

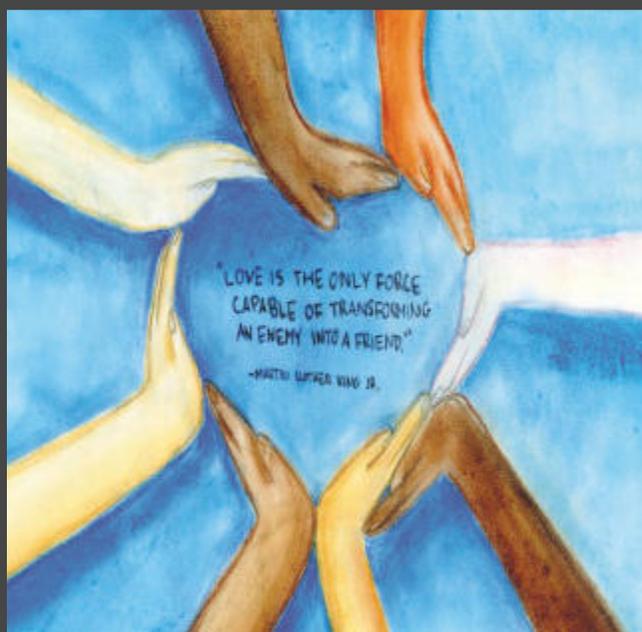
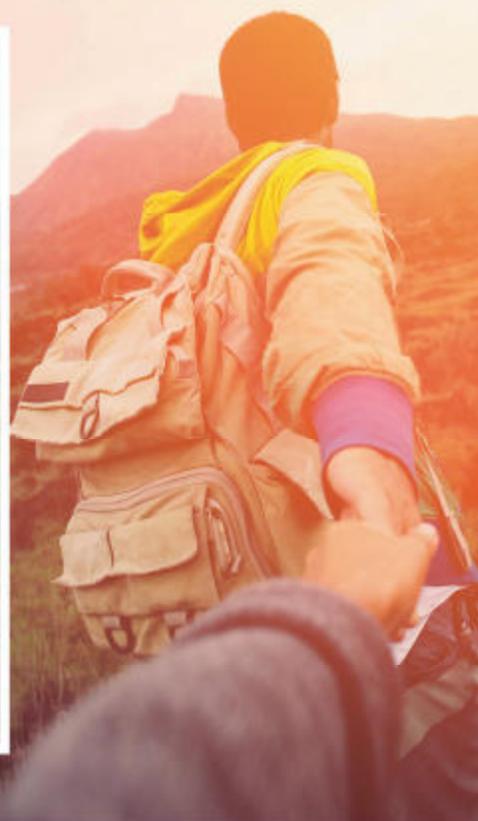
# *Saint Catherine of Siena Parish*

*January 17, 2021*

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SEEK

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a



*Martin Luther King Day—January 18th*



Dear Friends,

We are back for a short period in Ordinary Time. Lent isn't far off beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile there are many worthy things to keep before us and our prayer.

As Father Mike Bausch and I shared last weekend in our bulletin messages, with his impending retirement, our two faith communities will be working together to cluster. First and foremost, to cluster means there will still be two separate faith communities under the leadership of the same Pastor. If you missed either of our articles last week, go to our websites and revisit our message. Both Father Mike and I are confident that with the strong faithful communities between us blessings and grace will continue. Our Parish Pastoral Councils will have met this past week. Discussions and dialogue about the clustering will be shared. Again, may I emphasize what I shared at last weekends masses, we will be upfront on all developments. If you have any questions, please contact Father Bausch, myself or Parish Staff. You may also speak with any Parish Pastoral Council Representative or Finance Ministry Representative.

Please keep us in prayer as we grow with one another in our journey of hope. If you would like, please join me in incorporating the following in your own daily prayer:

Father in Heaven,  
 who brings together new relationships,  
 new opportunities and new challenges  
 as a way to deepen our bond with you,  
 bless the people of the Church of the Transfiguration  
 and Saint Catherine of Siena,  
 to enter joyfully into such experiences as our  
 communities seek a new chapter in our shared life  
 of mission and ministry.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 One God, now and forever.  
 AMEN.

