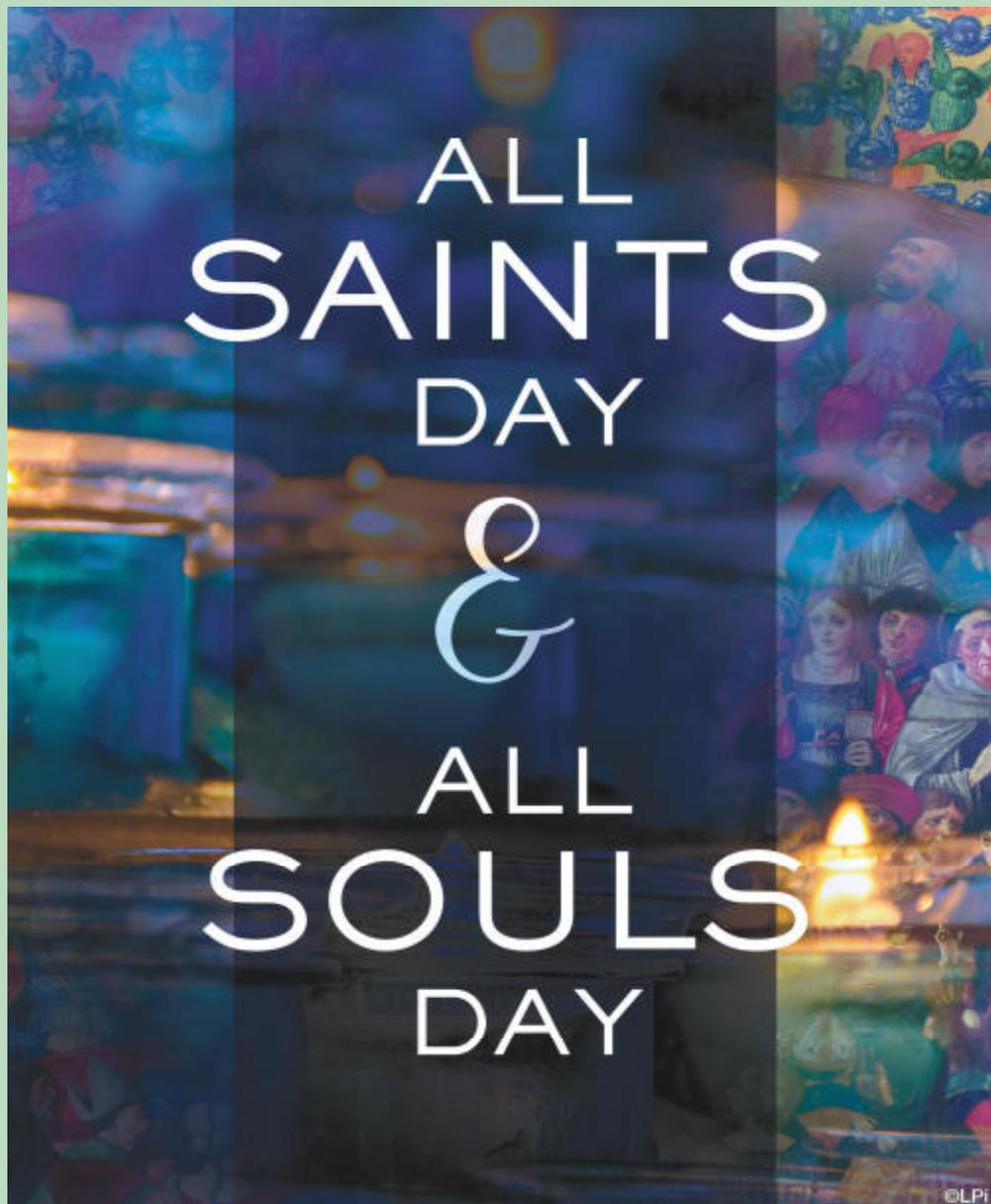


October 31, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday we had a splendid turnout for the discussion about refugees arriving to the United States from Afghanistan. Our local community is welcoming them here.

