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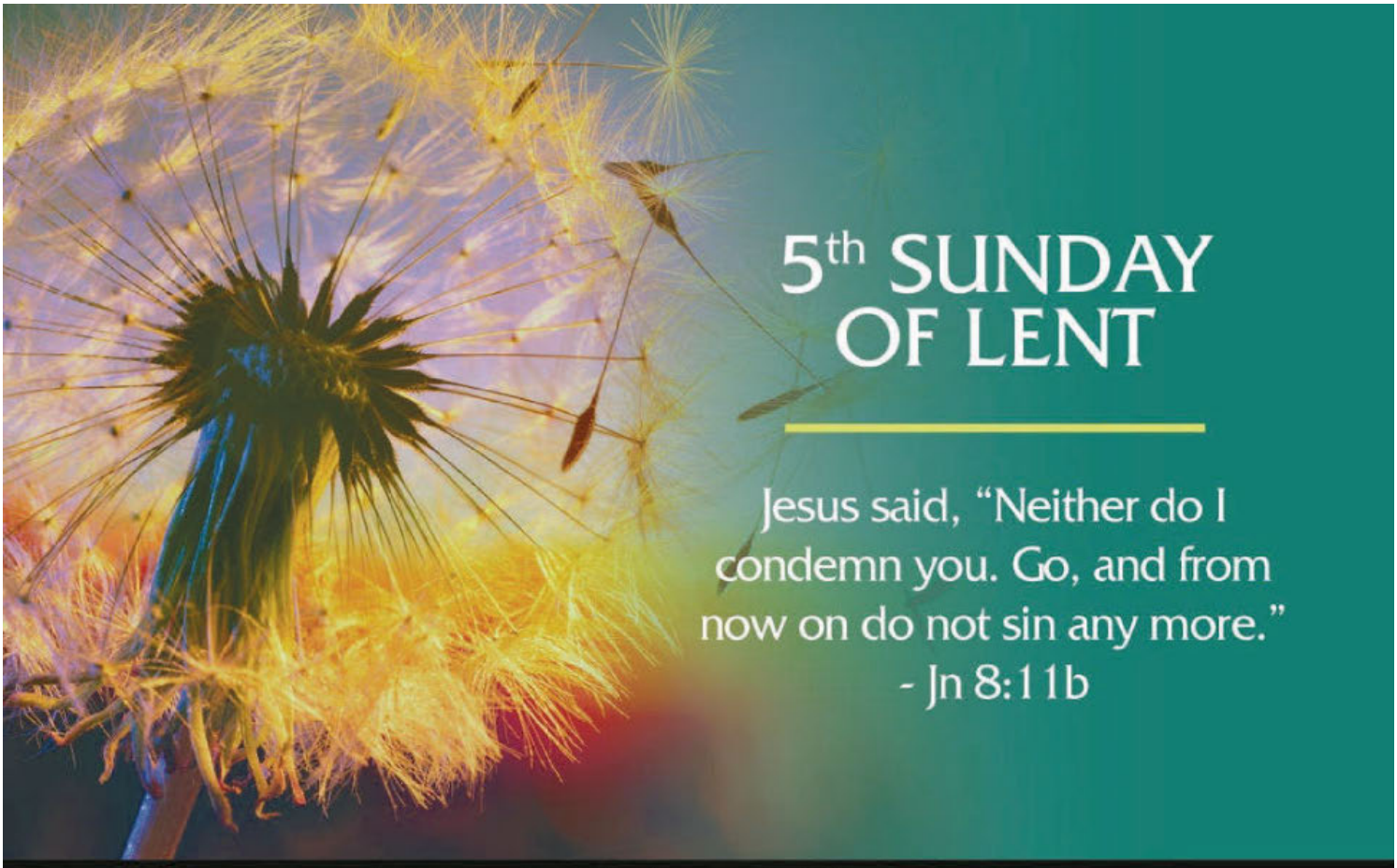

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MISSION STATEMENT

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 Greg

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." **~ C. S. Lewis**

I've come to believe one of the greatest obstacles that keeps us from a full and lasting relationship with Christ is our reluctance for forgiveness. We may always be asking for it, but find it so difficult to either to offer it up, or to allow ourselves to believe it at all possible.

