

*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish*

*March 7, 2021*

*3rd Sunday of Lent*



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Dear Friends,

Praying your "Continuing Journey to Jerusalem" has been experiencing Lenten blessings!

As promised last weekend in my bulletin article Father Mike Bausch and I are pleased to share with you the work of our Clustering Committee. Creating a new weekend mass schedule is something many of you have been discussing and asking questions of myself and the Clustering Committee. Below is the work of our group. Please take time to read the information fully and prayerfully reflect on the questions we are asking of you. Note that we seek your responses and invite you to go on our website ([www.saintcath.org](http://www.saintcath.org)) to fill out the questionnaire. If you need a "hard copy" you may pick one up in the Parish Office or at the Church Information Table. *Please submit your input on line or drop off the "hard copy" at the Parish Office or in church by Wednesday, March 17.*

## CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

### Creating a New Weekend Mass Schedule

*Our two parishes are working together to create a weekend Mass schedule that will best serve the people of both our communities. The new schedule will likely start the weekend of June 26-27. Your input is needed and welcomed!*

#### **Why does our Mass schedule need to change?**

When Fr. Mike Bausch retires this June, we will share a Pastor. Church law assumes one Sunday Mass, although up to 3 or 4 are allowed if necessary (including the Saturday evening anticipatory Mass). With occasional weddings and funerals on Saturdays, the Pastor could be presiding at 5 or 6 celebrations in one weekend. The Clustering Committee determined that 4 Masses would be best.

#### **Why four weekend Masses and not three?**

A variety of reasons: 1) Two Masses at each church is most equitable. 2) An option to rotate one Saturday Mass between the two parishes, while keeping one Sunday Mass per parish, is confusing. This has been demonstrated by the experience of other clustered parishes as well as our own Pastors.

#### **Who will choose the new Mass schedule and when?**

The Clustering Committee (see below) will make this decision after consultation with parishioners and the endorsement of the Parish Pastoral Councils.

#### ***How will they decide?***

The decision will be based upon analysis of data and prayerful discernment of what schedule best serves the needs of both parishes. The following principles and practical considerations will guide decision making:

- Minimize the disruption to parishioners in their current Mass attendance patterns as much as possible given the challenge of fewer Masses. We are aiming for the least amount of change possible.
- Allow sufficient time for the priest to travel between the two churches for Masses as well as time for him to prepare for Mass and to interact with parishioners afterward.
- Allow time for faith formation and other programs/activities on Sunday mornings. Do not schedule Sunday Masses "too early" or "too late."
- After discussion, the Clustering Committee determined that 1½ hours between Saturday Masses was appropriate and that 2 hours was needed between the Sunday morning Masses.

### What Mass times are being considered?

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm at Church of the Transfiguration and 5:30 pm at St. Catherine of Siena (each parish's Saturday Mass would change by one half hour)

**Sunday:**

8:30 am at Transfiguration and 10:30 am at St. Catherine OR

8:45 am at Transfiguration and 10:45 am at St. Catherine

### Current Weekend Mass Schedule and October Attendance 2016-2020

Parish	Day	Time	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 **
St. Catherine	Sat	5:00	133 (25%)	131 (24%)	125 (26%)	117 (23%)	56 (28%)
St. Catherine	Sun	8:15	136 (26%)	149 (28%)	133 (27%)	141 (28%)	56 (28%)
St. Catherine	Sun	10:30	257 (49%)	260 (48%)	231 (47%)	244 (49%)	86 (43%)
Transfiguration	Sat	4:30	207 (28%)	210 (30%)	192 (30%)	199 (33%)	79 (35%)
Transfiguration	Sun	9:00	319 (43%)	276 (40%)	268 (41%)	253 (41%)	93 (41%)
Transfiguration	Sun	11/11:30	218 (29%)	204 (30%)	188 (29%)	160 (26%)	55 (24%)

The input the planning team is seeking from you, the parishioners, includes responses to the following questions:

1. What advantages do you see in the suggested times for Masses?
2. What disadvantages do you see in the suggested times for Masses?
3. Is there anything the Cluster Committee has missed or overlooked?

### How can I contribute my insights and opinion?

There are two ways:

- 1) Respond individually or as a family to the short online survey—a link is included in this week's email from the parish and is also available on the parish website. Hard copies are available at the parish offices.

***Please submit your input by Wednesday, March 17.***

- 2) Contact any member of the Clustering Committee directly before their meeting on March 22.

