

September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We Place in Your Loving Arms

God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning of September 11, 2001. We also remember the courage of the countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue, alleviate and bring solace to the afflicted.

Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance.

May terrorism -- in all its forms -- disappear from the face of the earth.

Amen.

- Fr. Alberto Cutie



Dear Friends,

Many of you are probably like me, remembering certain times we have been in places of everlasting memories. I can remember November 22, 1963 being home ill from school and hearing Walter Cronkite breaking into our lives with the announcement about President John F. Kennedy. I remember where I was when the Space Challenger exploded.

Twenty years ago, I remember the day when our nation faced the horrible realization that we had been violated and lost thousands of lives. The nation mourned lives in New York City, in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. We were deeply saddened then and shocked and we are still today taken back by this horrific tragedy.

As we recall the tragedy of what we refer to as 911, may we each pause remembering the lives lost and also remember how blessed we are as a people to be part of such a great nation. May we all pray for peace for all God's creation and our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

May we all stop for a moment, remembering the lives lost on 911 and pray we can live in harmony with one another. Let us truly work to be as Jesus and love one another as He has loved us.

Blessings,
Rob

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen





SEASON OF CREATION

This 2021 Season of Creation we are invited to contemplate the theme, "A home for All? Renewing the oikos of God". Oikos is an ancient Greek word for home or household that provides the English prefix, eco-, as in ecology or economics. This Season of Creation we are invited to reflect on our stewardship of our common home and ensure that all members of our global household are able to flourish.

Pope Francis remarks in *Laudato Si'*, "Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square; going back to those places is a chance to recover something of their true selves."

In this spirit, we explore the elements of land, water, air and fire in the places where we live to reacquire ourselves with our "happy places", the places where we feel the "caress of God" and most at home in the communion of all things. Perhaps, your "happy place is standing on a mountain top, sitting under a particular tree, walking on a beach, watching a sun set.

By immersing ourselves in our local bioregions, the places that help us "recover something of our true selves" we find the nourishment and the courage to lovingly care for our global home.

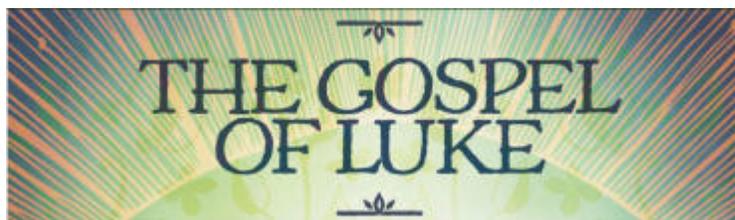
Take some time this week to prayerfully consider places from your own life that make you feel like your true self or where you feel the caress of God. Spend some time imagining this place and savoring the feelings you experience as you think of it. If you are able, physically visit this place sometime soon and rest in the experience.



Let Us Pray!

Praise to You, Creator God, who through our Mother Earth, sustains and governs us, who produces various fruit with colorful flowers and herbs. Now the Earth cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted upon her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the good with which You have endowed her.

Turn us, O God, from our desire to unroot ourselves from our home in the garden, and from our will to dominate Your Earth. Call us again, to till and to keep. Gather us into the power of just relationships that heal and sustain. Enlighten us by Your Spirit that renews the face of the Earth and safeguards a home for all. Amen.



Dr. Joe Kelly Fall Series

The Unique Features of the Gospel of Luke Church of the Transfiguration

Wednesdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021

RSVP required for planning purpose.

On the first Sunday of Advent 2021, our Sunday Gospel readings will once more come from the Gospel of Luke. As we listen to these readings, we often hear much that is familiar to us. But in fact, there is a great deal of material (about 40%) found in this Gospel that is found only in Luke. This is 4-week series will explore some of the wonderfully unique stories and themes that add so much to our understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Come and be surprised by this amazing Gospel.

Please contact Meg Kastner;

meg.kastner@dor.org;

248-2427 or 624-4990

Provide an email address or phone number with your RSVP. Thank you.

>>> All are welcome! <<<<



FALL MUG UP

Fall Mug Up returns at Mercy Spirituality Center. This series will be a free flowing discussion that will focus on different aspects of spirituality. We will look into different aspects of spirituality using materials such as how the Gospels and readings apply to us today; how we address difficult subjects when looking into our hearts to find God's love and other topics that will help us as we grow as individuals and as a community. Personal reflections will be shared in small groups as well as large group discussion.