The woman brought before Jesus had been caught in an inexcusable sin, adultery. In the Jewish Law of Moses, it was a crime punishable by death. The scribes and Pharisees were going to use the opportunity to discredit him by his response. Either Jesus was going to go against the Law and excuse her offense, or to go against his own teaching of mercy and love. It was not going to be a good spot to be in.

What does Jesus do? He turns to who we are, our own humanity. For those too quick to condemn, we should remember our own weaknesses. For those too quick to pick up a stone, Jesus is looking to us to pick up one another.

How different would this world be if we truly believed in the power of Christ to forgive us, not to dismiss our failings, but to wipe the slate clean. Gone would be our guilt, our regrets, our disappointments.

Lent is a time to move forward to a more perfect relationship with Christ. We move from the deserts of our own temptations to the glory of the resurrection of Christ and our own promise of life eternal.

As we approach these final weeks of Lent, let us ask the Holy Spirit to move us from the darkness of condemnation to the light of forgiveness, knowing full well that Jesus is here to embrace us in his love and mercy, won for us by the Cross, and sealed by the empty Tomb.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
April 3 6pm Speigletown:

On April 3rd (6pm start in Speigletown), we will pick up where we left off in December (discussion of the Joyful Mysteries) and pivot to a focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary (the last 12 hours of Jesus' life) as they hold a special place in our Catholic faith, particularly during this season of Lent.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, **April 2**—Speigletown 4PM	
Marcella Fushs	Love, Mom & Dad
Deacon Chris	Colleen & Doug Wilkie
Susan Lucille Ianniello	Jerry Steele
Carl Cioffi	Deacon Charles & Mary Anne Valenti
Sunday, **April 3**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM	
Henry Hren Jr.	Mary & Ford Oxaal
Sunday, **April 3**—Speigletown 10:15AM	
Deceased Members of the Razanousky Family	Michael & Mary Ann Moroskey
Deacon Chris	Kate Conventry
Saturday, **April 9**—Speigletown 4PM	
Will Rowe	Rowe & Collins Families
Gene Barton	Rowe Family
Midge Day	Andre & Nancy Foucher
Deacon Chris	Gene & Mary Posniewski
Sunday, **April 10**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM	
Mary Hodeck	Barbara Januska
Dini Villemaire	The Foster & Antolick Families
The Return to Health of a Parishioner	Ken & Sylvia Bates
Sunday, **April 10**—Speigletown 10:15AM	
Chelsea Cunha	Ellie DeBonis

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Transfiguration Parish will be Livestreaming the **4:00 pm Mass in Speigletown on Saturday April 9.** The Livestream will be available on the Transfiguration Parish Facebook page and also on YouTube at: (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, April 5 9:00 a.m. Schaghticoke
Thursday, April 7 24 30 9:00a.m. Speigletown

Notice for **ON-LINE GIVING**-Second Collections for:
April 10—Youth Ministry
April 15—Holy Land Good Friday

Something Interesting

We received a thoughtful note and donation from an individual of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, who enjoyed watching our Live Stream Mass on March 13, 2nd Sunday of Lent.

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.

This Week's Parish Announcements

Thank you for your service.

Schaghticoke Site: April 9/10

LECTORS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 8:30am None

MONEY COUNTERS: G. Squires; L. Pollay

Speigletown Site: April 9/10

LECTORS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm Tim Carey **10:15am Marge Brendese**

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 10:15am None

MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Grace Purcell; Sue Creagan

Easter Schedule

***Schaghticoke Site*: April 14 Holy Thursday: 7:00pm Pat Rigney; April 16 Easter Vigil 8:00pm: Barb Colangione; Cheri Foster; Pat Hebert, Steven Keyes; Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Steele; April 17 Easter Sunday: 8:30am Pat Rigney;**

***Speigletown Site*: April 15 Good Friday:7:00pm Sandy Barrett; April 17 Easter Sunday: 10:15am Barb Colangione; Eucharistic Minister: Hugh Graber**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: **Make a Way**

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust. But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new." The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Offertory Report March 26/27
Week 39 of the 2021-2022 Budget
Regular Collection=$3,917.93
Catholic Relief Services=$501

Budget to date=$202,878
Collections to date=$185,015
Shortfall=$17,863

**Total Ukraine Relief Donations thru 3/27=$1,491*

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..