**Thank you for your participation in this important work. Please pray for our parishes and ask for God's guidance as we work together to choose a weekend Mass schedule that will be most beneficial to all our parishioners.**

#### *The Clustering Committee*

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On behalf of The Clustering Committee thank you for your support and prayer for this next chapter in our lives. God Bless you and both of our beloved faith communities, Father Rob



**A PRAYER**

**For Shared Life of Mission & Ministry**

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.



**Operation Rice Bowl**



Rice bowl is a Lenten Project of Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Learning sponsor by Catholic Relief Services (CSR).

This week's Rice Bowl Journey takes us to El Salvador. El Salvador is a small country in Central America. Salvadorans like to call it "The Tom Thumb of the Americas." Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. With the help of CRS, young farmers are implementing new environmentally farming techniques to increase harvests while caring for our common home.

Read this week's story at [CRSRICEBOWL.ORG](http://CRSRICEBOWL.ORG)

- ◆ What would you do if your livelihood was threatened ?
- ◆ How can you support young people in your community and around the world ?
- ◆ If you need a Rice Bowl, you will find them on the Information Table in the Gathering Space.

Thank you for your participation.



**Lenten Series with  
Sr. Barbara Moore, RSM  
Saturdays at 10:00 AM  
March 13, 20 in the Church of  
St. Catherine of Siena**

Topics will include but are not limited to:

1. How do the 4 Gospels differ regarding this event of the Passion? But what do we know for sure?
2. We will take a walk through Holy Week with the Gospel of Mark and a contemporary Jewish writer.
3. How can the events of Holy Week apply to the many facets of our personal and communal lives?

Transfiguration \* St. Catherine of Siena \* St. Louis

**LENTEN RETREAT**

**"Praying and Living in a Post-COVID World"**

Our experience of this time of pandemic has challenged us profoundly but also brought forward many positive elements as well. It is most important that we reflect on these experiences to recognize God's presence and call through them. Yes, we still feel disconnected and are prone to " COVID fatigue." This retreat will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on those things that will help us reconnect with personal prayer, liturgy and parish, and renewed life in the community.

March 9, 2021 | 7pm | Church of the Transfiguration  
Fr. Robert Kennedy

View via LIVE STREAM: [www.transfigurationpittsford.org](http://www.transfigurationpittsford.org)

**Holy Thursday Altar Dressing**

We are planning for the Holy Thursday dressing of the Altar. Volunteers are needed. We will be following safety procedures as needed. If you feel safe in the COVID 19 atmosphere and are interested in participating, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space or contact Evelyn Wilson (624-1042) Practice will be March 29th at 7 p.m. in the Church.



**Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday evening you are invited to join us on-line via our website as one of the Parish Staff leads us in praying the Stations of the Cross at 7PM. If you are not able to view at this time, please know that each rendition is being recorded and saved on our website ([www.saintcath.org](http://www.saintcath.org)) so that you are able to view at anytime. And also, you will find our Stations of the Cross on the walls of St. Catherine of Siena's Chapel . You are encouraged and welcomed to visit the Chapel to pray this journey to Calvary in person. The Chapel is open 8:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Thursday.





the Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
March 7–13, 2021  
for  
**Al Hurley**



**Celebrating St. Joseph**  
with Dr. Joe Kelly  
Thursday March 18th at 7:00 pm  
Church of the Transfiguration

### Stewardship Corner Stewardship Thank you!!!

Thank you :

- † Mary List for pick-up and delivery of the collected food for the Pittsford Food pantry.
- † To all who donated food.
- † Ivy Yates, Claire Vitti & Grace Vitti for their support in helping to create a new, updated *Creating A Safe Environment Teen Training Video* for the Diocese of Rochester.



In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph to be Patron of the Universal Church. In 2020, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this proclamation, Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. To celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph in this dedicated year, we are holding a special Evening Prayer to honor this great saint, the spouse of the Mother of God and the foster-father of the Son of God. As part of Evening Prayer, we are pleased to have Dr. Joseph Kelly give us an illustrated reflection on his patron saint.

All are most welcome to attend. We will gather in the church.  
A face mask and check in process will be required.

