

*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish*  
*April 18, 2021*



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

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Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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Dear Friends,

The joys of Easter and our spring continuing to unfold are blessings for all! I am praying your Hosannas and Alleluias are still resonating from your hearts and the depths of your spirit. God is indeed good and we do not need to look far to see His promises of life renewed.

Personally, I am blessed with the goodness of meeting with folks from our parish and the Church of the Transfiguration in planning our clustering. Between two wonderfully established Parish Staffs and dedicated Parish Pastoral Council members who volunteered to be on the Clustering Committee, we are establishing a rich, vibrant, prayerful and spiritually solid future. I will repeat myself and say God is indeed good and leading us with the Holy Spirit.

For some time now our Parish Campus has had to address various security issues. Signs are posted that the campus "closes" at 10 PM. Nonetheless and needless to say, these signs do not always deter "visitors" from coming on the property. I won't go into details about concerns or issues that arise, but we, the parish, are taking preventive action to keep our campus safe and protected for the wellbeing of everyone.

Over the past several weeks we have begun installing security cameras all around our buildings and grounds. These cameras are spot on with efficiency and clarity. The recordings are solid. With the assistance of Bob Goldbach and the Diocese of Rochester, we are doing good stewardship to protect those that come on campus and to our buildings and landscape.



Your participation in the Catholic Ministries Campaign has helped fund the possibility to have this valuable and necessary security program. The CMA participation has helped us save \$\$\$\$\$\$ that otherwise would have been outsourced to other agencies/businesses. When people do ask where the CMA monies go, well, here is just one benefit that returns to us.

There will be signs posted soon saying we have surveillance on our properties. Hopefully, these will speak to the kind of campus we want and the safety we wish everyone to know.

We are a welcoming community and will always be one. We also will be a responsible welcoming stewardship community that puts Christ like activities first and foremost.

In closing, I hope you are healthy and well. Keep those vaccinations going for everyone. The future looks bright and promising!

Happy Easter (It is Easter till Pentecost my friends!)

God's love and blessing, 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.

### Today we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our Confirmation Celebrants

Katherine Adams	Nicholas Leonard
Claire Adcock	Anna McDougall
Domenic Baker	Aiden McLean
Maeve Diefendorf	Abigail Murphy
Sierra Ford	Hayden Nearpass
Elizabeth Holdsworth	Jackson Paolozzi
Paul Jacobucci	Adam Ruffalo
Emma Kidd	Cameron Ryan
Paige Kidd	Madison Schubach
Thomas Kirnie	Luke Tantillo
Alexander Knapp	Braeden Weaver
Colin Kubrich	Bernadette Whelen
Perry Lanzalaco	Daniel Zornow



Congratulations on your April 19 Celebration!



**PARISH COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS**

The annual Selection Process for new Parish Council Members begins next weekend, April 24/25. A Parish Council term is for three years. Council Members completing their term are : Cathy Battaglia, Jennifer Yates and Tracy Yelencsics.

We ask that you pray this week about nominees for this important ministry. This is an invitation for you to name people (yourself included) who you think would be good, contributing Parish Council Members. There will be a nomination form in next weeks' Bulletin as well as on line. Thank you!



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

**Our progress as of April 5th is:**  
226 Donors; \$87,650 Pledged;  
74.31% of our goal;

**\$30,303 remaining responsibility**

**We thank those who have given generously.**

- Mr. & Mrs. Alexander V. Bielecki*
- Mrs. Ruth Duval*
- Mr. Raymond Hess & Ms. Jean Nickels*
- Mr. Paul Traspaso*

**We ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.**

**Please be mindful you have until May 31 to make your pledge. Your pledge is important so we can avoid paying any shortage from parish savings.**

**Ways to Donate:**

- [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma)—please note: church #277, St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon
- <https://saintcath.org/catholic-ministries-appeal-2020>
- Using donation envelopes located at the Information Table or Parish Office

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 585-624-4990.



**EARTH DAY—THURSDAY, April 22**

The theme of this year's Earth Day is "RESTORE OUR EARTH". Together we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. Together we can Restore our Earth.

In his second letter, St. Peter asks the early Christians to orient their lives towards their hope for "a new heaven and a new earth" where righteousness is at home.

As followers of Jesus, we seek a new world without racism, inequality, pollution and violence that causes so much suffering. As Christians, we can bring to the wider movement for eco-justice our transformational faith in a new world where God's love reigns.

We need to get in touch with the destruction of creation caused by climate change, plastic pollution, food apartheid and toxic drinking water. We are called to live our lives in consideration of our hope for new world where righteousness is at home. With this hope, we can rise above cynicism and refuse to conform to dominant patterns of injustice and disregard for people and our planet. God goes with us when we seek to heal our earth.

