

Transfiguration Parish



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."
- Jn 6:67-69

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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

SCIENCE AND THE LOVING CARE OF GOD

A while ago, I shared with you my experience with a gastrointestinal surgery that I had. I believe it was the first time since I have been at Transfiguration Parish that I wrote about a physical situation I was facing. You know they often say that history repeats itself, which might be true enough. I just did not think it would repeat itself this soon.

I have been experiencing some discomfort in my lower back, and into my thighs, for about a month. I would describe my discomfort as mostly a dull ache, which sometimes became a piercing pain in my legs. Like I suspect most of us do, I waited and waited, thinking it would all eventually go away on its own. It did not go away, and experience should have told me it never does.

Anyway, I contacted my primary physician, only to find out she was on vacation. I waited another day, and finally decided to go to an urgent care for treatment. I was seen, and the diagnosis that I was given was inflammation to my sciatic nerve. I was prescribed steroids to help relieve the inflammation. There were no x-rays or images taken, and that concerned me. You see, over twenty years ago I went through nearly a year of testing to determine why I was losing feeling in my left side, beginning with the fingers on my left hand. After too many inconclusive tests, I was finally given an MRI which clearly indicated that I had two herniated discs in my C2-C3 vertebrae. I had fusion surgery two days later, and have been fine ever since.

Since I have been down this road before, I did finally get an appointment with my primary physician. I explained my past history, and my concerns with my current condition, and she promptly ordered an MRI for me. I had the MRI early the morning of Friday the 13th (No, I am not superstitious). Friday afternoon, I received a call from my primary to report that the MRI revealed a herniated disc in the C4-C5 vertebrae, and that she was going to set me up to see a neurosurgeon as early as Monday. So, I am writing my article two days early just in case I am seeing a neurosurgeon.

We often hear or read about the relationship between science and faith in God. Some will tell you they do not exist together. You either place your trust in science, or you place your trust in the love of God. That belief in the separation of science and God reminds me of those who believe also in the separation between Church and State. I don't believe in either separation. What I do believe first and foremost is in the love of God before all else. I do believe that science and state can, and should, exist along with faith and trust in Almighty God, without whom there is no science or state.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 21—Speigletown 4PM

John (Jack) Burke	Barbara Nicholas
Mary Kelly O' Connor	Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
Ila St. John	The Book Nook Volunteers

Sunday, August 22—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Our Deceased Relatives & Friends

Sunday, August 22—Speigletown 10:15AM

Kay Stallmer	Rita & Dave Duncan
Joseph Christian	Dick & Betsy Harte
Robert Kelvington	A Friend

Saturday, August 28—Speigletown 4PM

June Stevens	Barbara Nicholas
John (Jack) Burke	Ed & Karen Murray
Mary Parente	Jerry & Kate Steel

Sunday, August 29—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Tom Antolick	Kathy Antolick
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Sunday, August 29—Speigletown 10:15AM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Joseph Christian	Pat & Mary Casale
Mary Cambell	Dick & Betsy Harte

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Transfiguration Parish will be Livestreaming the **4:00 pm Mass in Speigletown on Saturday, August 28**. The Livestream will be available on the Transfiguration Parish Facebook page and (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC65S8ALJ_rRdZ4en_MXDE7Q), 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 on:

Tuesday, August 24 9:00 a.m. Schaghticoke
Thursday, August 26 9:00 a.m. Speigletown

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.

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.

So, I write this article not quite sure of where my herniated disc condition will lead me, but I do know one thing from deep within my heart. I believe God loves me unconditionally, so I will place my faith and trust in him to guide the skilled doctors who will treat me. I may or may not need surgery, but one thing I know for sure. God is with me no matter what. God loves each of us, and that should give us great peace and hope. God bless.

Deacon Chris

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service.

Schaghticoke Site: August 28/29

LECTORS

4:00pm None **8:30am Pat Hebert**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

MONEY COUNTERS: G. Squires, L. Pollay

Speigletown Site: August 28/29

LECTORS

4:00 pm Andre Foucher 10:15am John Cancilla

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm None 10:15am None

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 10:15am None

MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Grace Purcell, Sue Creagan

School Supplies

Please consider purchasing some school supplies to help those children of our community who are less fortunate as they prepare to head back to school. A list of needed items can be found in the gathering areas at both Parish Sites and a labeled box is available for your donation placement. As always, thank you for your support.



Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a "Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration" For ALL the people of the Albany Diocese

Come Holy Spirit
Renew Our Strength
Reaffirm Our Hope



Saturday, Sept. 25th-9AM to 2PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park

To Register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation> OR Call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Formation (518) 453-6670. **There is no cost for this event.** The day will begin with a special prayer for God's strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this morning prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God's hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to "go announce the Gospel of the Lord!"