### Grief Share at Transfiguration

Our Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 4/07/21. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this twelve-week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center in a safely distanced, masked environment. Materials cost - \$25.00. Registration forms are on our website at [TransfigurationPittsford.org](http://TransfigurationPittsford.org) or by calling to register. With questions, contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or [margie.benza@dor.org](mailto:margie.benza@dor.org). **Registrations are due by 3/30/2021.**



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

**Our progress as of March 1st is:**  
211 Donors; \$83,195.20 Pledged;  
70.53% of our goal;

**\$34,757.80 remaining responsibility**

*We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.*

Mr. & Mrs. James F. Brennan      Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey J. Clark  
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Mr. & Mrs. Kevin J. McGuire      Ms. Kathleen Schubach  
Mr. & Mrs. Victor G. Torregiano

*Thank you for your prayerful generosity!*



**Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, March 16th**  
**2:00pm to 7:00pm**  
**In the Community Center**

To Sign up: 1-800-RED-CROSS or  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Keyword: [stcatherineschurchmendon](http://stcatherineschurchmendon)

### Easter Food Appeal

The Social Justice Ministry (SJM) is planning on providing 25 local families with their Easter Dinners this year. Due to COVID, we will be handing out gift cards. Families will then purchase items needed to make a complete Easter Meal. The families' favorite places to shop are: Aldis, The Marketplace, Walmart & Wegman's. Please place your gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Easter Food Appeal" and place them in the collection baskets in church the weekend masses of March 20&21 and 27&28 OR in the locked drop box outside of the Parish Office. You may also donate to the Good Samaritan Fund on our website and the SJM will purchase the gift cards. **Gift cards are needed no later than March 30th.** Any questions, contact [sjwhitbeck109@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhitbeck109@gmail.com) OR [pyhagen2@gmail.com](mailto:pyhagen2@gmail.com)

### Good Samaritan Fund

The Social Justice Ministry will be doing another on-site can and bottle collection at each weekend Mass in the month of March to help support the **Good Samaritan Fund**. The on-site collection will begin the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and run through March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>; we will earn 6 cents per item returned. After March 28<sup>th</sup> you may continue to donate your cans/bottles to Saint Catherine's **Good Samaritan Fund** by taking them to the Nickel and Dime Redemption Center located at 1336 Pittsford Mendon Road, Mendon or 2 Main St., Bloomfield (NEW Location). Simply let them know you would like your returns to go towards **Saint Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund**. Thank you for your continued support.





# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

*Ed Jones by The Curran Family*

*Sandy Slyck by Leslie & Bill Hulbert*

*Sharon Bowser by Karen Luke*

## Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

### ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab//Lk 4:24-30

9:00<sup>am</sup> *The lonely poor and the lonely rich.*

## Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

### ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Joy Mulhern by Ron Anderson*

## Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Dt 4:1, 5-9//Mt 5:17-19

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Edmund Barletta by Julius Coletta*

## Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Those suffering from addiction.*

## Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Hos 14:2-10//Mk 12:28-34

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

## Weekend of...

## Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

*Jay Rusalem by Joan & Bill Keyser*

*Chuck Lantry by Patricia O'Reilly*

*Edmund Barletta by Bridget Coletta*

### WELCOME HOME

Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Week Ending 2/28/21	5,088	7,208	( 2,120)
7/1/20—2/28/21	410,960	425,154	(14,194)

**Thank you for your continued Stewardship!**



## Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a monetary donation "IN MEMORY" or "IN HONOR" of a loved one for Easter Flowers, please, fill in and cut out the form below.

Place it in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" and drop it in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.

**Please print clearly!**

### Easter Flower Donation

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number or email \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF



## 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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Contact Us!

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 Fax..... 624-4996  
 Website..... www.saintcath.org  
 Office Email..... mstcathe@dor.org  
 Bulletin Email..... Meg.Kastner@dor.org

**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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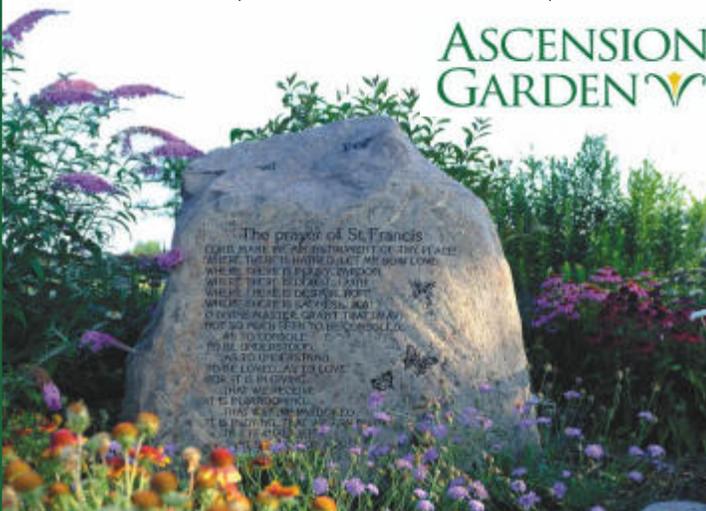
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