Facilitator: Sr. Jody Kearney, RSM

Dates: Tuesdays—Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2

Time: 10:30am—11:30am via Zoom

Fee: Free Will Offering

Registration: 585-473-6893



★ **Star Lights** ★
 “Stars of St. Catherine’s lighting the world”
 September 2021
Steve Carey

Time and again we look up and see familiar stars in the wonder of our galaxy. Steve Carey is one of the stars that is ever before our faith community! Steve restored our columns and doors before the entrances of the church and chapel. No surprise, they look spectacular and make for a very warm welcome to all who approach these entrances of our faith community. They proclaim, “Welcome. We are glad you are hear!”

Thank you, Steve, for your fabulous stewardship! We are so blessed to have your generosity, stewardship, talent and presence at Saint Catherine of Siena!



Blessings and love to you always,
 Fr. Rob

Bottle and Cans

Please continue to donate your bottles and cans to St. Catherine’s **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND** by taking them to the Nickle and Dime Redemption Center located at 1350 Pittsford– Mendon Rd. , Bldg. 12 (in back of plaza) or 2 Main St., Bloomfield (corner of Main and Maple Streets). Be sure to tell them you would like your returns to go to the St. Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your support!



Join our Parish Family

BY GOING TO

<https://saintcath.org/become-a-part-of-st-catherine-family>

Please know that 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.



HARVEST EXCHANGE TABLE

The annual Harvest Exchange Table is on the Porch and ready for your garden produce sharing. The Exchange Table is for those who wish to share the abundance of their harvest with non-gardeners or exchange their produce... example: green beans for yellow squash; tomatoes for cucumbers, etc...

It’s nice to



Matthew’s Closet
 Clothing Ministry and Thrift Shop

Fall/Winter clothes for all ages, as well as bed linens and towels are needed at the Closet. Special needs are children’s clothing, size 8 and up and adult plus sizes. 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.

SEPT. 11 IS ONE OF OUR WORST DAYS BUT IT BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN US. IT UNIFIED US AS A COUNTRY AND SHOWED OUR CHARITABLE INSTINCTS AND REMINDED US OF WHAT WE STOOD FOR AND STAND FOR.
 LAMAR ALEXANDER





Where hope and healing build
Empowered mothers

The Margaret Home, a safe place for new mothers and their babies, and one of Transfiguration ministries, will be having a sale at Transfiguration on September 25th and 26th and at St. Catherine's on October 2nd and 3rd after all Masses.

Items included new handmade knitted and crocheted infant sweater sets, blankets, new tagged baby clothing and small toys. Also included is a themed basket raffle. Great ideas for new mom and Christmas gifts! Hope you will join us in supporting this vital mission. Questions, contact Margie Benza at the parish office at 248-2427 or Margie.Benza@dor.org.

From the Margaret Home: Consider joining The Margaret Home mission as a Case Manager! Interested candidates should be experienced, motivated professionals who will provide case management, guidance and advocacy for the mothers and children. Interested applicants should have a social work background or skills in other service related fields. Case Managers work with each mother to create a self-directed action plan designed to enable the achievement of personal, educational, and professional goals that can lead to independence for each mother and her family. Those interested, please call 585-673-8008 or send a resume to the Operation Manager, Nancy Colburn:

Nancy_Colburn@themargarethome.com



Pittsford Food Cupboard – located at 3800 Monroe Ave #26, Pittsford serves clients residing in zip codes 14534 (Pittsford), 14445 (East Rochester), 14607 & 14620 (South Wedge & Upper Monroe), 14610 & 14618 (Brighton), 14506 (Mendon) and 14472 (Honeoye Falls). We are open Tuesday and Friday

9:30am to 1:30pm and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 9:30am to 11:30am. Clients may come every two weeks and only need to bring proof of address (1 pieces of mail less than 30 days old) and photo ID. For more information call 585-264-9860. We do not have income requirements and serve all who need a little help.

And also...Pittsford Food Cupboard is looking for new volunteers to help our clients shop for food in the store. We have shifts every Tuesday and Friday from 9:15-11:30am and 11:30am-1:45pm. We also are open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and the shift is 9:15am – noon. For more information, visit our website at PittsfordFoodCupboard.net and fill out the contact form or call 585-264-9860.



FRED LANCER
HUSBAND OF SANDY LANCER

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

Break the Cycle of Poverty:

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, Sept. 18/19, we'll be taking up a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a Rochester-based refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. Learn more about them in this short [video](#). In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.



OUTREACH WEEKEND RETURNS!



