Transfiguration Parish

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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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…

WHAT ARE YOUR TREASURES?

I am writing this on the Feast of Saint Lawrence, who was a Deacon in the third century. I dare say that if you were to ask Deacons to name a Deacon from history that they most admire, many would answer St. Lawrence. Many of you may know the story of St. Lawrence, and his faithful service to all of God's people. The story goes that the Prefect of Rome demanded that St. Lawrence turn over to the Prefect all of the treasures of the Church. St. Lawrence brought before the Prefect all the people who were poor, sick, homeless, and in need. St. Lawrence then informed the Prefect that the people were the treasures of the Church. The Prefect expected the Church's financial treasures, and for his act of faithful service to God and His Church, St. Lawrence received the crown of martyrdom.

The inspiring story of St. Lawrence should be a model for all of us on how to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. So, I ask the question that is the title of this article, "What are your treasures." Perhaps we should all reflect of what we consider the treasures of our lives, and see how our response measures up to the holiness of St. Lawrence.

I suspect that our lists of what we treasure in life might change over time. I remember what I probably would have said if the question was asked of me when I graduated from college. Probably like most young people just starting out, I would have focused on securing financial treasure by securing a good, high paying job. I remember the single most important factor for me, and my fellow graduates, was how much money we would make in our first jobs. It was never much about how we might positively affect other's lives. That concern could come later, but first we focused on ourselves, and particularly our earnings. Sadly, we all fell into the trap of feeling that the amount of money we made was the sole measure of our success.

Over the years, I am very happy to say my list of my own treasures in life has radically changed for the better. The amount of money I make has become secondary to the importance of what I do, and how it might positively impact the lives of others. No longer is my primary focus on earnings. My treasures are now about the people I serve to the best of my ability, and how what I offer might help them.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, **August 15**—Speigletown 4PM

Roger Clemente	Ann & Tom Oathout
Miloslav Januska	The Family
Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

Sunday, **August 16**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Alice Tate	Alice Tate Estate
Kenneth Tate	Alice Tate Estate
Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

Sunday, **August 16**—Speigletown 10:15AM

Peter & Frank Razanousky	Michael & Mary Ann Moroskey

Saturday, **August 22**—Speigletown 4PM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Mikey Campbell	Milissa Cantanucci
Elaine Kupiec	Pam & Nelson Schmidt & Family
Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

Sunday, **August 23**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Dorothy Evelyn Madigan	Mary Ellen Schroder & Family

Sunday, **August 23**—Speigletown 10:15AM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Nicholas Riley	Hugh & Barbara Graberr

Welcome through Baptism !

Easton Cole Moore
son of Cole & Brittany Moore
August 8, 2020 in Schaghticoke

May the Holy Spirit guide Easton on his spiritual journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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.

I can honestly tell you that I consider it to be a wonderful day if I can look back on the day and say I somehow made a difference in someone's life. For me, there is no greater feeling, no greater treasure. All the money in the world cannot top that very special feeling. It is truly a blessing, a grace from God

My friends, we live in a society that continues to place far too much emphasis on things that do not ultimately matter such as money, power, fame, and prestige. May we all follow the example of St. Lawrence, and realize that the true treasures in our lives are discovered by the way we love God, and love one another. God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service.

Schaghticoke Site: August 23

LECTORS

4:00pm None **8:30am Cheri Foster**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

MONEY COUNTERS: B.Hebert, J. Kelly, G. Squires

Speigletown Site: August 22 & 23

LECTORS

4:00pm Jerry Steele **10:15am Dick Harte**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm 10:15am

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 10:15a.m. None

MONEY COUNTERS: JULY 19— Diane Heer
Nancy Shellard

REMINDER!!!

Parishioners must register each week for the weekend Mass that they wish to attend. This must be done by phone call only to 518-235-0337, no later than 2PM Thursdays. NO texts, emails or voice messages as available space must be confirmed. Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Transfiguration Parish will begin Livestreaming the **4:00 pm Mass in Speigletown on Saturday, August 15, 2020.** The Livestream will be available on the Transfiguration Parish Facebook page, so those who are not able to attend Mass in person will be able to join us from their homes in the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Masses will be recorded, and links will be available on our Parish Website for viewing anytime. The addition of Livestreaming will allow us to give praise and glory to God as a parish community, even though we are not together in one place.