Very soon we will be upon our Inauguration Day, January 20<sup>th</sup>. I would hope as Catholic Christians we can join one another in prayer for a peaceful and prayerful transition with the desire to work for the well being of our Nation. So much has occurred that has tarnished what our Nation should be and can be. Can we put our selfish ideas aside and reflect where we are called to be in valuing the respect and dignity of every American? Let's pray as a faithful body, that we will embrace His will be done. His will being the Lord Jesus Christ.

I share this prayer given to me by parishioners Kathy and Dick Powers.

*Prayer for the Nation*

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavors, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of Wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home. And through obedience to your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, And in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. AMEN.

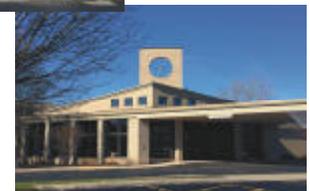
~ Written by Thomas Jefferson

As you know our Catholic Ministries Appeal has been before us for some time now. The theme of the appeal is Christ Our Light. I am grateful to the 192 households (as of January 10<sup>th</sup>) who have participated in supporting our Diocese and Parish obligation of raising \$117,953. So far, 65.98% of our goal has been met with the generous donations of \$77,825. I am very grateful to these Donors.

I am calling on the rest of our registered households who have not made a pledge as of yet to please prayerfully do so! Whatever is not pledged, your parish, our parish must make up from its finances. Let's take care of this worthwhile offering. Check our website or the Diocesan website if you still need more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal and its ministries. If you have further questions, talk to myself, The Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Ministry. Thank you for your support.

Well, that is allot to share. The Gospel this weekend has Jesus being asked, "where do you stay?". He answers come and see. May we see where He is and where He is asking us to join Him in the life, love and mission of the church.

God Bless everyone,  
 Father Rob





**Our 2020/2021 CMA Responsibility is: \$117,953**

**Our progress as of December 21st is:  
192 Donors; \$77,825.20 Pledged;  
65.98% of our goal;  
\$40,127.80 remaining responsibility**

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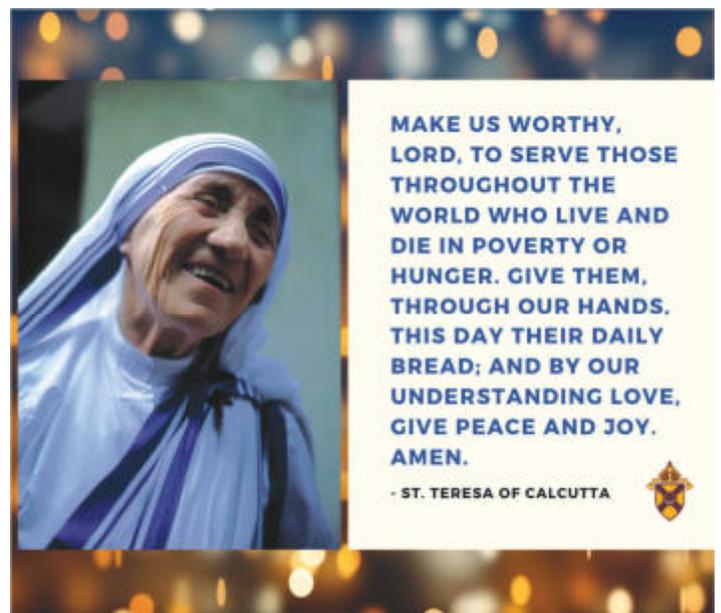


NOURISH NEW YORK is a NYS initiative that provides a lifeline for food insecure families and for farmers who have been struggling with the changes brought on by COVID-19. It provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This offers support to farmers, fishing community and food processors AND provides food to individual and families.

Help us to keep this initiative alive! Learn more, and sign the petition in support of NOURISH NEW YORK at <https://www.dor.org/petition/>

For more state-wide Catholic action, visit the New York State Catholic Conference's Catholic Action Network at [www.nyscatholic.org/action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center). There you can see all the active alerts and register for updates. You can also sign up for text alerts by texting CAN to 50457.

