



Parish of the Transfiguration

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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

Scan here to make a donation!



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11th & 12th

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.

Mass Intentions

Sat 11	VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
4:00 PM	Real Boyer (wife Francine) Normand Coutu (Priscilla Lavertu)
Sun 12	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:30	Claire Leroux (husband Mike)
10:30	Luca Kammer (Gisele) Ray LaCasse
Mon 13	WEEKDAY
8:00	Marie-Claire Tanguay (family)
Tues 14	WEEKDAY
8:00	Roland & Simone Gregoire (Sue Gilbert)
Wed 15	WEEKDAY
8:00	Ronald Croteau (family)
Thurs 16	WEEKDAY
8:00	Parishioners who are Homebound
Fri 17	WEEKDAY
8:00	NO MASS
Sat 18	VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
4:00 PM	Sam & Irene Martel (family) Ronald, Lorraine, & Raymond Cloutier (Beverly Cloutier)
Sun 19	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:30	Claire Labrie (Gisele Kammer) Theresa & Edward St. Germain (Maggie Pilotte & family)
10:30	Jim McGhee (family)

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church this week is burning in remembrance of Helene Dionne by Cecile Desrochers

The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel this week is in remembrance of the thirteen military personnel who lost their lives in Kabul, Afghanistan helping others to safety.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

WEEKEND of September 19th

Bishop Libasci has invited all parishes in the diocese to voluntarily take up a free will offering in response to the recent earthquake and tropical storm to hit Haiti. We ask you, our generous parishioners, to handle the proceeds from this special relief collection as follows: for parishioners making their donation by check, we encourage you to **make this donation payable to the parish with "2021 Haiti Special Collection." in the memo.**

Place your donations in an envelope that is clearly marked "Haiti Special Collection" and placed in the OFFERING BOX as you enter the Church.

Thank You for your help with this special request.

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

Edward Roy	09/12/09
Christine Baxter	09/12/08
Lucille Forand	09/14/16
Grace Simard	09/14/12
Claire Marie Tanguay	09/14/11
Andre Barbeau	09/15/17
Simonne Paquette	09/15/10
Leonce Simard	09/16/11
Paul Melanson	09/16/11
Ronald Cloutier	09/17/20
Regina Paquette	09/17/18
Raymond Brow	09/17/13

PLEASE NOTE LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

This is particularly important for those who are unable to come to church because of illness. We are continuing to livestream both the Saturday evening and the Sunday morning Masses along with the weekday Masses on Facebook.

If livestream should not be possible, it will be posted as a YouTube video later that evening.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wis. 2:12, 17-20
Jas. 3:16—4:3
Mk. 9:30-37(134)



Hello to our Friends

DJ & Dominic

Have a great week!



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 and is being livestream as well.
- 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.

DID YOU KNOW ?

... That you can have a Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for a special attention in the church or in the chapel for an entire week for just a small donation of \$10. Simple to do, just drop off an envelope with your weekly offering to the attention of the business office with your request and the money. Your request will be added to our book at the next available week.

Also, a Mass can be requested for a love one in the same manner. Be sure to include a note with your name and phone number along with the name for whom you are requesting the Mass, date, and time if a weekend Mass with a \$10 donation. If your request date and time is not available, the office will contact you with an open date and times.

RECOGNIZING GOD
IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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From Parishioners and Friends

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

(office.transfiguration@comcast.net)

- For all refugees from Afghanistan and innocent lives being lost every day.
- Jeannine D. has been diagnosed with Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma, Praying for complete healing.
- Rita Croteau just diagnosed with cancer.
- Received prayer request for Pauline Rheume
- Those who have no one to pray for them.

GOSPEL
MEDITATION

MK 8:27-35 (131)

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Catherine of Genoa
Feast Day—September 15
1447-1510

Caterina Fieschi wanted to be a nun like her older sister, but instead was married at 16 to Giuliano Adorno. Their arranged union was not happy for Caterina; her husband had a child with his mistress and wasted much of their fortune. But in 1473 Caterina had a vision of Christ carrying his cross which changed her life. Thereafter, she devoted her life to prayer and caring for the poor in the slums of Genoa, Italy. Giuliano also changed, becoming a Franciscan tertiary. They both worked at the largest charity hospital in Europe, with Caterina advancing from volunteer to director. She also wrote about mysticism and was canonized in 1737.

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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 the month starting Sept. 15th
Knitters 9:30-11:00 Thurs. Sept 16th

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.)



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