Transfiguration Parish

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

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

Mass available on Livestream
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From the Desk of Deacon Charlie

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year; it is also the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. This solemnity was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 because Pope Pius XI was concerned about the world of his day, that it was a world which was becoming more and more secular, a world in which the influence of Jesus in the lives of people was becoming less and less. I really do not think that things have changed much since 1925. In fact, I truly believe that the world that we are now living in is just as bad, if not worse.

Let us not forget that you and I are subjects of Christ the King by virtue of our baptism, Christ the King who said "My kingdom is not of this world." As His subjects, we are called to seek His kingdom first. That does not mean we should not enjoy what this world has to offer, but we should not lose sight of what is most important to us—our eternal salvation. Nothing the world has to offer should deter us from that goal.

As we come to the close of our liturgical year, let us take stock as to how well we are doing in our quest to attain our eternal salvation. Let us take stock as to how we are doing as subjects of Christ the King.

Peace and all good,
Deacon Charlie

Ski Club for 2023 at Willard Mountain for Transfiguration Parishioners

Begins: Friday, January 6, 2023

Lesson Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

This is a 6-week program. With your pass, you are able to begin skiing at 4 p.m. until your lesson; and then after your lesson until 9 p.m.

Lift, Lesson and Ski/snowboard rental: $230.00 before November 25

Lift and Lesson only: $180.00 before November 25

Add an additional $20.00 to these rates if signing up after November 25.

Willard Mountain is very excited to host our parish again this winter and hopes to see many new and returning skiers and snowboarders on the slope! Also makes a great Christmas gift. Please contact Sharon Frazee for ski forms at 518-506-4696.

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, **November 19**—Speigletown 4:00PM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Emidio DiDomenicantonio	Estate of Sister Sue
Joseph Kocienski	Pam & Nelson Schmidt
Bessie Reside	Mary Agnes Arnold

Sunday, **November 20**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Joseph & Bernice Leahy	Donna, Skip & Colligan Family

Sunday, **November 20**—Speigletown 10:15AM

Gene Barton	The Barton Family
Harvey Robitaille	Michael & Mary Ann Morosky
Stephen Ryan	Dan & Linda Casey
Pat Casale	Phil & Mary Clemente

Saturday, **November 26**—Speigletown 4:00PM

Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Maria DiDomenicantonio	Estate of Sister Sue
Peter Gordon	Ellen Gordon
Francis Wallingford	Dan & Linda Casey

Sunday, **November 27**—Schaghticoke 8:30AM

Miloslav Januska	Barbara Januska
Joseph E. Smith	Estate of Joseph E. Smith
Angie Odmin	Dan & Linda Casey

Sunday, **November 27**—Speigletown 10:15AM

Anna Beamish	The Beamish Family
Pat Casale	Walt & Paula Moran

Communion Services on:
Tuesday, November 22 9:00 a.m. Schaghticoke
Thursday, November 24 No Service Thanksgiving

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Transfiguration Parish will be Livestreaming the **4:00 pm Mass in Speigletown on Saturday November 26** 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.

Volunteers Needed: We are still in need of volunteers to help with counting the Sunday Collection at both the church sites. Trainings will be available. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 518-235-0337 Monday through Thursday 9-2. Thank you.

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: November 27

LECTORS

8:30am Cheri Foster

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:30am Alicia McKinney; Pat Rigney

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30am Ari & Andre Del Re

MONEY COUNTERS: D. Carlo; J. Rowe; R. Lambertsen

Speigletown Site: November 26/27

LECTORS

4:00 pm Mary Agnes Arnold **10:15am Teresa Beamish**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm Tim Carey; Jerry Steele **10:15am Marge Brendese Robin Lambertsen**

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm None 10:15am None

MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Agnes Arnold; Pam Schmidt

Public Life

Question:
If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer:
No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does *not* mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.
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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha: Upcoming Fall Events
December 10 4:00pm—Candles & Carols Service by Crucifix, weather permitting
December 10/11 12pm-4pm—Christmas Sales in the Gift Shop
Please check our website to confirm events & discover new activities as the season progresses. www.stkateriparish.org

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Pat Hebert, RN, MA, Faith Community Nurse

(518) 753-4554, p.hebert@transfigurationparish.net. 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:

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY IN WINTER.: : Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us may not be ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you are more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall/Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. I.

Part 2 :Get your vehicle ready for cold weather use before winter arrives:

1. Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level.
2. Check your tires' tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all -weather or snow tires
3. Keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tan and fuel lines
4. Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include:

-Cell phone portable charger and extra batteries
-Food & water
-Booster cables, flares, tire pump, bag of sand or cat litter (for traction)
-Compass & maps
-Flash light, battery-powered radio and extra batteries'
-First-aid kit
-Plastic bags.

https://www.cdc.gov

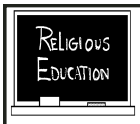
Notice for **ON-LINE GIVING**-Second Collections for:
December 4—Christmas Flowers

Offertory Report November 5/6
Week 19 of the 2022-2023 Budget

Regular Collection=$6,314.21
All Saints=$290
All Souls=$270

Budgeted Weekly Collection=$4,993
Budget to date=$94,867
Collections to date=$80,554
Shortfall=$14,313

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

Faith Formations Sessions November 27
No Sessions
If you have any questions please contact Toni Fogarty for K-5 at 518-569-3383 toni.defilippo@gmail.com & Jim Johnson for 6-10.at 518-788-8902 rket2122@gmail.com Thank you

Saint Cecilia | November 22

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius. Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died. The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

Advent Offering:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation
This is My Body Given for You:
An Advent Reflection on the Eucharist…
with Rev. Richard FragomeniPriest of the Diocese of Albany Professor of Liturgy & Preaching, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 2:00 to 3:30 PM
Virtual Presentation by Zoom
To register-
https://webapps.rcda.orgParishFaithFormation/

Please register by November 28th – There is no cost for the event.

During Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate the gift of Emmanuel- God with us. Each time we gather for Eucharist, the Only repeatable Sacrament of Initiation, we celebrate the gift of Christ's enduring presence with us in his Body and Blood. Please join Fr. Fragomeni as he leads us in a reflection that will nourish our Advent waiting and deepen our participation in the Eucharist.

We look forward to being with you!
If you have any questions, please call us at 518-453-6670

Mark Your Calendar
November 21—Parish offices closed for Retreat; *No Zumba*
November 23—Thanksgiving Mass 6:30pm Speigletown
November 24—Parish Offices closed for Thanksgiving
November 28—$5 Zumba class 6pm-7pm Speigletown

Lighter Side
Donation
Father O'Malley answers the phone.
"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"
"It is"
"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"
"I can."
"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"
"I do."
"Is he a member of your congregation?
"He is."
"Did he donate $10,000 to the church?"
"He will."
Helpful Prayer

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine," said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Words to Live By:

"Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls."
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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!

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

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: Saturdays at 3:30 in Speigletown Chapel prior to Vigil Mass

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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