

September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Catherine of Siena

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*“Anyone who
gives you a cup
of water to drink
because you
belong to Christ,
amen, I say to
you, will surely
not lose their
reward.”*

~ Mark 9:41





Dear Friends,

Our readings this weekend are from Mark, James and the Book of Numbers. They are strong proclamations with seriousness of relationship between the Lord and ourselves.

Many directions come from the readings but one that pops out for me is an understanding that we are no better than the Lord's other sisters and brothers. We may live differently and some people may make bad choices but really, haven't most people at one time or another made a bad choice/mistake against the Lord? And aren't there moments when individuals become jealous when another person may act like they do better or even excel in a way we may not? We are all called to renounce/avoid the temptation to compete and think to be better than others. It happened in the first reading from the Book of Numbers. It happened in today's Gospel of Mark.

Let's remember we are all invited to use our God given talents for the goodness and building up of the Kingdom of God. As we, Saint Catherine of Siena and the Church of the Transfiguration, continue our clustering with one another it is in the coming together that we recognize the charisms of one another, not one better than another, but what collectively we offer to the Lord that enriches the Kingdom He desires. We are truly a melting pot of many blessings, charisms and graces that we share not only between our two faith communities but with our Diocese and the wider world as well.

As we read in Phil 2:6-7, Christ who "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" reminds us by rejoicing in and welcoming the gifts/charisms/talents of others, we embrace the humility of Jesus Christ!

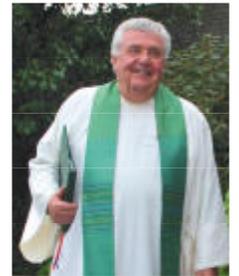
This weekend is full of blessings celebrating our faith in the Lord! I will be celebrating on Saturday a friend's funeral at 10am at St. Catherine', then a wedding at 2PM. I will then go to Transfiguration at 3 PM for Reconciliation with Mass at 4PM and then a 5:30PM Mass at Saint Catherine's. It will be a day full of the Lord's goodness!

On Sunday (today), I am so happy that Damian Zynda will join me in blessing the participants of this year's 19th Annotation to our sisters & brothers during the 10:45AM mass!

There is so much to be grateful for as the Kingdom builds in our midst!

Speaking of gratefulness, remember Father Mike Bausch?

I am very happy to say my friend, Father Mike who had retired just a season ago is willing to assist us as we go forward. YEAH! Father Mike and I will coordinate masses and share with our beloved Deacons, Eric, Kevin and Jim the breaking open of the Word of God. I am so grateful that this young retiree (Mike not me!) will be among us. It is a gift that we can continue to build "Good News" with one another.



As I mentioned last weekend, "We are blessed. I am overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness to me. I am so grateful for each and everyone of you and continue to promise to be here for each and everyone of you 100%."

Let's continue in our prayer and thanksgiving for one another!

Mike, It is good to see you again!

Love and faith,
Father Rob

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Begins

This Sunday the Churches of St. Catherine of Siena and Transfiguration bless our friends who begin the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, a retreat that will engage each person in prayer and reflection for the next thirty-weeks. For our retreatants this is a year of grace that will take them deeper into their relationship with Jesus. For us as a parish family the gift of their prayer is a gift to us and our ministries. Please hold them and their spiritual directors in your prayers as they enter into this most solemn and sacred experience.

Retreatants

Cathy Battaglia	Kevin Carges	Brett Daggs
Bill Hulbert	Leslie Hulbert	John Hurley
Carol Krebs	Kathy Kyhos	Mike Larche
Karen Luke	Donna Mihalik	

Spiritual Directors

Mrs. Margie Benza	Dec. Eric Bessette
Mrs. Meg Kastner	Sr. Mary Ann Mayer SSJ
Sr. Marilyn Pray SSJ, D. Min.	Dr. Robert Muhlneckel
Mrs. Kathy Shon	Dr. Damian Zynda

HOLIDAY CHURCH CLEANING

*What are you doing Saturday,
November 13th Between 8:00 AM and Noon?*

*Do you have a little time to help our team get
St. Catherine's ready for the holiday activities?*

*Any amount of time is always appreciated.
We look forward to working with you.*

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FALL OUTREACH UPDATE

Thank you to James C. Smith, President of Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester and Jennifer Kremer, Principal, for speaking to us about the good works happening at this urban middle school. Thank you to parishioners who stopped after Mass for conversation and to everyone who added to the collection of cleaning supplies that will be used to keep the school safer during the pandemic.

