



# Parish of the Transfiguration

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## *Parish Ministries*

Altar Servers	Tom & Robin Maloney	644-7604
Finance Committee	Eva Martel	
Pastoral Council	Claire Janelle	625-9379

## *Parish Outreach & Activities*

Food Pantry & Outreach	(volunteers on call)	628-6859
Parish Nurse	CMC Nurses Program	663-8002
Social Committee		
Women's Club	Mari DeBlois	703-7502
	Denise Venne	627-2465
Men's Group	John Loveday	623-6012

## *Our Mission Statement*

*The Parish of the Transfiguration is a welcoming community of faith in the Roman Catholic tradition that service the greater Manchester area.*

*Our mission is to promote spiritual growth as the Body of Christ by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the Sacraments and transforming our faith into action and outreach.*

*As God further revealed Himself in the Transfiguration, we ask Him to help us make His presence known to all of God's children. We commit ourselves to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and witnesses to the Gospel.*

## *Sacramental Life*

### **Saturday Vigil Eucharist**

4:00 PM (Cantor)

### **Sunday Eucharist**

8:30 AM (Choir), 10:30 AM (Cantor)

### **Daily Eucharist**

Mon. thru Thur. 8:00 AM celebrated in Mother Rivier Chapel.  
Entrance at 107 Alsace St.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are Saturdays at 3:00 PM and also by appointment.

### **Baptisms**

Please call the Parish Office to register for the two instructional sessions (catechesis). Baptism is celebrated on the first full weekend of the month during Mass. Parents must be registered and practicing parishioners

### **Marriages**

Arranged by calling the Parish Office at least six months in advance to set up a meeting. At least one party should be registered and a practicing parishioner.

### **Mother Rivier Chapel**

Open daily -7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, entrance at 107 Alsace St.

### **Priests in Residence**

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21st & 22nd

**PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!**

With COVID-19 on the rise again please if your not vaccinated please reconsider to get vaccinated. Also, if your not feeling well please stay home. It is important that we do everything we can under our power in keeping those we encounter safe as well as ourselves.

*Financial Support  
Thank You!*

### WEEKLY OFFERING SUMMARY

Needed to meet our weekly budgeted expenses:  
**\$5385.00**



**Hello to our Friends**

**Jeff & Lynn**

**Have a great week!**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 4:00 PM Solange Turcotte Dorval (Georgette & Maurice) Normand Coutu (Georgette & Maurice)
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:30 Lucien Pilotte (Maggie & family) Lori Speranza Langone (Gisele Kammer) 10:30 Helen Soucy (Maurice) Jim McGee (family)
<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> 8:00 Edmae Croteau
<b>Tues 24</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> 8:00 Our Parishioners
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> 8:00 The Deceased who are forgotten
<b>Thurs 26</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> 8:00 Eva Janelle (family)
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> 8:00 NO MASS
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>VIGIL FOR TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 4:00 PM Real Boyer (wife Francine) Nicole Rodrigue (Francine)
<b>Sun 29</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:30 Living & Decease Members of CMVA #1624 (CMVA Unit #1624) Wayne Williams (Gisele Kammer) 10:30 James McGhee 4th Anniv (Jack & Mary Hollywood)

Weekend of	8/15/2021
Offertory	\$ 2,109.25
E-Giving	620.75
Assumption of Mary	254.00
NH Missionaries	450.00

## FAREWELL AND

**GOOD LUCK !!!!!**

It is with sadness that we must say goodbye to two of our parish workers Denis Gagnon and Devin Pouliot this weekend. They were both very hard workers who took much pride in the work assigned to them at the parish. Thank you ever so much for everything you have done for our parish community over the years. We wish you nothing but the best for both of you in the years to come. Know that success is always on your side when you work as hard as you do.

*Thank You*

## CMC Parish Nurse Program

Please call 603-663-8004 to register for any of the following events due to limited space and masks are required per CMC policy.

Friendship Room 9:30 -10:30 :

Senior Exercise Tuesday Sept 14th  
Indoor Walking Wednesday Sept 15th

Lemire Room :

Chair Message 9:30-11:30 Third Wed. of month starting Sept. 15th  
Knitters 9:30-11:00 Thurs. Sept 16th



*From Parishioners and Friends*

Please, anyone can send a request via the parish email:

office.transfiguration@comast.net)

- Jeannine D. has been diagnosed with Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma, Praying for complete healing.
- Jen R., age 56 , to maintain her faith and trust in the Lord as she continues to deal with these hasrdships placed before her.
- Connie who is battling pancreatic cancer.
- Nancy Dupuis for her to received a full recovery from her surgery.
- Anne Gleason who had back surgery to have a speedy and successful recovery.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church this week is burning in remembrance of Gerard Desrochers by Cecile Desrochers.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel this week is burning in remembrance of Lucien Pilotte by Maggie and family.

**Let us remember our relatives and friends who died this week in the past 15 years.**

Cecile Parrot	08/22/07
Stephen Brinn	08/23/12
Albert Tremblay	08/24/08
Dorothy Grenier	08/25/08
William Pariseau	08/26/06
Claire Roux	08/27/20
Michelle Cadorette	08/28/13

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the *Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass*. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 22, 2021**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass! (Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

### **WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Ladies it has been too long since we have had the chance to get together and it is about time. The officers are planning to get together shortly to discuss how we can get started and still be safe. Please keep an eye out in future bulletins for more information.

If anyone has any ideas as to what they would like to see done drop us a line via email or give us a call.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Louis of France Feast Day – August 25th 170-235**

Crowned King Louis IX of France in 1226, he married Marguerite of Provence in 1234 and they had 11 children. He was an ideal medieval king, promoting justice and peace at home and abroad. His subjects greatly admired his piety and goodness. Following a serious illness, he went on a Crusade to the Holy Land. Louis was taken prisoner in Egypt in 1250, and to free himself and his soldiers had to give back a city he had captured and pay a large ransom. He embarked on another Crusade in 1270 but died of dysentery in Tunisia. He was canonized in 1297.

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**John 6:60-69 (122)**

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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## **RECOGNIZING GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Submission as Stewardship.**

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### **LET US PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER**

**Won't you consider joining us ?**

- Rosary is being offered every Monday thru Thursday following the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.
- Rosary is also offered every Thursday evening at 6:30PM in front of the Mary Statue on Youville Street side of the church. Feel free to bring a chair.



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