Transfiguration Parish

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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.
Communion Service:	Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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From the Desk of Deacon Chris…

THE REDEMPTION OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten Season, we rightfully place our focus on the cross, as Jesus took upon himself all of our sins, and died on the cross for our salvation. It may be hard for us to fathom how, and why, Jesus who is the Son of God freely submitted himself to such a horrific passion and death. You would not be alone in this world if you sometimes wonder why God permits such pain and suffering. No doubt each of us has asked the question, "Why do good people suffer; why do good people die?"

Understanding the answer to these questions is surely beyond our comprehension, and one of the great mysteries of the love of God. In the book I just finished reading, "The Passion and the Cross," Father Ronald Rolheiser poses the same question about our God who loves us. The question remains, if we love God, and have faith in God, why is there still humiliation, pain, suffering, and death? The answer to that mystery lies in the cross, and what it means for us.

First, it is important that we realize that Jesus loved the Father, and the Father loved Jesus. Still, God the Father did not spare His only Son from the pain and suffering Jesus endured on the cross. Jesus, the Son of God, willingly gave His life over to those who ridiculed him, beat him, crowned him with thorns, humiliated him, and crucified him. Surely, Jesus could have saved himself in answer to those who taunted him with, "if you are the Messiah, the King of the Jews, come down from the cross and save yourself."

The answer to our questions can be found in the miracle Jesus performed right before His passion and death, when he raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. Jesus was informed that Lazarus was dying several days before Lazarus died. Jesus did not rush immediately to Lazarus' side to save him, but waited until Lazarus had been dead for three days before travelling back to Judea. The words Jesus spoke to Martha give us a clue to understanding God's love. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	**March 14**		
4:00 p.m.	Spgl	**Lucille Bossone**	Loretto & Joe Marches
		James Davies	Gene & Mary Posniewski
		Lisa Suspanic	Sue & Paul Bulmer
		Eileen & Larry Kyer	The Family
Sunday	**March 15**		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	**Dorothy Evelyn Madigan**	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
		Tom Antolick	The Family
		Thomas Barton, Jr.	Beverly Barton
10:15 a.m.	Spe	**Thomas Thayer**	Kate & Stan Coventry
		Gail Brennan	Walt & Paula Moran
		Mikey Campbell	Kathleen & Jack Sanvidge
		Peter & Frank Razanousky	Michael & Mary Ann Moroskey
Tues.	**March 17**		
9:00 a.m.	Sch	**Communion Service**	
Thurs.	**March 19**		
9:00 am	Spe	**Communion Service**	
Saturday	**March 21**		
4:00 p.m.	Spgl	**George Opar**	Jerry & Kate Steele
		Francis Wallingford	The Family
		Leo Perras	Corky Korsak
		Mark Turcotte	The Family
		Frank & Doris Colaruotolo	The Gregorires
Sunday	**March 22**		
8:30 a.m.	Sch	**Dorothy Evelyn Madigan**	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family
		Patrick Madigan	The Family
10:15 a.m.	Spe	**Thomas Thayer**	Sandy Barrett
		Mikey Campbell	Phil & Mary Clemente
		Ronald Fountain	The Family

The answer to the redemption of the cross comes from this truth. Jesus never promised to rescue us from the evils of the world, or from pain and suffering. His life is proof of that. Who suffered any more than Jesus? Jesus did promise that He would redeem us. He promised that in the end, we will be redeemed from all pain and suffering. Jesus promised vindication, and the peace and joy of eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

St. Paul touch upon this in chapter twelve of his Second Letter to the Corinthians as Paul wrote about being given a "thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated." May we all listen to St Paul's words, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. **Jesus doesn't rescue us, He redeems us!** God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

*Thank you for your service. Next weekend-**March 21 and 22***

Schaghticoke Site:

LECTORS
4:00pm None 8:30am Steven Keyes

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00pm None 8:30am Bob Keyes
Kathy Keyes
Alicia McKinney
(sub. req.)

ALTAR SERVERS
4:00pm None 8:30am Arianna Keyes
Thomas Rice
Ava Wiley

MONEY COUNTERS: (3/22) White Team
D. Carlo, P. Hayes, K. Madigan, J. Rowe, M. Bornt

Speigletown Site:

LECTORS
4:00pm Cynthia Dunham 10:15am Teresa Beamish

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00pm Mary Agnes Arnold 10:15am John Cancilla
Dot Jackuback Claudia Mahoney
Jerry Steele Jack Mahoney

ALTAR SERVERS
4:00pm Tom Hallock 10:15a.m. Gaetana Baldwin
Vincenzo Baldwin

MONEY COUNTERS (3/22) Sue Creagan, Doug Wilkie,
Mary Grace Purcell

ALTAR LINENS: (3/22) Diane Heer

The 3 month schedule for Liturgical Ministers has been created. If you have not received and email regarding the schedule, please call Pat Rigney at 518-753-7866 or email to ministers@transfigurationparish.net. If you are interested in information about becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server (open to ALL parishioners, youth and adult, who have made their First Communion) please contact us.

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.

REMINDER!!!
The site of the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will alternate each month. In March it will be in Speigletown the entire month and in April the Mass will be in Schaghticoke, etc.

