

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...

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

The first class I took in the Diocese of Burlington’s Ministry Training Program, a two-year program for women and men, was a class on Christian Theology. One of the texts we used was written by Daniel Migliore, and was titled, “Faith Seeking Understanding”. The priest who taught the class told us the title of our text came from a quote attributed to St. Anselm. I thought those three words were such a simple, yet profound, description of our life journey to know and love God. I still believe that, and make note that whatever understanding of God that we achieve in life must always begin with, and be grounded in, faith.

Allow me to explain what I mean when I say we must begin with faith. Recently, a new Pew Research Center survey revealed what I consider a disturbing report about U.S. Catholics. The survey pertained to Transubstantiation, which is our belief that ordinary bread and wine are substantially changed into the living Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Consecration at Mass. The survey reported that just one-third (31%) of U.S. Catholics believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Eucharist. The remaining two-thirds of Catholics said they believe the bread and wine used in Holy Communion, “are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.”

My purpose is not to dispute the findings of the survey, but to express my sadness that so many Catholics do not believe in what the Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states. The Catechism teaches, “In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.” My friends, at the Last Supper, Jesus did not say, take this and eat of it for this symbolizes my body. Jesus said this is my body. Jesus did not give the apostles the chalice and tell them to drink from it because the wine symbolized his blood. No, Jesus instructed them to drink from the chalice because this is my blood. Belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the very foundation of what we believe as Catholics. It is our faith; it is what we believe!

The question arises about how can one believe in Transubstantiation? After all, the bread and wine still look and taste like bread and wine. There is no scientific proof that they have become the living Body and Blood of Jesus.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday August 24

4:00 p.m. Sch	Alma & Burton Feathers Mildred Hart	Kathy & John Farina Kathy & John Farina
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Sunday August 25

8:30 a.m. Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Warren Schell	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family Dolly Clum
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10:15 a.m. Spe	Joseph E. Smith Connie Palmo Richard ‘Dick’ Bartis Jane Bartis	Estate of Joseph E. Smith Pat powers Milissa Cantanucci Don & Lisa Fane
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Tues. August 27

9:00 a.m. Sch	Communion Service
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Thurs. August 29

9:00 am Spe	Communion Service
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Saturday August 31

4:00 p.m. Sch	Dorothy Evelyn Madigan Bill McCloskey	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family Angie Odmin
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Sunday Sept. 1

8:30 a.m. Sch	Joseph E. Smith Richard Bartis Tom Antolick Warren Schell	Estate of Joseph E. Smith Mary Louise & Robert Born The Family Bonnie & Bruce Coraldi
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10:15 a.m. Spe	Connie Palmo Richard Bartis Jeannette Shufon	Barbara & Nick Nicholas Mary Louise Bornt Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
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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.

We can believe because Jesus said it was so! We can believe as a matter of faith! Recall the words from the Letter to the Hebrews, “Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”

I do hope you believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If you are having problems fully believing, I suggest this prayer that I sometimes turn to when my faith is tested. Just pray, “Lord, I do believe, help my unbelief.” Faith Seeking Understanding. God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service. Next weekend—August 31 and Sept. 1

Schaghticoke Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm	N/A	8:30 a.m.	Megan Rice Andrea Sassatelli Ava Wiley
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LECTORS

4:00 pm	Mary Agnes Arnold	8:30 a.m.	Heather Field
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm	Mary Agnes Arnold	8:30 a.m.	Julia Carlo Donna Colligan Pam Schmidt	Bob & Kathy Keyes
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MONEY COUNTERS: (9/1) Yellow Team
B. Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site:

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 pm	N/A	10:15 a.m.	Sofia Baldwin Maddie Shover
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LECTORS

4:00 pm	None	10:15 a.m.	Barb & Hugh Graber
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm	None	10:15 a.m.	Nancy Foucher Jane Heslin Jack Sanvidge
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MONEY COUNTERS: (9/1) Mary Hurley

ALTAR LINENS: (9/1) Mary Kay Oliver

NEW COMPUTERIZED MINISTRY SCHEDULING SYSTEM!

Thanks to the contributions of many to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign, the parish has purchased a new electronic ministry scheduling system for churches. The system is managed by the company "Ministry Scheduler Pro", and the system will allow us to create one schedule for all Liturgical Ministries at both sites. Ministers will receive emails containing the monthly schedules, as well as reminders during the month about upcoming Masses they are scheduled for.

Thanks to Pat Rigney for agreeing to coordinate our new scheduling system. Special thanks also to Martha Cioffi, Dot Jackuback, Sheila Shover, and Beth Thayer for their years of scheduling ministers for Masses at both sites. Their time and faithful dedication to our parish is greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to thank them for all they have done, and continue to do, for Transfiguration Parish.

REMINDER!!!