To learn more about the school, ways to volunteer or to make an online donation, visit: NativityRochester.org

To make a donation to the school, mail a check to:
Nativity Preparatory Academy, 15 Whalin St., Rochester, NY 14620



Dear St. Catherine of Siena (Family VBS) Church:

My name is Marie LaDue, I am the School Social Worker and the McKinney-Vento Liaison for our students in temporary housing at Urban Choice Charter School. At UCCS, our mission is to provide Rochester students with a safe, supportive, and intellectually challenging educational environment. On behalf of Urban Choice Charter School, I would like to thank you for sponsoring our school and generously donating school supplies to our great students! We are so appreciative of your support in our mission.

Through your donation, we can further provide our students with the tools and resources they need to be prepared for academic success this school year. We are reminded once again what a wonderful, caring and loving community we live in. Your kindness is appreciated!

Thank you and kindest regards,

Maria Ladue,
LMSW/School Social Worker and McKinney-Vento Liaison



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. It is a time for all humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment.

During this Season of Creation consider contemplating a part of your local ecology. Pick a natural or agricultural place—a forest, a river, a city street, an urban park, a farmer's field, a hilltop... Find a comfortable spot to rest and enter into prayer. Invite the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart.

Observe. What do you see? What do you notice? Reflect:

- ◆ How is God present in this place?
- ◆ What nutrient cycles are supported here?
- ◆ Is this ecosystem healthy?
- ◆ What parts of this creation need to be restored to their rightful home here?
- ◆ What have you discerned is required to care of this planet?
- ◆ What will be your act of compassion to promote rest for this common home?



Let Us Pray!

*Creator God, the strength of all creatures, we honor
You. Listen to the thoughts of Your people. We live by
the ways You have entrusted to us within the circle of
life. We honor Your Spirit who renews the world and
calls us to care for your creation to the East, to the
South, to the West and to the North.*

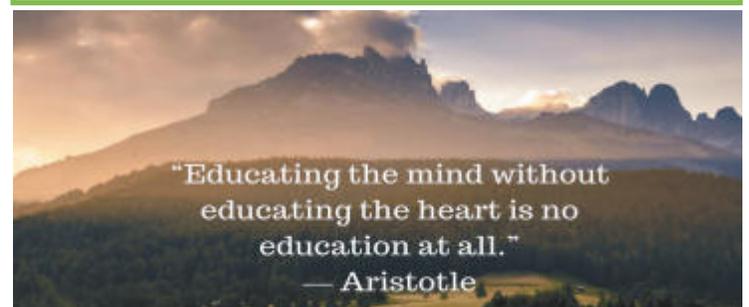
*As we face the East, the place of dawning, there is
beauty in the morning as each sacred day is born.
The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*

*We turn to the South, the place of growing, there is
wisdom in the earth as she gives her life's blood.
The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*

*We face the West, the place of seeing, there is vision
and guidance to fill us with peace.
The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*

*We face the North, the place of mercy & grace, embracing
all peoples as wind & rain and snow cleans our earth.
The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*

*In Jesus' name we make our prayer of thanksgiving for
the Earth. Amen.*





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 these 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



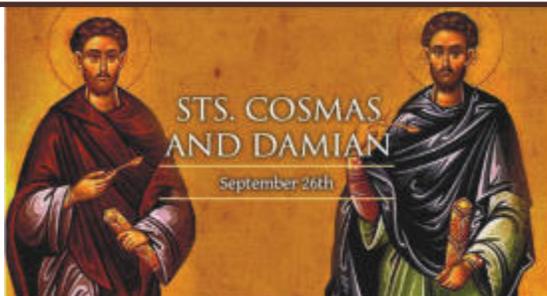
CREATIVE MEDITATION IN COLOR FOR FALL



Creative Meditation in Color for Fall is a program offered through The Mercy Spirituality Center that will help you be more creative in your meditation. You will learn ways to increase and strengthen your meditation to be more meaningful and alive.

