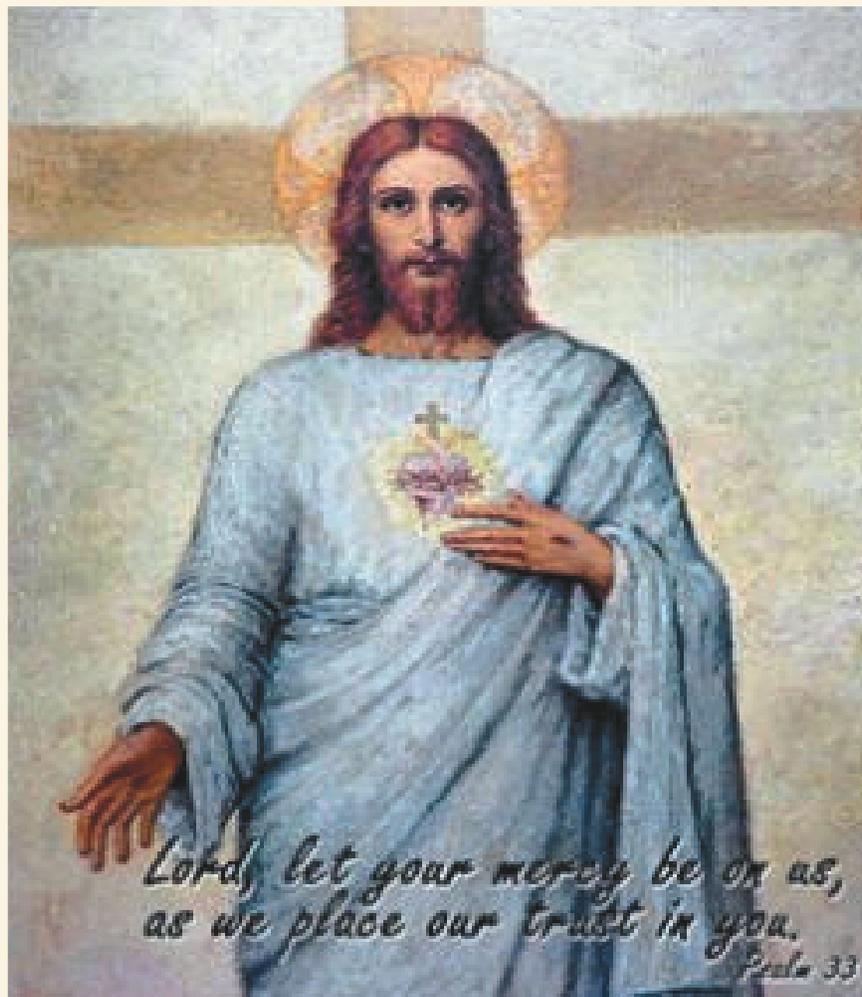


October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Friends,

Well, I am back after participating in the 125th Boston Marathon! Yep, I crossed the finish line once again!



The day was moved from the traditional Patriots Day (the third Monday of April) to this past Monday due to Corona Virus. Enthusiasm was exuberant as always from the crowds attending and I was humbly moved once again to witness runners in wheel chairs, those running on two legs and people from our nation and those who were able to travel from lands around the world. Safety precautions were strong. As volunteers we had to show we have been vaccinated and would adhere to all safety protocols to make this 125th Boston Marathon successful. This is just a small blessing in my life but it's a great blessing for me for over three decades now.

"FORWARD IN FAITH"! Hopefully, everyone by now has received a letter from Bishop Matano and myself addressing this year's Catholic Ministry Appeal. I am grateful to each of you who have already joined me in making a pledge to our parishes. God Bless You for your stewardship and witness to this valuable support for our Diocese of Rochester and the churches of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena.

Interestingly, I have known folks who have made donations to the CMA to more than one parish because of various affiliations and love for the church. I have never done that until now. I'm meeting wonderful new experiences and love for our two faith communities! I am going "FORWARD IN FAITH" with zeal, hope and much love for all of you! My prayer, and hopefully yours too, is that we will make this journey together, trusting and believing the Lord will

provide always for us to be vibrant and giving stewards.

This weekend's Gospel acclaims this very theme as it picked up on last week's message. Jesus calls, requests us, if we are to follow Him, to be servants. Servants who acknowledge that all we have has been from the Lord and we are called to use these blessings, our very lives, in serving others, particularly the sisters and brothers in need. Another reminder as we pray over our sacred texts of the question, how do you and I show our love of God and neighbor?

Again, thank you to everyone who has joined me in a pledge going "FORWARD IN FAITH". I am sincerely grateful and will continue to pray that all our sisters and brothers who belong to our faith communities will join you and me in a pledge of support.

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation this autumn!

Blessings & Love,
Father Rob

October is Respect Life Month

We are called to protect life at all stages from the first moments to the last.