Almost 100 folks listened to the presentations given by Lisa Hoyt, Director of Refugee & Immigration Services at Catholic Family Center, Lauren Frye, Refugee Program Coordinator at the Catholic Family Center and Ellen Smith, Executive Director of Keeping Our Promise.

I was impressed with the turnout, the presentations and discussions.



Unfortunately, I had to leave early to attend another parish meeting. Karen Luke, Pastoral Associate of Formation was in the audience. I asked her to share her observations and thoughts from this evening. These are her words:

"At the end of mass, when we hear "go out to serve the Lord and one another" literally means to be the hands of Christ. Jesus didn't choose only certain times to be nice or perform miracles or to help those in need. He was just always there and ready to serve.

I went to the Afghan Refugee Resettlement meeting at Transfiguration on Tuesday evening. I went thinking they were going to ask for money so I would simply be asked to drop in a donation but the speakers spoke nothing about monetary or material donations. What they are in critical need of is my time, your time, our time. Yes, I know time is a hot commodity and that we are somewhat back to normal. Yes, I know many of us could use an extra hour or two or even ten!

These organizations need help setting up apartments for the families so that when they come here, it's ready for them. They need people to make hot dinners to bring to the families on their first night in their new home. They need drivers to take them to appointments, and mentors to help the families navigate and learn about all the amazing stuff to do in Rochester and the Finger Lakes.

After a presenter stated the need for people to teach them English, she told us the story about a woman who said she couldn't help teach because she wasn't a teacher. The presenter said to her, knowing the woman had children, "you taught your kids to speak English didn't you?"

My family is looking into being a mentor family or helping families learn the English language. We've already talked about it and are excited for our children to greet to meet, engage, and learn a different culture from the Afghanistan families. You know the saying...If you want something done, ask a busy person. They always find the time.

*I'm asking everyone to find time, even if it's an hour a month, or a couple hours a week to reach out to the Catholic Family Center and Keeping our Promise to see where you can be a faithful steward of Jesus. Remember Jesus' words, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did it for me.**"*

Let's not only walk the walk of being Jesus's disciples, let's talk the talk as well."

I want to thank Karen for sharing her reflection.

These sisters and brothers who are arriving from Afghanistan are our wartime allies who served our U.S. troops, diplomats and contractors working to combat violence perpetrated by al-Queda, ISIL, and the Taliban in conflict zones. God Bless them and may we be generous in sharing our God given blessings with them.

On another worthwhile sharing I received is in regards to Organ Donation. Mary Jane Milano from Transfiguration is Community Development Manager for Finger Lakes Recovery Network. November 12 – 14 is National Donor Sabbath. This is a time for faith communities to encourage their parishioners to give the gift of life through organ donation. Mary Jane will be at our weekend masses November 13 – 14 to address this worthy life giving cause. More details will follow in the bulletin and the two parish websites. I have filled out my intentions on my driver license and informed my health care proxy that I wish to be a donor. If you are thinking about this gift of life, please speak with Mary Jane or myself.

And finally, Gerry Gacoch, parishioner of Transfiguration, who is so faithful to our environment and world of creation would like to invite everyone to a ZOOM meeting to discuss this sacred gift in our possession. They meet the third Thursday of the month. Next meeting is November 18th at 7 PM. They look forward to when they can meet again in person. We will have Gerry share the ZOOM information when the date gets closer.

So much to think about and reflect upon. How did Jesus do it? He did it with the help of faithful followers. And that is us!!!!

Blessings (and Happy Halloween, All Saints Day too!),
Father Rob



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

Our progress as of October 25th is: **55 Donors;**
\$17,510 Total Pledged; 14.24% of our goal

\$105,469 remaining responsibility

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

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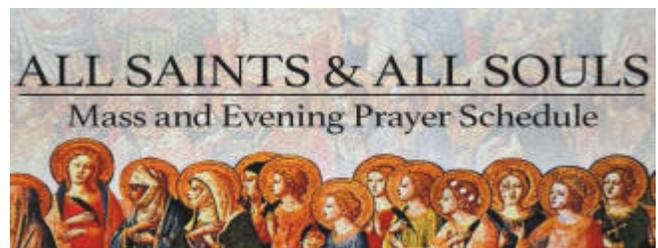
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Family Event
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All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is the solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown.