This 6 week session starts with a meditation on passages from the bible or other spiritual writings. To extend your meditation, we will use Lectio Divina; Visio Divina and other forms of art media to open your mind to God's Word. No art skills needed.

Facilitator: Joyce Martelli
 Dates: Tuesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2 & 9
 Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm via Zoom
 Fee: \$120
 Registration: 585-473-6893



BARBARA SKRZYPCZAK
 MOTHER OF JACKI (DAVID) LANZILLO

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

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

*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 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! <<<<*



EQUIPPED TO CARE TRAINING

Equipped to Care Training is certificate program to prepare people through interactive instruction and reflection on experience to develop spiritual care skills that provide a foundation for offering basic spiritual and emotional support to others.

This course runs October thru March, beginning with a Workshop Day, Saturday, October 2nd and continues with On-line Modules and Group Consultations. A background check is required. Cost is \$50. Apply on-line at:

www.crossroadsofcaring.org/e2c-application

For more information, contact Rev. Mary Ann Brody at 585-315-0000



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

Items include new handmade knitted & crocheted infant sweater sets, blankets, new tagged baby clothing & 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 248-2427 or Margie.Benza@dor.org.

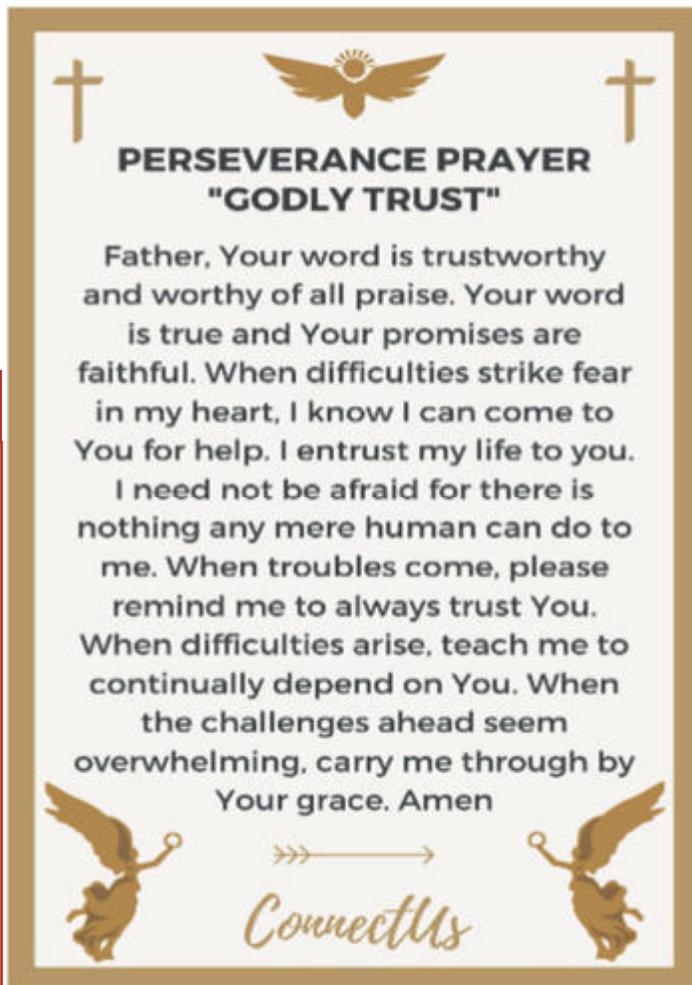


30TH ANNIVERSARY

Matthew's Closet is celebrating thirty years of providing clothing to needy people in the Rochester area. St. Catherine's has been delivering gently used clothing and bedding to the Closet since 1995. We are their biggest source; providing over half of the items at the Closet. Two days a week clients, referred by over 200 agencies, shop there at no cost. Currently, in addition to their regular clients, Matthew's Closet is working with Catholic Family Center and Saints' Place to provide clothing and other needed items to arriving refugees from Afghanistan. Gently used, clean clothing is always needed. **There is still a big need for queen, king and twin sheet sets.**

Please put your donations in securely tied bags in our Collection Shed, located in the upper Church Parking Lot.