#DORPublicPolicy #Foodinsecurity #Feedthehungry #CatholicActionNetwork



## Quote of the Week

“The important thing is not to fuel anger, which is unhealthy for our soul and the soul of our people, or become obsessed with taking revenge and destroying the other. No one achieves inner peace or returns to a normal life in that way.” ~ Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti #242

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

This January 1st, the Church commemorated the 54th World Day of Peace. On this day the Holy Father traditionally delivers a message “to the city and to the world”. Pope Francis’ message for 2021, “*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*” focuses on our church’s need, our world’s need, our need to “create a culture of care as a pathway to peace.”

We consider a few of Pope Francis’ remarks:

- † “Peace, justice and care of creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually...”
- † We need to stop and ask ourselves what has led our world to see conflict as something normal, and how our hearts can be converted and our ways of thinking changed, in order to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity ...
- † There is a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter...
- † May we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters, who accept and care for one another ...”

To read the full message visit:

[www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/)

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis to be held every year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Next weekend, January 23/24, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary for 2021. Observing a Word of God Sunday reminds us of the vital importance and value of Sacred Scripture for a Christian Life.

“As Christians, we are one people making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us... we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures... we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scriptures; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms blindness.” (Aperuit illud #2)

In anticipation of “Word of God Sunday” we suggest this coming week, you might read the Gospel of Mark, chapters 1 through 16. It is the Gospel of Mark, that will be proclaimed in the Year B of our Liturgical Cycle. At Sunday Mass, most weekends we hear a short passage of Mark. Reading Mark, from beginning to end as we begin this year, helps us to have a deeper sense of Mark’s message.

### LOOKING FOR HOPE

Our Advent Theme last month invited us to A Journey of Hope. In his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti (Brothers All), Pope Francis offers some thought on Hope:

“I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope “speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, and aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love...”

“ Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile.” #55

### A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Lord Jesus, I pray this day for strength, because there are times when things get tough and I feel like quitting.

Lord Jesus, I ask this day for the comforting reassurance of Your love, because there are times when people fail me, and I am tempted to lose hope.

Lord Jesus, I seek this day for Your light to guide my steps, because there are times when life is confusing and difficult, and I lose my way.

Lord Jesus, I place my hope in You this day; help me pick up the pieces, wipe my tears, face the sun and start over again, because with You all things are possible. Amen.

### Fratelli Tutti

Pope Francis begins his third encyclical with the words of St. Francis Assisi—Fratelli Tutti (Brothers All)

He encourages and challenges us to work together as one people sharing a common home. While acknowledging the many barriers that stand in our way—poverty, terrorism, political realities and so many more—he leaves us with the hope filled call to be “Artisans of Peace.”

Facilitator: Mary Lou Coffey  
 Dates: Mondays: January 25 & February 1  
 Time: 7:00—8:00 pm  
 Fee: \$10.00 per session / \$15 for both sessions  
 Via: Zoom  
 Registration: Mercy Spirituality Center; 585-473-6883  
 NB. — Read Chapters 1 thru 4 prior to the 1st session.



A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today; likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!  
 Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means:

- Basic
- Instructions
- Before
- Leaving
- Earth!



While the Prayer Shawl Ministry is not meeting in these Covid Days, they are still praying and creating Prayer Shawls. So Prayer Shawls are available for those who are ill or grieving.

To obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, you can see Ruth after Mass or call (624 – 4990) or stop by the Parish Office.

**St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry**  
 offers the following  
**"Word with Wine" Event**  
**January 21st @ 7:30pm**



**Wounded by Beauty**  
 An Exploration of *Miguel Mañara*  
 Through the Eyes of Luigi Giussani

Join **St. Bernard's** virtual community as we discuss the classics and faith. Our next session will be led by adjunct professor, Apolopop Lata, STL, who will lead a discussion of Oscar Milosz's play, *Miguel Mañara*, and how it and other works of art have inspired and generated the charism of Communion and Liberation.