NURSES NOTES:

Health Tips:

Happy news for happy hour: A glass of wine a day might keep the doctor away. A toast is in order! Recent research shows moderate alcohol consumption — defined as up to one drink a day for women and up to two for men — may improve immune system function and help us fight off infection. Based on previous research, we already know that moderate drinking can protect against cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and gallstones. It's important to keep in mind that the key is moderation. In the U.S., one drink means 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor, such as gin or whiskey. And you can't save up either, so use it or lose it! Higher levels of drinking (more than seven drinks a week for women and 14 for men) may cause your efforts to backfire, harming the immune system, increasing blood pressure, and damaging heart muscle. It's also has been linked with several cancers. So keep your quantity moderate as you enjoy your special beverage. Cheers! **http://www.clevelandclinicwellness.com**

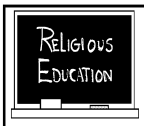
Words to Live By

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

Saint Mother Teresa

St. Benedict the African | April 4

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans. © LPi



Messages for the YOUNG CHURCH
Faith Formation Sessions

April 10 Palm Sunday-no sessions

April 14 Holy Thursday **Confirmation Candidates must attend** 7:00pm Schaghticoke

Contact Beth Thayer at 518 235 0337 with any questions

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours … all belongs to God. ©LPi

***PLEASE, check the expiration date on donations for the food pantry as they cannot accept expired products Thank you.**

Good News:

April 8 Fish Fry: **IN-PERSON**

We have just one Lenten Fish Fry left on Friday April 8 and we are going in-person to celebrate! We invite people to stay and eat their meals together. Customers should continue to **PREORDER**, from Sunday to Friday at noon to help with keeping the line moving in a timely manner. Cash purchase continues and please bring extra so you can partake in our bake sale as well as a basket raffle we are offering! A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this fundraiser such a success!

We will continue to offer:

Fish Dinners $12 (w/ ColeSlaw/fries)	**Fish Only $7**
Mac N Cheese $5	**Cole Slaw $3**
French Fries only $3	**Desserts Donation**

Orders can be placed online be accessing the following link: https://forms.gle/Nxjgo4FskjDKH4Mg9

Individuals who do not have computer access can phone their orders in on Fridays at the Speigletown office at 518-235-0337 form 9am-12pm. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Mark Your Calendar

April 4—$5 Zumba 6:00pm-7:00pm Speigletown
April 5—Lenten Soup/Saint Series 6:30pm Speigletown
April 8—In-person Fish Fry 4:00pm-6:00pm Speigletown
April 10—Pray the Rosary/Passion of Christ Movie 6:00pm Schaghticoke
April 11—$5 Zumba 6:00pm-7:00pm Speigletown

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BIRTHRIGHT CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: Treat your loved ones, friends, and yourself to homemade chocolate for Mother's Day while supporting Birthright at the same time. We are offering 1 lb. boxes of assorted chocolate (combination of milk & dark) from The Saratoga Candy Company for $20. Orders must be received by April 8. To order, call Rose Petrak at 518-309-3575 then mail a check payable to Birthright. Our mailing address is PO Box 661, Ballston Spa NY 12020. A volunteer will call you in advance to arrange pickup during the week of May 2. Please do not contact Saratoga Candy Company. Orders and pick-up arrangements are handled by Birthright. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and for sharing your love for life with Birthright. It is through your kindness that we continue to help the young women who call on Birthright for support.

Chrism Mass to be Celebrated this Thursday: Bishop Edward Sharfenberger will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on April 7th at 7 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. The Holy Oils we use will be consecrated and blessed for the coming year. Everyone is invited to attend.

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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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Computer Ink Cartridges

Just a reminder that Transfiguration Parish recycles computer ink cartridges. We have a box out for parishioners to drop their ink cartridges off in the vestibule on the way into the church. Please consider bringing your old ink cartridges in to be recycled. Thank you!

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