Thank you for helping St. Catherine's continue our partnership with Matthew's Closet. We are making a difference!



Diocesan Public Policy Committee – Rev. Fr. Daniel J. Condon, Chair **NOURISH NY** advocacy issue - Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend Update for your Parish



**WE HELPED MAKE THE *NOURISH NEW YORK* PROGRAM PERMANENT
BUT THE BILL WAS NEVER SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE! PLEASE HELP!**

The New York State Legislature voted to make *NOURISH NEW YORK* (NYS Senate Bill S4892A), the state's farm to food bank/pantry initiative, a **permanent state program**. This pandemic-initiative provides funding to New York's food banks and emergency food providers (such as Catholic parish food pantries and other community food pantries) for the direct purchase of New York-produced fruit, vegetables and dairy products to feed those in need. To-date, food banks have purchased and passed through to food pantries, 21 million pounds of agricultural products from New York farms which fed 1.3 million food-insecure families across the state. *NOURISH NEW YORK* invests in a statewide food system that expands market opportunities for farmers, eliminates food waste, and makes sure no New Yorker goes hungry. Our advocacy on Diocesan Public Policy Weekend (February 2021) helped make the *NOURISH NEW YORK* program *permanent*, but legislative leaders never sent the bill to the Governor for signature!

Please contact Governor Kathy Hochul. Ask her to request that the *NOURISH NY* bill be sent to her by the Legislature for her signature. 518-474-8390 or governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form

Please contact these State legislative leaders to urge that they send the bill to Governor Hochul today and call your NYS Senator and Assembly Member – ask them to get the *NOURISH NY* bill signed.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins
Legislative Office Building Room 907
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2585

Senate Ag Committee Chair Michelle Hinchey
Legislative Office Building Room 902
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2350

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Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, September 26, 2021— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

T-8:45 am Mass: Bernadette Zaunick by Sheila & Terry Klee
Michael Kehoe by Pat Kehoe

S-10:45 am Mass: Tom Lynch by Rob Bourcy

12:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice—Church

Monday, September 27, 2021

***Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

T-6:45 am Mass: The People of Transfiguration

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

***Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

S-9:00 am Mass: The People of St. Catherine's

S 7:00 pm: Buildings & Grounds Mtg—Room 2

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

***Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

T-6:45 am Mass: Diane Ravas by Barbara & Elaine DeVencenzo
Dorothy McNeill by Barbara & Elaine DeVencenzo

S 5:00pm: Spiritual Group—Teen Room

Thursday, September 30, 2021

***Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

S-9:00 am Mass: The Public School System

Friday, October 1, 2021

***Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

T and S – No Service

Saturday, October 2, 2021

***Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

T-4:00 pm Mass: Mary Alice Bessette by Judy & Charlie Newton

S-5:30 pm Mass: Fred Lancer by Kathy & Bob Goldbach

Sunday, October 3, 2021— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

T-8:45 am Mass: Tom Tripp by Linda & Paul Valint

Lola Carter by Jim & Lou LeBlanc

Sue Bennet by Jeanne McElhinney

S-10:45am Mass: Carla Farone-Giambrone by

Richard & Anne Farone

2:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice—Church

RESPECT *Life* MASS



Sunday October 3, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Sacred Heart Cathedral

296 Flower City Park

Rochester, NY 14615

To RSVP please email Shannon.Kilbridge@dor.org



OCTOBER ROSARY

The first Wednesday of every month,

Laura & Clyde Cutter invite you to join them at

7pm in the Chapel or on FaceBook—Live to

pray the Rosary. The first Wednesday in Oc-

tober is September 1st. Know that all are

welcome!



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

Count your blessings



Contact Us!

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Masses: Saturday 5:30pm
 Sunday 10:45am
 Tuesday & Thursday 9am
Reconciliation: Saturday by appointment



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