Notice for **ON-LINE GIVING**-Second Collections for March
March 7/ 8—Major Repairs
March 14/15—Easter Flower Memorial (please call office with name(s) to be memorialized
March 21/22—Catholic Relief Services
March 29—NO second collection

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

Health Tips: **Cough Etiquette: Why it's So Important:** If there were ever a perfect time to practice good hygiene etiquette, it is now. A tough cold and flu season has put most of us on high alert. And the threat of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is enough to make the most tranquil person lose their cool. But rest assured, there are polite, considerate and safe ways to manage your symptoms, while also protecting those around you. Here's what you need to know if you find yourself coughing or sneezing in public: If you're coughing or sneezing in public, particularly in a healthcare space like a waiting room or the ER you may be asked to wear a mask. Try not to take offense to this – it's for everyone's safety, including your own If you're not wearing a mask, follow these guidelines:

The best way to prevent others from getting cold and flu novel coronavirus (COVID-19):

- 1. **Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose every single time you cough or sneeze.** (Resort to coughing into your elbow if a tissue is not available. Never cough into your hands or open air.
- 2. **Always turn your face away from people around you when coughing or sneezing.**
- 3. **Place your used tissue immediately in the trash can.**
- 4. **WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol** after you cough or sneeze.
- 5. When you cough into the air, you can actually send germs as far as 3-6 feet in front of you and if you cough into your hands could transfer germs from place to place when you touch something else.

http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.co

*****END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS MAY STILL BE REQUESTED BY CALLING THE OFFICE.*****

Offertory Report: ***March 7 and 8***

Week 36 of the 2019-2020 Budget

Budget = $184,845.96
Collection = $173,012.21
Shortfall= -$11,833.75

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

Messages for the
YOUNG CHURCH
Faith Formation Sessions

March 15—YOUTH MASS and Family Session
March 22—Sessions K-6

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On March 29th 6:30 Speigletown Site we will host a workshop for youth (grade 6 and up) and parents on MENTAL HEALTH 101The society we live in puts many pressures on our youth and their parents, this workshop will give you techniques to keep youth mentally healthy.
OPEN TO ALL PARISHONERS

The **Youth Group/Ministry** here at Transfiguration under the direction of Heather Field. is open to youth and young adults from 9th grade and up. It is a chance to gather in a safe and fun environment for activities, community service, and Faith enrichment. If you or your parents/guardians have any questions feel free to contact Heather Field directly at 518-698-5210.

Young Catholic Gatherings

Young adults (post-high school) are invited to attend a social gathering in an effort to build a sense of community and friendships with other young adults of our community. Below are listed the upcoming gatherings in our area.

Taconic Vicariate—PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**
Date: **April 1** Time: 7 to 9 PM
Location: The River Street Market
Address: Hedley Park Place of Troy
433 River Street # 101, Troy, NY 12180

Beth Thayer, Faith Formation Director, for any questions or concerns, at 518-235-0337.

BACK PACK PROGRAM

Donation boxes are at the church entrances for items for our area schools that send home food with children in need, those who may go hungry on the weekend. Suggested items are those non-perishables in single serve containers that are easy for a child to use: mac n'cheese, chili, pastas, cereals, fruits, snacks, etc. Items will be delivered to our local schools on a regular basis.

BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is open on **Saturday morning, March 21** from **9 AM until Noon.** March half-priced specials are some of your top authors. Debbie Macomber, James Patterson & Danielle Steele. All biographies, historical, religious, cookbooks, self-help and large print books are all $1 each. Children and young adult books are 6/$1. Our inventory keeps getting better with all the new donations! Please stop by and check us out. Thanks for your continued support, See you at the Book Nook!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

3/18 Holy Eucharist (Lenten series)	*7PM Speigletown*
3/23 Pastoral Council Meeting	*6:30PM Speigletown*
3/24 Book Club	*6:30PM Speigletown*
3/25 Sacrament of Reconciliation	*3:00PM Our of Victory, Troy*
	7:00PM Speigletown Site

LENTEN LUNCHEONS
Tuesdays at Noon Schaghticoke Site
ALL ARE WELCOME! Come for a light lunch of soup(s) & bread and a short prayer service. Free will offering.

BOOK CLUB NEWS!

The next meeting of the Book Club will be in Speigletown on **Tuesday March 24,** 2020. The meeting will begin at **6:30 pm,** and people are asked to bring a canned good.

The next book we will be discussing is "The Hiding Place" written by Corrie ten Boom. Please join us on March 24th for an evening of lively discussion about "The Hiding Place."

HELP STILL NEEDED—at the Fish Fry Dinners in the following areas: Wait Staff Dessert Table & Making Desserts, Bartenders Someone to make coffee, Picking up the fish weekly (Call Office), Breading the Fish (Call Office), Thursday Morning Prep**, MOST Needed is CLEAN UP and doing the Laundry weekly!!** We need many volunteers to make this major fundraiser a success.

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YANKEE GAME BUS TRIP AUGUST 19 $95/person Yankees v Tampa Devil Rays SIGN-UP sheet at church entrances

***There are only 20 tickets left for the performance of *Dear Evan Hansen* at Proctor's Theater on June 14 at 2:00PM. Cost: $100. Please contact Ellie DeBonis at 518-235-0337 if you are interested or for more information.**

ZUMBA—Monday Evenings—6 PM

Fun Dances! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY/**NO NEED TO PRE-REGISTER.** Bring your friends and family. $5

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Fasting is the soul of prayer,
mercy is the lifeblood of fasting,
So if you pray, fast;
if you fast, show mercy; I
f you want your petition to be heard,
hear the petition of others.
If you do not close your ears to others,
you open God's ear to yourself."

~St. Peter Chrysologus

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.

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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