- a) **SPEAK OUT AGAINST TAXPAYER—FUNDED ABORTION**
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops state that "taxpayer dollars should not pay for elective abortions." The majority of Americans agree. For 45 years, the Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976. The U.S. Catholic Bishops encourage you to sign the online petition telling Congress not to take innocent lives >
www.notaxpayerabortion.com
- b) **END FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY**
—ASK PRESIDENT BIDEN TO
 - Declare an official moratorium on executions at the federal level.
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 - Advocate to end the death penalty in law with Congress and the States.
 by signing this petition at >
www.catholicmobilizing.org/biden-end-federal-dp

“Humanitarians” are Helping Refugees from Afghanistan

Please join us to learn about how those who helped our troops & others who have fled from Afghanistan with their families are welcomed & assisted in Rochester.

Tuesday, October 19; 7-8:30 PM

Parish Life Center of the Church of Transfiguration

Presentations will be made by”

Catholic Family Center:

Lisa Hoyt, Director of Refugee & Immigration Services,

Lauren Frye, Refugee Program Coordinator

Keeping Our Promise

www.keepingourpromise.org

Ellen Smith, Executive Director

There will be time for questions following the presentations, and for those interested, the various opportunities to help with the resettlement will be shared. Masks will be required.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel in the Diocese of Rochester has a network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who accompany anyone struggling in the aftermath of abortion. It could have been recently or several years ago. You may have experienced an abortion yourself or be the partner, parent, grandparent, sibling, other family member, friend. A trained companion is available to guide you on a confidential, nonjudgmental healing process of forgiveness and peace. It doesn't matter what faith tradition you are from or if you don't adhere to any faith. Everyone is treated with respect and consideration. All service are offered at no cost.

If you or someone you know needs hope after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available through our dedicated helpline: **888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435)**. You can also email us at return2peace@rachelroc.org. Check out the national Project Rachel website at hopeafterabortion.com



Our 2021 / 2022 CMA Responsibility is:
\$122,979

Our progress as of October 12th is: 2 Donors;
\$675 Pledged; 0.55% of our goal
\$122,304 remaining responsibility

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

Mr. Peter Giancursio
Mr. John D. Mitchell

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!



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- 320 N. Goodman St., Suite 102, Rochester, NY 14607



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!



Pittsford Food Cupboard – located at 3800 Monroe Ave #26, Pittsford serves clients residing in zip codes that include 14506 (Mendon) and 14472 (Honeoye Falls). **We are 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.

Quote of the Week



"My confidence is in God who does not need our help for accomplishing his design. Our simple endeavor should be to give ourselves to his work and be faithful to him, not spoiling his work by

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith by Pauline Marie Jaricot.

Next weekend, October 23/24 we celebrate World Mission Sunday.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Church's missions in your prayers and be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. There will be FISH BOWLS in the Gathering Space for your donation. Thank you.



Stewardship Corner Stewardship Thank you!!!



Thank you :

- † **The Bell Choir** has been rehearsing like crazy. How lucky are we to have so many willing to give their time and talent so as to delight us with beautiful sounds. Thank you Bell Choir!
- † **Bob Goldbach** does it again with the sturdy trollies he built for the Bell Choir so that they can easily and safely move the bells as needed. Thank you Bob!
- † How wonderful is the Fall Cart that greets us as we enter the church? We are blessed by the creative hands and hearts of our **Arts & Environment Committee**. Thank you for delighting us and inspiring us always!



The October Food Collection is this weekend. It is for the Lima Food Pantry. Their special requests include:

turkey stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce
boxed macaroni & cheese.
spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes
baked beans and cereal (especially Cheerios)

Items can be left in the entrances to Church.
Thank you for your generous support!

Bottle and Cans



The Social Justice Ministry is doing another on-site can and bottle collection each weekend mass in the month of **OCTOBER** to help support the **Good Samaritan Fund**. We earn 6 cents per bottle or can that contributes directly to the Good Samaritan Fund so bring all you've got!
Thank you for your continued support!

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.



RICE BOWL—2021 Lent Report

Thank you for making Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl part of your 2021 Lenten Journey.

- † \$100,739 was contributed by parishes, schools and campuses across our Diocese.
- † 75% alms—\$75,554.41—helps CRS make a real difference in the lives of sisters and brothers overseas.
- † 25% - \$25,184.95—is helping to alleviate hunger in local communities across our Diocese.

Our parishes contribution was \$448.55. We appreciate the generosity of all who contributed despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Church of the Transfiguration and St. Catherine of Siena
October 16-17, 2021**

Cluster Committee Update

The Cluster Committee met on September 27. Highlights of the meeting:

- ◆ Welcome to Phil Dattilo, the 2021-2022 chair of St. Catherine's pastoral council, who joins the Cluster Committee!
- ◆ People are asking "**Why is the Cluster Committee still meeting, now that the two parishes are clustered?**" We will remain as a focus group to continue to collect feedback, think, discuss, and serve as a sounding board for Fr. Rob to help address any comments or concerns from our parishioners. We look for ways for people and groups from the two communities to get to know each other and consider ways for us to be more efficient and less redundant in our communications.
- ◆ We need to keep responding to confusion and misinformation. **St. Catherine and Transfiguration are not merging.** They are separate under church and civil law, even though they are no longer "stand-alone" parishes since they now share a pastor and several staff positions.
- ◆ Check out the video of Fr. Rob introducing the two parishes to one another. It can be found on the two parish websites. Thanks goes to Jeff Beckett and Pam McInerney for creating it.
- ◆ The two pastoral councils will begin sharing agendas and minutes this year to become more familiar with the other parish. Plans are tentatively in place for a shared soup supper before the first evening of the 2022 Lenten retreat.

