

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
January 24, 2021



*Then he called them, So they left their father Zebedee
in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.*

~ Mk 1:20



Dear Friends,

This past Monday some Parish Pastoral Council Members from the Church of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena met to discuss our coming together as clustered parishes.

Joining Father Mike Bausch and myself were Rich DiMarco, Mike Goonan, Sue Gangemi, Mary Beth Sullivan, Ann Smith and Karen Rinefierd representing the Church of the Transfiguration. Denton Clark, Jen Yates, Karen Zielinski and Pam McInerney represented Saint Catherine of Siena,

After introductions Fr. Mike and I shared our summer meetings with Father Paul Tomasso, Director of Priest Personnel regarding Fr. Mike's impending retirement and clustering possibilities. Father Tomasso spoke with Bishop Matano twice regarding this subject and contacted us in September to begin the dialogue.

Karen Rinefierd guided our discussion. Karen had worked for the Diocese of Rochester leading parishes in discussing and planning for clustering. Her insights were invaluable. She stressed, and everyone present agreed, that the most important thing will be to communicate well with our parishioners, both Staffs and anyone interested in the process.

The Mass schedule will be the first challenge. The Mass schedule needs to be structured so that it is doable for one person, keeping in mind a sub will need to cover all of these as well. When Bishop Matano names the Pastor of our cluster, the named Pastor will need to look at the suggested Mass times and have input on its final proposal. Also we need to keep in mind future weddings and funerals.

We will talk through the advantages of various options for Masses at each parish. Considerations will be what is the congregation like? What is the music like? Where do Seniors go? Where do families go? What is the attendance at the different Masses? The more knowledge we have, the better for our planning.

We will be thinking of how we were pre-Covid, not now. We will treat both parishes fairly and with respect.

Eventually we will be looking at discussing the worthiness and value of a common bulletin for sharing information.

We are already successfully sharing some Parish Staffing and will see where else we might like to come together in programming and ministries. We are blessed to have one another and share a prayerful life for the fruitfulness of the church.

Our group will be coming together again on February 15th. If you have thoughts or questions feel comfortable in speaking to Father Mike, myself and any committee member mentioned above.

Please join us in prayer that our planning will be guided by the Holy Spirit. Know that we hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

With Peace and Blessing,
Father Rob & Father Mike



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.



LENORA "LEE" RECKTENWALD

*Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her*



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week
January 24, 2021 - January 31, 2021
for
Robert Gruber

The annual Diocesan Public Policy Weekend is February 13 & 14. NOURISH NEW YORK is this year's Advocacy Issue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit everyone hard. In particular, the pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure—many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee invites us to join in helping both groups on Diocesan Public Policy Weekend (February 13/14) by calling on the Governor and State Leaders to allocate \$50 million to continue the NOURISH NEW YORK initiative (which ended December 31, 2020) during the state fiscal year of 2021—2022.

In coming weeks we will have opportunities for you to sign this year's Petition.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis to be held every year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. This weekend, January 23/24, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 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 Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness."

Acknowledging Catholics lack of knowledge of the Scripture, some 57 years ago, Vatican Council II, inaugurated our present three year liturgical cycle for Sunday's Liturgy of the Word and referred to it simply as cycle A—B—C. Each year in the cycle one Gospel is the focus of our Gospel readings. In Year A, we listen mainly to Matthew; Year B is Mark and Year C is Like. The first Reading is mainly from the Hebrew Scriptures and reflects the theme or message of that week's Gospel. The Second Reading follows the Letters of St. Paul to the early Christian communities.

As was suggested last week because we are in the Year B, you might read the entire Gospel of Mark, chapter 1 through chapter 16. It is the Gospel of Mark, that will be proclaimed in the Year B of our liturgical cycle. At Sunday Mass and most weekends, we will 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.