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Deacon Paul Bork will be at the parish the weekend of August 28-29 for the annual missionary cooperative appeal, and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Maryknoll's Eastern Region Director of Mission Education, Deacon Paul, will speak at all Masses the weekend of his visit. He will give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and Christ's message to all people. Deacon Paul has traveled to Maryknoll missions across the globe from China to Hong Kong, Mexico, and Jamaica. The Second Collection the weekend of August 28-29 will be for the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 NOTES: HEALTH TIPS:

Want to remember something? Write it down, take a photo, draw a picture or do some hands-on exploration. There's some truth to the phrase "in one ear and out the other," according to new research. If you're like the subjects in this study, your ability to remember things you've heard is not as good as your ability to remember things you've seen or touched. Just like a phone number that you don't jot down or dial right away, auditory information is lost quickly, while visual and tactile information is easier to retain. If you need to remember something, write it down, take a picture or touch it to make it stick in your mind. Knowing that people have a poor memory for sound can help you to help others. Want your spouse to bring you something back from the grocery store? A quick call or verbal reminder may not be enough. Provide a list on paper or electronically, or send a photo of the package. You'll be more likely to get the item you want. <http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com>

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting its first in-person event since November 2019. Join us for a **Women's PILGRIMAGE** on **Saturday, September 11, 2021** from **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** at **Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY**. We will gather at **10:30 am** by the Coliseum for this day of spiritual renewal on Holy Ground where Sts. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and Jean de Lalande were martyred and the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The day includes Mass, Rosary, lunch (**bring a bag lunch and beverages**), Praise & Worship, a Reflection by Fran Schmidt – topic: "New Beginnings" (*Honoring those who died and survived 9/11*). **Cost: Free-will Donation – RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 8.** To register: email us at albanymagnificat@gmail.com and include your name, phone # and parish. Let us know if you are interested in carpooling. Questions, call Diane Bigos @ 518-810-1310 or visit: www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany; or www.facebook.com/albanymagnificat. Invite your daughters, granddaughter, sisters and friends to this day of renewal!

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The **49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held **Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany**. Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to MarriageJubilee@rcda.org.

Notice for ON-LINE GIVING-Second Collections for: September 26—The Catholic University of America

Messages for the YOUNG CHURCH Faith Formation Sessions

Transfiguration Parish
wants to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete
our brief survey about Faith Formation.

<https://forms.gle/t4JTylfZ4Lkx4Bwq9>



Schaghticoke Food Pantry

Join us for this online event.....For just \$25

per ticket you have a chance to win a total of 36 gifts with a minimum value of \$25 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold!!! Every day in August a name will be drawn for a gift. Additionally, 1 drawing per week for a higher valued item will be conducted and then at the end of the month a grand prize winner will be chosen. After each name is drawn its placed immediately back into the basket giving you 36 chances to win throughout the month! All proceeds benefit the Community Kitchen Reno. Our Community kitchen is so close to completion. We can't wait for it to be ready for the community to use in a variety of ways and to be able to serve complimentary meals to our neighbors as the Schaghticoke Food Pantry's continued mission! Interested in purchasing tickets please click on the link below.....<https://givebutter.com/6vIcr3> or reach out to Liz at ebaker50@yahoo.com/518-461-2155

CHICKEN BARBECUE – ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The Women's Guild of St. Michael's Church, 175 Williams Road in North Greenbush is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue Friday, September 17, 2021 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00 and it includes ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, corn on the cob, roll, and a home-made brownie. Drive through only. Dinners should be pre-ordered by Sunday, September 12. Drive up orders will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For tickets, call or text Ann at 518-573-3951, or call Teresa at 518-283-3604. Ann can also be reached by email at annmarie.kowalczyk@verizon.net, and Teresa can be reached at teagarden4@verizon.net

Newly Baptized

We joyfully announce that Nevaeh Rose Canary was baptized at the Schaghticoke site by Deacon Chris Keough on Thursday August 12, 2021. Nevaeh's Godparents are Brian and Erica Carlo, and witnesses of her Baptism were Robert and Debra Wasielewski. Nevaeh will join her classmates in the fall season to prepare for her First Holy Communion. Congratulations Nevaeh!

Words to Live By

"Patience is the companion of wisdom."

St. Augustine



Mark Your Calendar

Awning Placement—August 30 6pm Parish Fair Booth
Schaghticoke Fair—September 1-6, 2021

BOOK NOOK NEWS: Yes, the Book Nook is back!!! Finally, after a long year, your Book Nook is coming back. We are starting off by offering the popular **\$5/bag Blow-Out Sale** beginning Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 4. The Blow-Out Sale will continue each Saturday during the month of September, from 9:00 am until noon. Remember, bring your bag, **ANY SIZE**, and fill it with books for only \$5. The Book Nook is again accepting donations but ask that you do not just drop them off and leave them outside the church doors. Please drop them off during church office hours (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) Monday through Thursday. Accepting all types of donations, provided the books are in good, clean condition. We are once again looking forward to offering the greatest little secret in our area. If you've never taken advantage of the Book Nook, come visit and see what you've been missing. Thank you again for your support and see you at the Book Nook!

Offertory Report: 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.

STREAK FREE CLOTHS ARE BACK!

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You may pick up after the Masses on table in the gathering area. Payment is on the honor system. Please put money in container provided. Thank you!

FAIR INFORMATION

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our Parish Food Booth for the Schaghticoke Fair! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering areas at both churches. Please consider lending a hand if you can! We are also in need of some assistance on August 30 at 6pm at the Booth to come help put the awning up. Thank you for your continued support!



BIRTHRIGHT is in dire need of diapers, baby wipes and diaper cream or ointment.

The needs of the young pregnant women we serve is ongoing. We are there for them because YOU are there for Birthright There is a list of ongoing needs for the mothers & children in crisis, in the baby bassinets. Thank you for sharing your love for life with us.

If you wish to donate monetarily the mailing address is: **Birthright, 1490 Saratoga Rd., PO Box 661, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.**



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. **THE SCHOOLS ARE CONTINUING TO GET THE SUPPLIES TO NEEDY FAMILIES.**

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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