Msgr. Luigi Giussani, the founder of Communion and Liberation, was a man, in the words of Joseph Ratzinger, "wounded by the desire for beauty" and "kept the gaze of his live, of his heart, always fixed on Christ." One of the best ways to understand his charism is through this play that he particularly loved. Join us as we get to know Msgr. Giusanni through an exploration of Oscar Milosz' play, *Miguel Mañara!*

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 21 at 7:30pm EST  
**WHERE:** Online via Zoom

**How it works:**

- 1) Register below.
- 2) Read the play beforehand (available for viewing after you register!)
- 3) Join the event on Thursday, January 21 at 7:20pm via the Zoom Meeting Link that will be emailed to you upon registration.
- 4) Pour a glass of wine and come ready to discuss!

To register go to :

<https://www.stbernards.edu/events/words-with-wine>



**WELCOME HOME**

Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Last weekend 1/11/2021	\$12,365	\$ 7,208	\$5,157

July 1, 202—January 11, 2021

Actual: \$324,540 Budget: \$339,258 Variance: **(\$14,718)**

*Thank you for your generous stewardship during this difficult time.*

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



the Sanctuary Candle will burn this week  
January 17, 2021 - January 23, 2021  
for  
**Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena**

**Weekend of...**

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

*2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

*Marion Tucker by Phil Palumbo & Cathy Battaglia*

*Michael Lane by Darlene O'Brien & Children*

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY; MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Covid-19 vaccine distribution & effectiveness*

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR; ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Presidential Inauguration*

**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Catholic Church*

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

\*\*\*\*\* *No Service*

**Weekend of...**

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, January 24<sup>h</sup>**

*3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

*Jim O'Reilly by Patricia O'Reilly & Family*

*Robert Gruber, Jr. by the Gruber Family*

*Monsignor Schnacky by Helen Dunn*

**Greater Rochester Youth Basketball Camp**



Basketball Community,

St John Fisher Head Basketball Coach, Mike Grosodonia and his staff are proud to announce the Greater Rochester Youth Basketball Camp will be holding its 4th camp for boys and girls in grades 3-8. This camp intends to address skill development in all phases of the game through creative, safe, and engaging activities.

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**Earth Angels Prayer Ministry**

Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:30am Mass during this pandemic time, your prayer requests are still welcome.

You can submit them on our Website: <https://saintcath.org/earth-angels> OR you can still drop your request in the Collection Baskets when you come to Church. Every request is confidential. You do not need to sign your name if you do not wish. Each request is prayed for individually.



**Earth Angel Prayer Request**

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**Masses:** Saturday 5:00pm  
 Sunday 8:15am  
 Sunday 10:30am  
 Monday-Thursday 9am



**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4pm-4:30pm or by appointment

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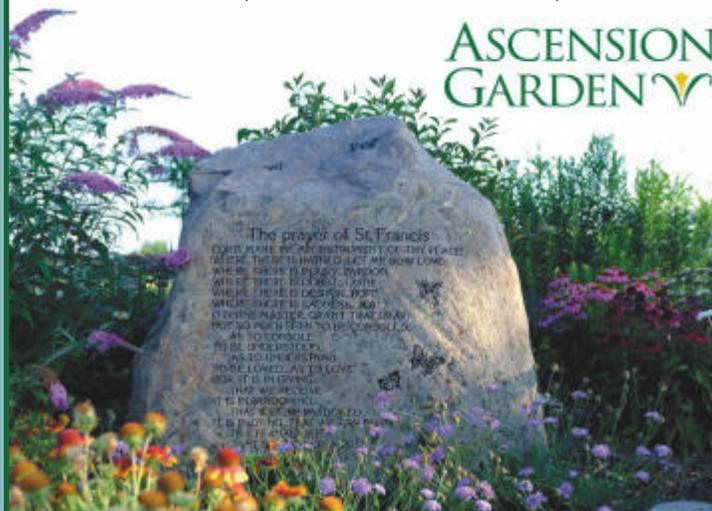
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