All are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes one more time.



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Mass and Evening Prayer Schedule

COMMUNION OF SAINTS—ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we celebrate two feast days"

The Feast of All Saints - Monday, November 1st and
 The Feast of All Souls - Tuesday, November 2nd

Faith and Baptism bring us into the life which Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, shares with the saints in heaven. God has claimed us as "adopted children". Jesus gave his life in love for all people. Trusting in this love unites us with the Body of Christ, with the Communion of Saints.

Since the Feast of All Saints falls on a Monday this year it NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. For those wishing to celebrate this Feast—

Mass at Transfiguration is at 6:45am;
 & at 8:45am at St. Patrick's in Victor,
 & at 11:00 am at St. Louis in Pittsford.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP
Catholics Care * Catholics Vote

As we prepare to vote this Tuesday, Nov 2, our U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us to pray and reflect:

- What is the connection between our faith and the desire to change our world for the better?
- What kind of leaders does our society need?
- For what should our leaders stand for and how should they lead?

NOVEMBER ROSARY

This Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm
Laura and Clyde Cutter invite you to join them in the Chapel or on FaceBook-Live to pray the Rosary.

We are grateful to Laura & Clyde Cutter for leading us in this Mary Prayer.



Mass of Remembrance

NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 6 & 7

We will celebrate our annual MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for those whose funerals we have celebrated this past year.



The Sisters of St. Joseph Gift Shop
150 French Rd., Rochester

The SSJ Gift Shop is now open five days a week—Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am—3:30 pm and Friday from 10:00 am—Noon. The Gift Shop offers a variety of unique religious and home décor items, many handmade by the Sisters and friends. The Store is located inside the SSJ Mother house, 150 French Rd. in Pittsford. Masks are required.

For questions on availability of items or Covid-19 protocols, call Sr. Patricia Sullivan at 585-641-8137.

**LIFTING OUR HEARTS UP TO THE LORD:
THE SPIRITUALITY OF LITURGY**

Fr. Bob Kennedy's upcoming series



The coming of the COVID pandemic not only limited the actual celebration of the Eucharist; it severely affected **how** we celebrate it. The task ahead is to discover anew how we give eucharistic praise with “hearts attuned to voices,” and return to “full, conscious and active participation” in the Eucharist. This three-part series will provide a foundation of a liturgical spirituality: the ministry of the liturgical assembly, the particular way of “seeing” the movement of the eucharistic celebration, and the connection of Sunday Eucharist with the other 167 hours of the week.

November 3, 10, 17, 2021

7:00-8:30 PM

Church of the Transfiguration
Upper Level Education Building
All are welcome!

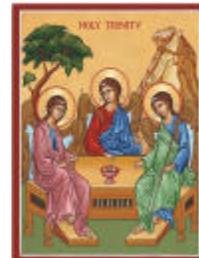
DAY OF PRAYER

“The Table the Lord — All are Welcome”

Using the famous icon of the Holy Trinity by Andrei Rublow, Russian artist and monk, we will explore the powerful call of biblical hospitality and what God is asking of us through this Christian artifact.

There will be time for private prayer and instruction of the prayer of contemplation.

Presenter: Fr. Ed Palumbo
Date: Wednesday, November 10
Time: 9:00 am—3:30pm
Fee: \$25
Place: Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua



Registration: 585-394-2700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

Thanksgiving Food Appeal

We will be handing out grocery store gift cards to local families just as we did last year. Families favorite places to shop are: The Marketplace, Aldis, Wegman's & Walmart. Please place your gift cards in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Food Appeal." You may drop them in the collection baskets in church or in the locked drop box outside the Parish Office. You may also donate to the Good Samaritan Fund on our website and we will purchase the gift cards. Gift cards are needed by Nov. 14th.