Journeying Forward

"As we journey forward, the soul of our nation hangs in the balance. No president will save us, no single politician can set us straight. The journey that lies ahead is ours to undertake. It means facing racism head on, holding people accountable and seeking reconciliation. Each step has its cost, the invaluable price of truth. Charting our course will surely push us to our limits, but the work of finding our direction requires such effort.

Together, we can find our way.

If we can see the light, we have no other options. This is where we've arrived amid the darkness of our times. Now it is our time to open our eyes, follow the light, and return to the soul of our country by another way. ~ Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ

Quote of the Week



"Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how you will do it." ~Lou Holtz

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of...

Saturday, January 23rd & Sunday, January 24th

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

Monday, January 25th

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

9:00^{am} *The United States of America*

Tuesday, January 26th

STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35

9:00^{am} *Covid-19 vaccine distribution & effectiveness*

Wednesday, January 27th

ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

9:00^{am} *Victims of the Holocaust*

Thursday, January 28th

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

9:00^{am} *St. Catherine of Siena Parish*

Friday, January 29th

Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

***** *No Service*

Weekend of...

Saturday, January 30th & Sunday, January 31st

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Dee Russell by Carolyn Jindracek

Al Hurley by Phyllis Hagen

My Dear Faithful Friends of St. Catherine of Siena,
 I am so sorry for not getting this thank you to you sooner. Things were pretty intense between Thanksgiving and Christmas trying to keep up with all the COVID regulations, which changed daily. I can't begin to tell how much your wonderful gifts of warm hats, scarves, mittens and gloves meant to me! Your great goodness and generosity to the children of Hope Hall, especially at this time were tremendous blessing for them. So many of our families who had jobs are now laid-off due to the Pandemic, and warm hats, scarves, mittens and gloves would not have been in their budgets. You made warmth possible! I can never thank you enough for helping to change the lives of our children by giving them HOPE! I continue to pray for your wonderful Parish every day. May God keep you all safe and protect you. May God's love and light fill you every day of this new year.
 ~ Gratefully, Sr. Diana Dolce, SSJ

We shouted out... ..and they did !!!



On Monday, January 11, 2021 the following "stewards" helped to un-decorate the Church & Chapel

Crawford Butler	Steve Carey
Binnie Duval	Bob Gruber
Bill Hulbert	Joan Keyser
Sue Robinson	Evelyn Wilson.
Gene Caccamise	
Kathy & Bob Goldbach	

Thank you so very much !!!

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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 Sunday 10:30am
 Monday-Thursday 9am



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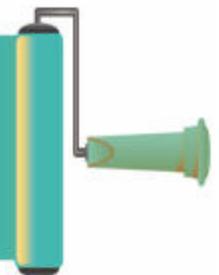
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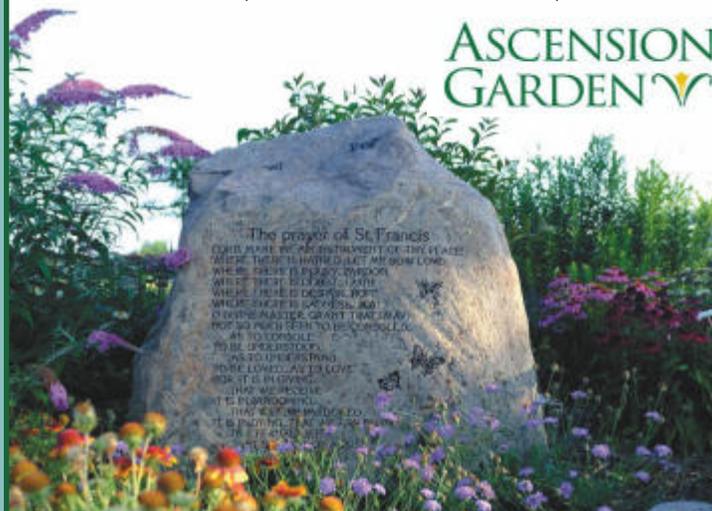
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