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

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' Note:

- 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: Need motivation to lower your blood pressure? Try monitoring.. Regular physical activity is one of the best things you can do for your health—and all the more so if you have high blood pressure. A single exercise session, in fact, has been shown to lower blood pressure by 5 to 7 points, for up to 22 hours. The trick, for many people, is starting an exercise routine and sticking with it. New research suggests that monitoring blood pressure at home can boost motivation. In a 12-week study, a group of adults with hypertension attended supervised exercise sessions and were encouraged to do more at home. Half of the group monitored their blood pressure twice a day as well as before and after exercising, and half did not monitor their blood pressure. Compared with those who didn't monitor, those who did experienced double the blood pressure drop during the study, and four weeks later, they were doing far more exercise. What's more, those who continued to monitor maintained a steady exercise routine, averaging three 45-minute exercise sessions a week, while those who stopped monitoring dropped down to one 20-minute session a week. The bottom line: Seeing results can help you forge new habits and stick with them. If you have hypertension and don't exercise regularly, create a realistic exercise schedule and monitor your blood pressure. Track your numbers, and let the changes cheer you on! <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.co>

FLU VACCINES will be available before and after the Masses in:

Speigletown: Saturday, September 7th at 4:00 pm

Speigletown: Sunday, September 8th at 10:15 am

Schaghticoke: Sunday, September 15th at 8:30 am

Just bring your health insurance. Most health insurances cover the full cost of flu vaccines

Offertory Report: August 17 and 18

4:00	\$ 1,068.00
8:30	1,358.00
10:15	1,006.00
On-line	691.58

Week 7 of the 2019-2020 Budget

Budget = \$35,942.27

Collection = \$31,292.16

Shortfall= -\$4,650.11

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

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Messages for the YOUNG CHURCH

REGISTRATION FORMS for Faith Formation have been mailed. If you have not received a form please call the Faith Formation office at 518-235-0337.

*****CATECHISTS MEETING—MONDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 6:30 PM IN SCHAGHTICOKE.*****

***The deadline for having your recipe include in the Transfiguration Parish Cookbook is fast approaching.** Recipes can be submitted on line at <https://forms.gle/qwQG6abtkYRSdcie69> or using the forms available in the gathering areas of either site. Thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Yes it says 2020!!! Youth who are in the 10th grade or are 15 years old are eligible to make their confirmation. If your youth is eligible and has not been registered in our FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM please e mail **Beth Thayer** at e.thayer@transfigurationparish.net, or phone 518-235-0337 so that you will receive all information pertaining to sacramental preparation.

****UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH**

- Late August Publication of the Transfiguration Cookbook
- September 14 PARISH FUN NIGHT following the 4:00 Mass in Speigletown
- September 28 Town of Schaghticoke Fall Festival Booth
- October 19 Sit Down Dinner with Chef Joe Carlo
* limited tickets will be available*
- November 9 Snack Bar at Parish Texas Hold'em Event

BOOK CLUB NEWS!

The Book Club met on August 13 and had an excellent discussion on "*Sold On A Monday*" written by Kristina McMorris. The next book we have chosen to read is, "*A Spark Of Light*" and the author is Jodi Picoult. Jodi Picoult often writes about current issues in our society, and this novel is about abortion, a much debated issue in the headlines nearly every day.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm in Speigletown. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime we meet. Come and discover how much fun it is to meet together and discuss the books we read.

BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook will **not be open during August** in preparation for the garage sale and our \$5/Bag Blowout Sale to be held on Labor Day weekend. Please continue to drop off your gently used books (**no text books, VHS tapes or encyclopedias**), but please do not leave them outside the church. **Donations may be dropped off on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30am, or the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am-noon, or on the Garage Sale drop-off dates.** Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the \$5/Bag Book Nook Sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

8/28-9/2 Fair Food Booth open

8/30-8/31 Garage Sale 8am-4pm Speigletown

9/10 Pastoral Council meeting 6:30 pm Schaghticoke

9/14 Parish Fun Night after 4pm Mass Speigletown

GARAGE SALE AND FAIR

We are planning & preparing for the Garage Sale and Schaghticoke Fair and **are STILL IN NEED of volunteers.** The dates for these two events is fast approaching, so **any amount of time you can give is much appreciated!** Even just a few hours would be a big help. If you can assist with either/or both of these important fundraisers and would like more information, please call the office. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering areas of both sites.

***** Please consider assisting in any way***
with these major fundraisers.**

Tarp set-up at the Fair Booth—Monday, Aug. 26 at 6 PM

DROP-OFF DAYS FOR GARAGE SALE ITEMS:

Sun., 8/25 9 am—1 pm

Tues., 8/27 9 am—Noon

NO clothes, shoes, TV's, ski equipment, computers, stuffed animals or large appliances.

We ask that items be in workable condition. Thank you.

ZUMBA CLASSES will return on Monday, September 9 at 6:00 PM with a FREE class! 45 minutes of Zumba followed by "Introducing Cardio". All are welcome to come try it out!

The Albany Cursillo Movement is hosting the 56th **Men's Cursillo Weekend on Sep 12-15** and the 62nd **Women's Weekend on Oct 3-6**. Both will be at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna. Cursillo got its origin in Spain in the mid-20th century as a way to re-ignite one's dedication to their spirituality and keep it a focal point in their lives. Since then, it has spread worldwide. **It provides a way to deepen our understanding of Catholicism and encourage lay leadership**, and has been in the Albany Diocese since the early 1970s. Cursillo means "short course" in Spanish; the weekend syllabus, presented in English by lay ministers and spiritual advisors from around the Albany Diocese, provides Catholics with reflections, talks, and meditations that are designed to give us an encounter with ourselves, with Christ, and with others over a three day weekend. A sample of topics includes: Ideal, Grace, Sacraments, Piety, Study, Action, and Lay Person in the Church. **For more information, please contact Shannon Kelly at kellykares4you@gmail.com.**

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."

~St. Catherine of Siena

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