Christmas Gift & Food Appeal

We will offer you the chance to sponsor a child as in the past. If you wish to do so would you please contact me pyhagen3@gmail.com or text/call 585-721-6568 by Nov 2. The other option we will have is purchasing from two gift registries linked to the St. Catherine's Website. The St. Catherine's Gift Appeal Registries (Amazon & Target) will list the remainder of the children's wish/needs lists for you to purchase needed items. These items will be shipped directly to Sally Whitbeck's & my homes so you won't need to drop them off at St. Catherine's. Look for this registry the Weekend of Nov 6/7. We will shut the registry down by Dec 8th to allow for shipping time.



We will also be taking donations of adult & children's clothing, boots, shoes, coats, hats, mittens, etc. Bed/bath/kitchen linens are also desperately needed. Drop off for these items can be made before and after Masses the weekend of Dec 18/19 at the Community Center. Local families may choose items when they come for Christmas pick-up.

We will need volunteers to help sort these items on Sunday Dec 19 & Monday Dec 20th 9am-6pm. Contact Phyllis or Sally (sjwhitbeck109@gmail.com) if you can help or have questions.

The Christmas Food Appeal will be the same as Thanksgiving. Gift cards & donations need to be dropped off by Dec 19th.

As always we and local families are deeply grateful for your continued support.

Quote of the Week



"Having humility is not simply denying one's accomplishments, but recognizing what is true about ourselves."

~ Carrie Gress



SPECIAL REQUEST

The clients at Matthew's Closet need winter coats for all ages, but especially men's coats, including large sizes, hats and gloves. Please put your gently used coats, hats and gloves, as well as other clothing in securely tied bags in St. Catherine's Collection Shed in the upper church parking lot.

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



The next World wide Marriage Encounter weekend is November 12-14 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

Registration is on line at wwme.org

Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other. In honor of what would have been their 35th wedding anniversary, Leo Rivera has decided to donate \$100 application fees to the first 35 couples that sign up for the Nov. 12-14 Encounter at the Notre Dame. Couples can apply at www.wwme.org and use the discount code

FINDING ABUNDANCE IN LETTING GO

Come join us as Kathy Elliot works with us to approach this issue of "letting go" in our lives. How do we let go so that we may find abundance. Kathy is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Nationally certified Counselor in private practice in Rochester. Her approach seeks to integrate Faith principles with methods of psychological healing so individuals can best find spiritual, emotional and psychological healing.

- Facilitator: Kathy Elliott
- Date: Monday, November 15, 2021
- Time: 6:30—8:00 pm
- Where: Mercy Spirituality Center
- Fee: \$20
- Registration: 585-473-6893





Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, October 31, 2021— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

