



# Parish of the Transfiguration

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## *Pastoral Team*

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Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
Sexton		
Music Ministry	Susan Lawrence	674-7621

## *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.*

## *The Internet*

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## *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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

## **OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH**

**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**

<i>Weekend of</i>	<i>10/3/2021</i>
Offertory	\$ 8,599.75
E-Giving	1,097.58
Fuel & Utilities	120.00
Retired Priest	135.00

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

Collette Roy	10/10/16
Sylvia Forest	10/10/09
Robert Rocheleau	10/10/06
Roger Austin	10/11/11
Irene Lamarre	10/11/07
Anna Boivin	10/12/08
Laurent Gagne	10/13/09
Norman Lussier	10/13/06
Charles Dusseault	10/15/16
Bert Bilodeau	10/16/12
Mary Zaricki	10/16/07
Real Fournier	10/16/06

### *Mass Intentions*

<b>Sat 9</b>	<b>VIGIL FOR TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
4:00 PM	Theodore Vallieres (sister Jackie) Fernand Fortin (Breakfast Friends)
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:30	Claire Leroux (husband Mike)
10:30	Jackie & Bert Bilodeau (Claire Connonly) James McGhee (family)
<b>Mon 11</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00	NO MASS
<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00	Our Ancestors No Longer Remembered
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00	Frederick Gleason
<b>Thurs 14</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00	Rita Croteau, Chapel Angels
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00	NO MASS
<b>Sat 16</b>	<b>VIGIL FOR TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
4:00	Sam & Irene Martel (family)
<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:30	Claire Leroux (husband Mike)
10:30	Jackie & Bert Bilodeau (Claire Connonly) James McGhee (family)

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is. 53:10-11  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk. 10:35-45

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

A reminder for all members that we will be meeting on Wed., Oct. 13th, at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room. We will have a pre-recorded presentation on "Identity Theft" by AARP of NH with someone appearing via a ZOOM session to answer our questions. Also, we will be discussing in more detail our upcoming fundraiser.

Remember if your not feeling well please stay home and we are following the guidelines of remaining socially distant.



#### *From Parishioners and Friends*

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

(office.transfiguration@comcast.net)

- Claire Gardner, healing from serious car accident.
- For Soc Photiades healing for all of his ailments.
- For Annie who is recuperating from her back surgery
- For Nancy Pierce and Bryan Tremblay who was recently diagnose with cancer.
- Received prayer request Peter Bailey for good health.

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church this week is burning in remembrance of Sam & Irene Martel by the family.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel this week is burning in remembrance of our deceased family & friends..

### **WOMEN'S CLUB SPECIAL FUNDRAISER**

The Women's Club is very pleased to be sponsoring a special fundraiser. This will be replacing our annual fall bake sale.

With the generosity of our members, we have created a THEME BASKETS RAFFLE. The value of each basket is at least \$100.00. The baskets will be available for viewing and the tickets on sale on the weekends of October 16-17 and October 23-24. You will put your tickets into the bucket of the baskets you would like to win.

The winners will be chosen on October 24th after the 10:30 Mass.

For your convenience, please come prepared with your name stickers and we will be able to take cash, check or credit cards.

It has been too long since we were able to have a fundraiser, we hope that you will be as generous as possible. All the proceeds go into helping our parish.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.



**RECOGNIZING GOD  
IN ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**IF HEAVEN WERE LIKE HARVARD**

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Hello to all our  
Homebound Families  
Have a great week!**

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Teresa of Ávila  
Feast Day—October 15  
1515-1582**

She was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

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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 Oct. 12th  
Indoor Walking Wednesday Oct. 13th

Lemire Room :

Chair Message 9:30-11:30 Third Wed. of the month Oct. 20th  
Knitters 9:30-11:00 Thurs. Oct. 14th



**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.

Also, note that praying of the rosary is included following the weekday Masses.

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

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Mark 10:2-16**

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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