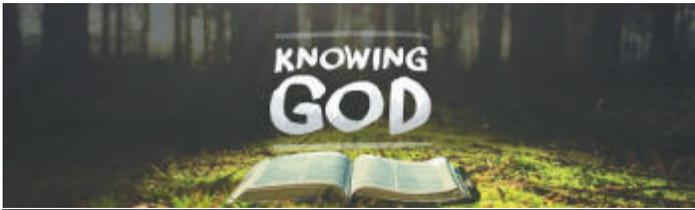
Visit: [EarthDay.org](http://EarthDay.org)



*Earth Day*  
**EVERY DAY**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. ~ Pope Francis





**Getting to Know You:  
Biblical Insights for Developing a  
Deeper Relationship with God.  
Dr. Joe Kelly—4 Week Series**  
Wednesdays; 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.  
April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2021  
Church of the Transfiguration

As we Catholics continue to practice our Christian faith, many of us long to find ways that will allow us to develop an even deeper and more intimate relationship with our Triune God. This 4 Week Series will explore many of the biblical insights from both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures that might be of assistance to us in this search. We will give special emphasis to the idea of "knowing" God and the value of silence in this journey. We will also consider the example of some of the men and women who have found success in this undertaking.

All are welcome to attend.  
We'll gather at the  
Church of the Transfiguration.  
A face mask & check in  
process will be required.



## WHAT ABOUT JUSTICE?

Did you watch the news last night? Was there anything or anyone who is still on your mind... a hungry child, a lying politician, immigrants in cages?

We are not helpless bystanders in the face of these realities. Through our works of justice we can make our neighborhoods and our world a better place. We talk about our generous works of charity, which we desperately need, but also look at the reasons and causes of poverty. We often hesitate "to get involved in politics" or call our legislators or write a letter to the editor. We will talk about what holds us back and what we can do to make Rochester, the United States and the world a better place.

Facilitator: Sr. Janet Korn, RSM  
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
Time: 10:30 am—Noon; VIA Zoom  
Fee: Free will, suggested offering \$10.  
Registration: 585-473-6893



## LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU ... IN PRISON? (Mt. 25:39)

During this joyful season of Easter, we celebrate that in Christ, sin and death do not have the final victory. Despite our own sins and failings, Christ loves us and brought that love to the cross and grave to redeem us. We now share in the hope and life His Resurrection gives us. We are called to extend forgiveness, redemption and love to people who are His presence in the world.

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is asking us during this 2021 Easter Season to learn about and speak up for the God-given human dignity of our sisters and brothers who are incarcerated.

Each week, we will have a reflection and a prayer in our bulletin to help raise awareness and solidarity on this issue. We have often heard Jesus speak about "giving liberty to captives" and we are always deeply touched by His compassion upon the crucified thief who asked Jesus to remember him as he entered into His Kingdom. Yet we might ask ourselves how often our own outreach concerns extend to our incarcerated brothers and sisters and their families. Are we aware of the conditions in jails and prisons in our society?

America's rate of incarceration is greater than any other nation in the world: although our country has 5% of the world's population, it has 25% of its prisoners. Sentence length and time served are much longer in the US than elsewhere and include more solitary confinement, less rehabilitation, and poor re-entry assistance. A crime data expert recently observed that we have a system that sets people up for failure.

Let us pray that during the Holy Easter Season celebrating our redemption and God's great compassion and mercy, we can be moved to show that same compassion and mercy to our brothers and sisters who are confined in prisons and jails across our country. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## Quote of the Week

"We will never go back to normal.  
Normal never was.  
Our pre-corona existence was  
not normal other than we  
normalized greed, inequality,  
exhaustion, depletion, extraction,  
disconnection, confusion, rage,  
hoarding, hate and lack.  
We should not long to return,  
my friends.  
We are being given the  
opportunity to stitch  
a new garment.  
One that fits all of  
humanity and nature."  
(Sonia Renee Taylor)





# Some Words of Thanks from our Parishioners. Happy Easter!

*The Tridium was so Special and meaningful this year—especially after last year!*

*Thanks so very much for all you did to make Holy Week so special! It was a joy to be there!*

*The staff did such an awesome job. We are so fortunate to have each of them!*

*I just wanted to let you know how much my son and I enjoyed the Shadow Stations of the Cross. What a very meaningful way to prepare for Easter. As a family, we were able to reflect on the Passion of Christ. Thank you for that experience. We could tell how much time and effort went into making this happen. Each station was done with such care and the music selection was a wonderful addition. On our way home, my son said "I'm so glad we did this" and he continued to reflect on Jesus' journey. He even told his "Auntie" about it in great detail. I could tell that it really meant something to him. A big thank you to all that made it possible!!*

*Wishing you Peace, Love and Joy this Easter and always with our grateful prayers.*

*Blessings of Easter and thanks to each of you for all you have done for us. Our journey through Lent would not have been so blessed with out you.*

*Have a wonderful Easter!*

## Did you know???

All the music that you hear during Mass is individually RECORDED by our very own parishioners who then send it to have it mixed, which means putting all the individual voices and instruments together.