Communion Services will resume on:

Tuesday, August 18	9:00a.m.	Schaghticoke
Thursday, August 20	9:00a.m.	Speigletown

Offertory Report:

August 8/9*—Week 6 of the 2020-2021Budget*

Budget = N/A
Collection = $3,825.71
Shortfall = -N/A

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

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.

Nurse'Notes: Health Tips:

Tips to avoid getting and spreading COVID-19 in common travel situations:

I. In public: Wear a mask in public settings. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from anyone who is not from your household.

II. Bathrooms and rest stops: Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom and after you have been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

III. Getting gas: Use disinfecting wipes on handles and buttons at the gas pumps before you touch them (if available). After fueling, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. When you get to your destination, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

IV> Hotels and accommodations:

- A) Traveling overnight. Wear a mask in the lobby or other common area.
- B) Check the hotel's COVID-19 prevention practices before you go
- C) Use options for online reservation and check-in, mobile room key, and contactless payment
- D) Before you go, call and ask if all staff are wearing masks at work
- E) Look for any extra prevention practices being implemented by the hotel, such as plexiglass barriers at check-in counters, and physical distancing signs in the lobby
- F) Ask if the hotel has updated policies about cleaning and disinfecting or removing frequently touched surfaces and items (such as pens, room keys, tables, phones, doorknobs, light switches, elevator buttons, water fountains, ATMs/card payment stations, business center computers and printers, ice/vending machines, and remote controls

V. Wear masks and limit close contact with others: Wear a mask in the lobby or other common areas. Minimize use of areas that may lead to close contact (within 6 feet) with other people as much as possible, like break rooms, outside patios, inside lounging areas, dining areas/kitchens, game rooms, pools, hot tubs, saunas, spas, salons, and fitness centers. Consider taking the stairs. Otherwise wait to use the elevator until you can either ride alone or only with people from your household.

V**I. Food stops:** - The safest option is to bring your own food. If you don't bring your own food, use drive-through, delivery, take-out, and curb-side pick-up options. www.CDC.com

Notice for **ON-LINE GIVING**-Second Collections for ...
August 9—Major Repairs
August 15—Feast of the Assumption
August 23—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Messages for the YOUNG CHURCH
Faith Formation Sessions

ALL FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS AND YOUTH SPONSORED EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

*******Due to Current Restrictions *******

Bottles and Cans cannot be inside the church. They can be returned to the patio on the rear of the Speigletown Site. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions please contact Beth Thayer at 518 235 0337**.**

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -
ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 16, 2020
Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Be firmly resolved
never to let yourself be troubled by anything in the world.
Present yourself humbly
and with complete confidence to the Lord in prayer,
and He will not fail to have compassion on you."

~Venerable Bruno Lateri

BOOK NOOK NEWS

The Book Nook is CLOSED until further notice.

Please DO NOT leave any books at the church!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Please mark your calendars

***ALL* EVENTS—THAT INCLUDES THE GARAGE SALE—AND *MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a process in which individuals are assisted in developing a relationship with God. A spiritual director listens, encourages, guides, challenges, accompanies and prays with the individual to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in her/his life.

Who Can Benefit From Spiritual Direction?
Anyone who is hungry for deeper meaning, who feels that there must be something more to life.
Anyone who desires to grow in intimacy with God.
Those who have many questions and few answers, such as who and what I am and who and what God is to me.
Those who desire to become more sensitive to God's action in all the areas of their lives.
Those who are feeling fragmented, disjointed, out-of-touch and distant from God.

I have been receiving spiritual direction from a spiritual director for over fifteen years. Spiritual direction is not just for those who are ordained. Anyone who seeks a deeper, loving relationship with God can benefit from spiritual direction. A Spiritual director will not choose a path for you, but will accompany you as you find your own way.

Last year, I enrolled in "Holy Ground: A Program to Form Spiritual Directors." It is a two year program sponsored by the Consultation Center of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. As I begin the second year in September 2020, I am recruiting candidates who will enter into a spiritual direction experience, with me as their spiritual director. I am seeking 2-3 directees, and invite anyone who is interested to please contact me. Each directee would meet with me once-a-month for approximately one hour. Meeting topics and discussions are strictly confidential, and there will be no fee charged. I invite anyone who is interested in exploring spiritual direction to please email me at deacon_chris@transfigurationparish.net. Thank you.

Deacon Chris Keough

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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