites you to an afternoon of desserts, mystery and fun. On Sunday, Feb.24th you can take “**A Cruise To Die For**” presented by the Mystery Dinner Theater Players.

**Time: 2:00PM**

**Cost: \$22**

For information/reservations call the Club at 518-235-4143

**\*Snow Date: March 3rd**

**WORDS TO LIVE BY**

“Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy —then we need an hour.”

~St. Francis of Assisi

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