T-8:45 am Mass: *Dick Miles by Claire Miles*

Keir Zangando by Lisa & Devon VanVechten

S-10:45am Mass: *Marlene Kessler by Ray & Margie Benza*

12:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice—Church

Monday, November 1, 2021

***Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

T-6:45 am Mass: *The Farrell Family*

9:30am Prayer Shawl—MSCC

6:30pm Family Faith Festival—MSCC

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

***Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40a

S-9:00 am Mass: *Debbie Alloco*

7:00pm The 5 Ws—Teen Room

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

***Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

T-6:45am Mass: *God's Mercy and Grace*

5:00pm Spiritual Group—Teen Room

7:00pm Rosary—Chapel

Thursday, November 4, 2021

***Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

S-9:00 am Mass: *Debbie Alloco*

Friday, November 5, 2021

*** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

T and S – No Service

Saturday, November 6, 2021

***Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

T-4:00 pm Mass: *George Burgmaier by Elizabeth & Frank Carnevale*

S-5:30 pm Mass: *Ron Anderson by The Empty Nesters*

Sunday, November 7, 2021— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

T-8:45 am Mass: *Elma Belini by Lisa & Tim Morris*

Robert & Irma Zangrande by Lisa & Devon VanVechten

S-10:45am Mass: *Fred Lancer by Nancy & Roger DeBurgomaster*

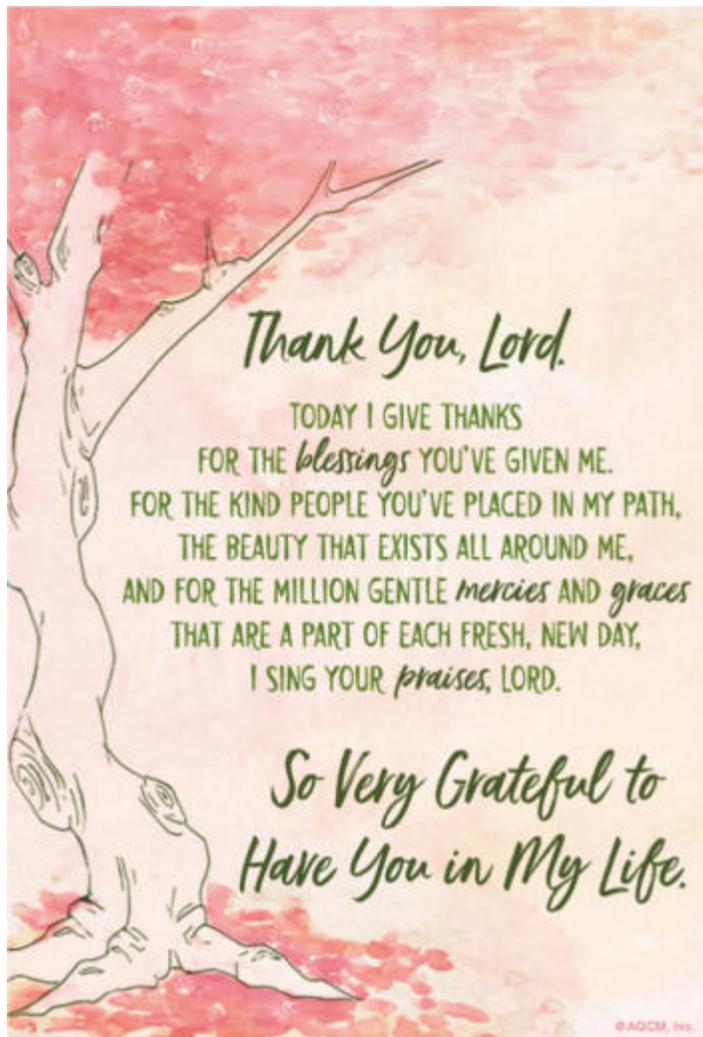
12:15 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church

3:00 pm MSC Players, Music Rehearsal—MSCC

2021-2022 Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Week ending 10/24/21	\$7,805	\$6,219	\$1,586
July 1st - October 24	\$173,432	\$173,408	\$24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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.

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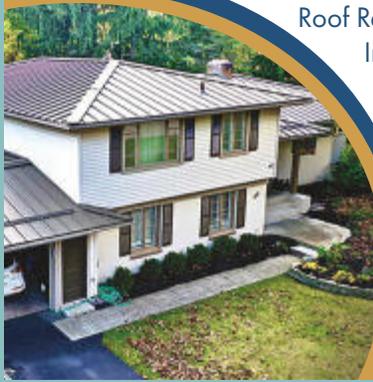
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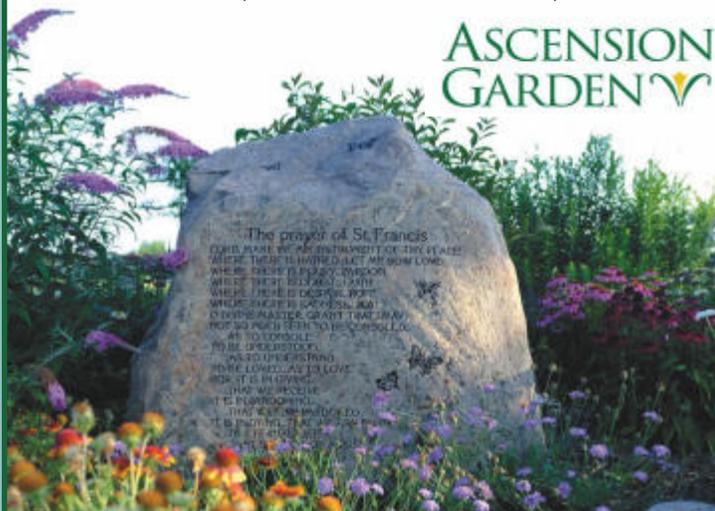
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