Since Covid, they have recorded over 100 songs, between 10-25 people on each song and over 1,000 hours of recording & mixing... This doesn't even include the time it takes to select each of the songs based on the Liturgy Readings, get them licensed and tracked.

Let's break that down.... an average work year is 2,000 hours (40 hours a week for 50 weeks) that is a HALF YEAR of working hours!!!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the amazing, beautiful music that enhances our worship! You all are truly amazing and talented.



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 17th & Sunday, April 18th

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

*Edmund Barletta by Bridget Coletta*

*Mary Morgan by Joan & Bob Wallance*

*Kathleen A. Nagel by Robert S. Bourcy*

## Monday, April 19th

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

9:00am Communion Service

## Tuesday, April 20th

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

9:00am *George Vincent by Rick Dewald*

## Wednesday, April 21st

**ST. ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH;  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

9:00am *The People of St. Catherine's*

## Thursday, April 22nd

EARTH DAY

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

9:00am *All of God's creation.*

## Friday, April 23rd

**ST. GEORGE, MARTYR; ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

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

## Saturday, April 24th & Sunday, April 25th

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

*Jay Rusalem by The Schnacky Players*

*Marie Rowello by Trisha Carol*

*Phyllis Smith by Richard Ashlaw*



Correction: Easter Flowers Donation

**Harvey & Yvonne Limbeck**

In memory of the Limbeck and LaBorie Families

## St. Peter's Kitchen 5th Annual Golf Tournament



St. Peter's Kitchen's 5th Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, September 10, 2021 at Eagle Vale Golf Course in Fairport. An exciting day of golf, prizes, food and refreshments is planned. Registration fee is \$150 per golfer.

You can join the fun by registering now at :

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/StPetersKitchen/Golf2021.html>

## Matthew's Closet SPECIAL REQUEST

Spring/summer children's clothes, size 8 & up are especially needed at the Closet. Also in short supply there: adult 2X and 3X clothing. Please bag and securely tie your donations and put them in the Collection Shed in the upper Church parking lot. THANK YOU!

Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this much needed ministry & want to learn more, contact Sallie & Jim Dakins: [sjdakins@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sjdakins@rochester.rr.com)

## 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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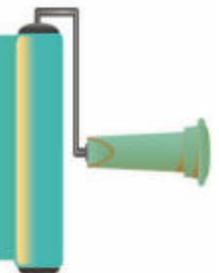
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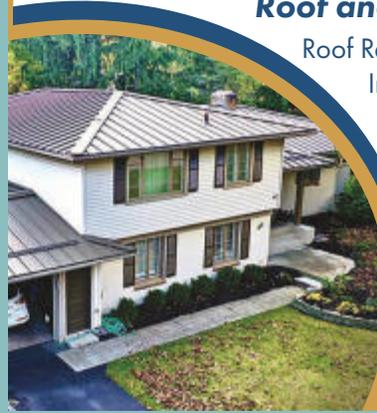
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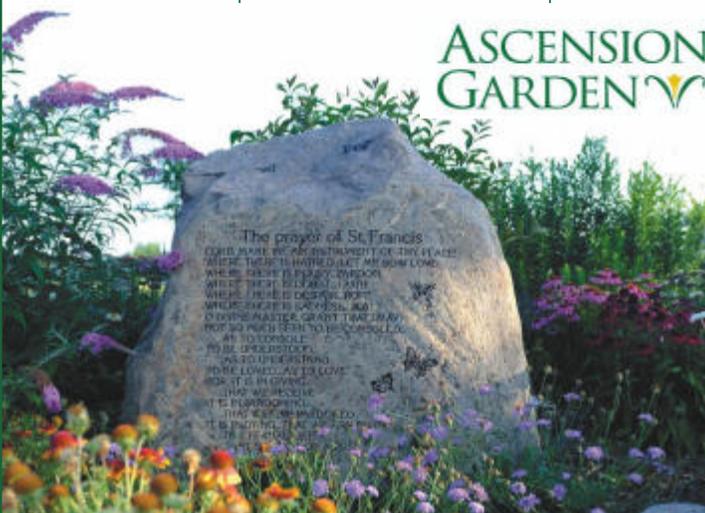
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