We are happy to welcome James Smith, President of the Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester, as our Outreach Weekend speaker on September 18th/19th, our first Outreach Weekend since the pandemic began.

Nativity Preparatory Academy, located at the former St. Boniface School in the city, is Rochester's only tuition-free, private middle school for low-income students in grades 5-8. After graduation students are mentored through high school and college via a highly successful Graduate Support Program. More information can be found at nativityrochester.org.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO HELP DURING THE PANDEMIC:

To help the school and its students stay safe while the pandemic continues, we are holding a special collection on September 18/19. Items can be left at the entrances to church. Thank you for your support!



Their special needs are: hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, Lysol, AA batteries and Kleenex tissues.



Mass Intentions

Legend: S = St. Catherine of Siena; T = Transfiguration

Sunday, September 12, 2021 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

****Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35*

T-8:45 am Mass: *Eleanor Benza by Margie & Ray Benza*

S-10:45 am Mass: *Beatrice Wolford by Bob & Dodie Linder*

12:15 pm: Bell Choir—Church

4:00 pm: Franciscan Spirituality Group—Church

7:30 pm : Seminar on Alcoholism—Church

Monday, September 13, 2021

***1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

T-6:45 am Mass: *For Peace & Justice for all People*

9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Group—Community Center

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

***Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

S-9:00 am Mass: *Beatrice Cocuzzi Wolford by Mary Jo & Matthew Korono*

7:00 pm: Parish Council Meeting—Community Center

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

***1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

T-6:45 am Mass: *Jim Crowley by Jill & Jim Kelly*

Spiritual Group—Teen Room

Thursday, September 16, 2021

***1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

S-9:00 am Mass:

Friday, September 17, 2021

***1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

T and S – No Service

Saturday, September 18, 2021

***1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

T-4:00 pm Mass: *Marcella & Reginald bold by The Bold Family
Ann Bovenzi by Peter Bovenzi*

S-5:30 pm Mass: *Janet Lindell by Karen Luke*

Sunday, September 19, 2021— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

T-8:45 am Mass: *Bill Maher by Amy Maher*

Tom Tripp by Jeanne McElhinney

S-10:45 am Mass: *Frank Morgan by Joan & Bob Wallance*

12:15 pm: Bell Choir—Church

11:45 am: 19th Annotation Orientation—Community Center



ExultRochester



2021 Rochester Catholic Men's Conference

St. Joseph - A Man of God

Saturday, October 23, 2021

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Doors open at 7:00

8:00 AM Mass with The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano,

Followed by a talk by Dr. Miravalle

Conference ends at 12:30 PM

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For information and registration go to:

<https://www.exultrochester.org/>

Earth Angels Prayer Ministry



Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:45am 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 5:30pm
Sunday 10:45am
Tuesday & Thursday 9am



Reconciliation: Saturday by appointment

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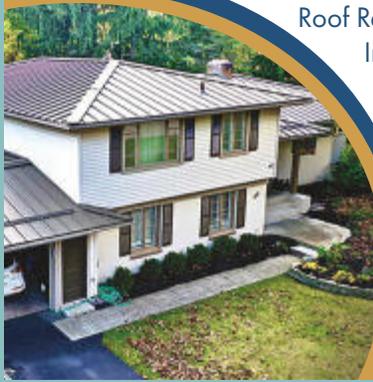
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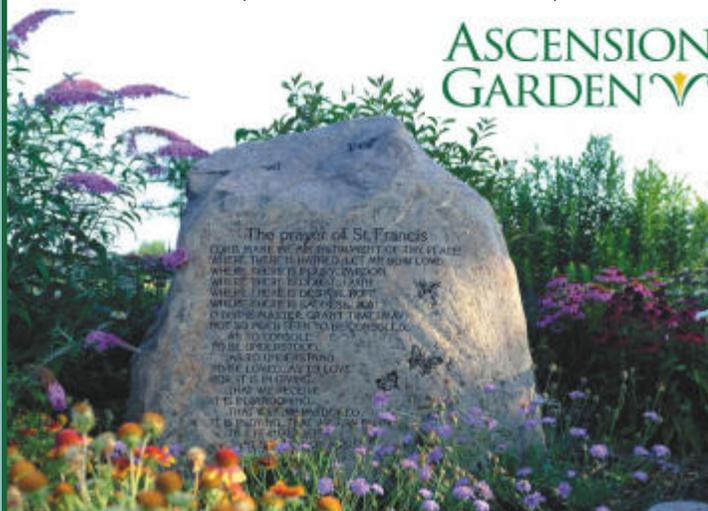
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