Do you have questions, comments, suggestions? Please feel free to contact any member of the Cluster Committee:

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Church of the Transfiguration

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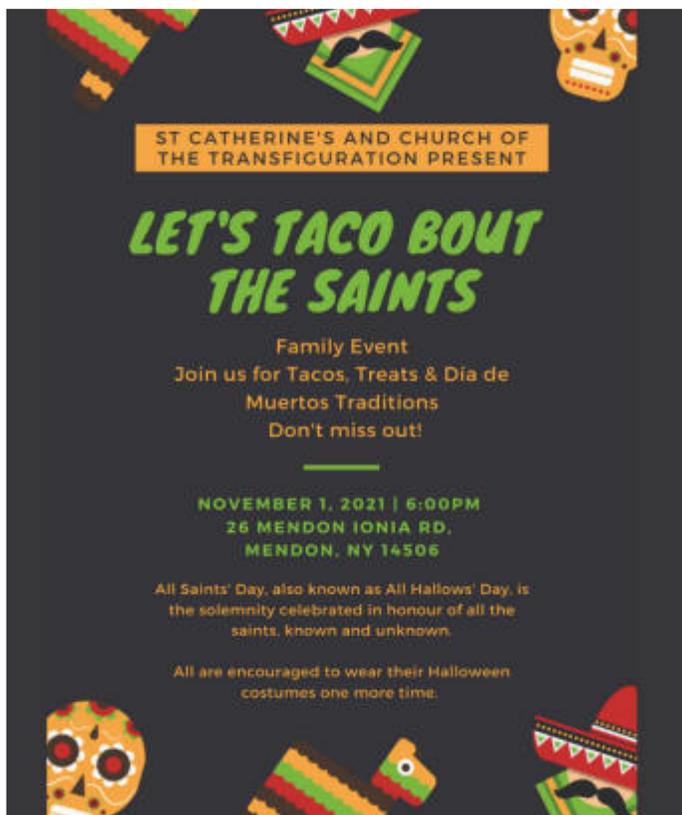
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HOLIDAY CHURCH CLEANING

*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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Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, October 17, 2021— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

T-8:45 am Mass: Terri Schultz by Paul Schultz
In thanksgiving for Laura & Clyde Cutter's
40th Anniversary.

S-10:45am Mass: Freda & Joseph Agram by Joan Wood

12:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice—Church

7:00 pm: Auditions for MSC Players

Monday, October 18, 2021

***2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

T-6:45 am Mass: Bruce Mockett by Judy & Charlie Newton

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

***Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

S-9:00 am Mass: Ron Anderson

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

***Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

T-6:45 am Mass: Joe Incavo by Noreen Incavo

S 5:00pm: Spiritual Group—Teen Room

Thursday, October 21, 2021

***Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

S-9:00 am Mass: Police Commemoration Day

Friday, October 22, 2021

*** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

T and S – No Service

Saturday, October 23, 2021

***Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

T-4:00 pm Mass: Margaret Smith by Sheila & Terry Klee

S-5:30 pm Mass: Betsy & Paul Bourcy by Rob Bourcy

Sunday, October 24, 2021— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

T-8:45 am Mass: Rosina Casciani by Sally Suria

S-10:45am Mass: Kathy Dessauer by Tom Dessauer

12:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice—Church

Blessed are you autumn,
Season of the heart's yearning.
You usher us into places of mystery
And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly
Into eternal, unseen hands



A Note from the Music Ministry

Throughout this past year and a half, while most church choirs were on furlough, our music ministries at St. Catherine's and Transfiguration stayed together and strong, rehearsing and recording over 100 songs and hymns for all our liturgical seasons - all accomplished virtually, separately, and safely from their homes. We have resumed producing recordings with a repertoire of new songs and look forward to the time we can sing live again as a choir in church.

(Want to request a song? See the link at the bottom of our homepage, we'd love to hear from you!)

Meanwhile, as we navigate through this Pandemic together, balancing safety with uplifting music, we are carefully and gradually introducing live music. You may remember how in June and part of July we were able to have live vocal music for a short time before we needed to step back. How fortunate we are that music is inherently fluid as we continue to learn this dance of compassion and safety for all of our parish family members! Now, we are gradually introducing live vocal music again beginning with one singer/cantor offering a live song or two during Mass as preludes, offertory, or meditation, & other places in the Mass.

Please understand that this is a work in progress and things can change at any moment, but we will praise God with our music with all we have now and look forward to the day when everyone will fill our churches with full voices!

Keep a Psalm in your heart ... Pam and Sue

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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 Tuesday & Thursday 9am
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 WHERE THERE IS DISCORD I PUT
 WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS I PUT
 WHERE THERE IS DEATH I PUT
 O DIVINE MASTER GRANT THAT I MAY
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