

November 7, 2021  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Friends,  
This coming week I will be joyfully celebrating my 38th Anniversary of being ordained to the Priesthood! It seems almost like yesterday on the evening of November 11th that family, friends, and faith communities gathered around me as Bishop Matthew Clark presided at the Ordination.

My theme was chosen from Psalm 139:9-10. "If I take the wings of dawn, if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall guide me and your right hand hold me fast."

This Psalm has never failed me nor has the Lord Jesus over all these years. There have been many blessings and joys. There have been struggles and trials as well. Throughout this sacred journey the Lord has ever been at my side.

At my side have been others who have supported and nourished my vocation. My parents, family, dear friends and the faith communities where I have been blessed to grow up in and those I have assisted in my formation and priesthood. Fondly, I think of Holy Ghost where I grew up, Saint Mary Star of the Sea in Beverly, Massachusetts where I would intern as a Seminarian, Saint John of Rochester where I would have my Deacon Internship and be ordained, and the following parishes where I would serve, Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, Saint John the Evangelist in Greece and Saint Patrick's in Macedon.

And my blessings are abundant today as I serve the faith communities of Saint Catherine of Siena and the Church of the Transfiguration. My life is rich in the love of the Lord and the graces He continually brings into my life. Indeed, "His right hand holds me fast" !



November 11, 1983

As I embrace my vocation please know how grateful I am for all your prayer, support and love.

November 7-13 is Vocation Awareness Week. Bishop Hickey used to say that priests must be about finding our own replacement. That is an old sentiment. I am not in any hurry to retire or be replaced but I ask you to join me in prayer that the future of our church may embrace worthy servants to be with us in the years ahead. They are before us.



In closing, this coming week, I will have the opportunity to be with my friend Deb Housel to visit Bishop Clark and Sr. Mary Ann Binsack. I am excited to be able to spend some time with them. Bishop Clark has been very supportive of me throughout the years. It will be special to have some "anniversary" time with him, Mary Ann and Deb.

Please keep us in your prayer and know you are in mine everyday.

Blessings,  
Rob

### National Vocation Awareness Week November 7—13

A week dedicated to promoting vocation to the priesthood, deaconate, and consecrated life through prayer & education. We are called to renew our prayer and support for those considering one of these particulate vocations.

And so we pray:

*God, of mercy, love and truth,  
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,  
send Your grace upon those You have called  
to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong  
Service of You.*

*Open the hearts of our children  
that they may discern Your holy will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender  
themselves to serving others in the name of Jesus, the Christ.  
Amen.*



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



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Tuesday, November 30, 2021

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Mark your calendars and plan to join us in giving Thanks for God's many blessings.

Wednesday Evening

November 24th at 7:00 pm.

You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving Dinner breads, rolls, etc..., for blessing.



AT HOME with  
the WORD 2022

"At Home With The Word" books are available in the area near the Chapel. Donations are gratefully accepted. (Cost of the book is \$8).

This Book has the Scripture Readings for each Sunday of the Church year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent (November 28). This is an excellent resource for preparing for Sunday Liturgy by reflecting on God's Word. You will also find a short introduction to Luke's Gospel, which is the Gospel to be proclaimed this new Liturgical year (Cycle C). Seasonal prayers included.

### ***Surviving the Holidays Seminar***

Holidays are an especially difficult time when losing a loved one. Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn: Through video and discussion you learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays; what to do about traditions and other coming changes; helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for your future.

Join us on Wednesday, 11/10/21 at Transfiguration in our Parish Life Center Double Room. from 10—11:30am. RSVP to Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or [margie.benza@dor.org](mailto:margie.benza@dor.org).



## 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!

## Quote of the Week



"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

~ Nelson Mandela

### 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

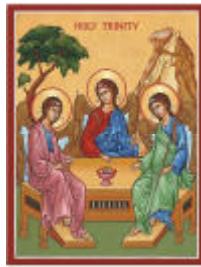
We will offer you the chance to sponsor a child as in the past. If you wish to do so would you please contact me [pyhagen3@gmail.com](mailto:pyhagen3@gmail.com) or text/call 585-721-6568 by Nov 9. The other option we will have is purchasing from two gift registries linked to the St. Catherine's Website. 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.



### 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 Palumbus  
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](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com)

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](mailto: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.

# Star Lights

"Stars of St. Catherine's lighting our world"

## TRUDE WRIGHT

November 2021

Trude Wright, for the past years, has graciously donated geraniums for our flower beds. Spring, when we are all anxious to welcome the earth to bloom, has been enhanced with the generous offering of Trude! This year the geraniums were flourishing abundantly and even into these fall days, they look really good!

Thank you, Trude, for adding to God's creation and blessing our campus with your stewardship and "green thumb"! Mother Earth and your faith community are very appreciative of your blessings. You are indeed a true Star Light!

God's Love,  
Father Rob



### St. Andrew Food Pantry Looking for Volunteers

St. Andrew's Food Cupboard located at 892 Portland Ave. is looking for volunteers. We are hoping to open on Tuesdays in November & December from 9am until 12 to better serve our community for the holidays.



We need volunteers to take in donations, stock shelves and pack orders. We will provide training. If you are interested, please call Sue Lucchesi at 802-3386. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

## Matthew's Closet

Clothing Ministry and Thrift Shop

### 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:  
[sjidakins@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sjidakins@rochester.rr.com).

## worldwide marriage encounter

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](http://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](http://www.wwme.org) and use the discount code ED&LEO35

### 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, November 7, 2021— 32nd 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

**Monday, November 8, 2021**

\*\*\*Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6  
T-6:45 am Mass: James Matthew by Kelly Flynn

9:30am Prayer Shawl—MSCC

6:30pm Family Faith Festival—MSCC

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

\*\*\*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,8-9 /1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
S-9:00 am Mass: Debbie Aloco

7:00pm The 5 Ws—Teen Room

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

\*\*\*Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19  
T-6:45am Mass: For our Veterans

5:00pm Spiritual Group—Teen Room

7:00pm Rosary—Chapel

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

\*\*\*Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  
S-9:00 am Mass: Special Intentions by Rob Bourcy

**Friday, November 12, 2021**

\*\*\* Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37  
T and S – No Service

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

\*\*\*Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8  
T-4:00 pm Mass: George Burgmaier by Elizabeth & Frank Carnevale  
S-5:30 pm Mass: Ron Anderson by The Empty Nesters

**Sunday, November 14, 2021— 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

\*\*\*Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
T-8:45 am Mass: Grace & Art Roberts, Sr. by The Roberts Family  
S-10:45am Mass: Jay Rusalem by Tony & Karen Jovenitti  
12:15 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church

3:00 pm MSC Players, Music Rehearsal—MSCC

### 2021-2022 Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
November 1, 2021	\$5,469	\$6,219	(\$750)
July 1st - November 1	\$185,646	\$189,193	(\$3,547)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE:

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at [edward.giblin@dor.org](mailto:edward.giblin@dor.org), for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate.



### 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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**Contact Us!**

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

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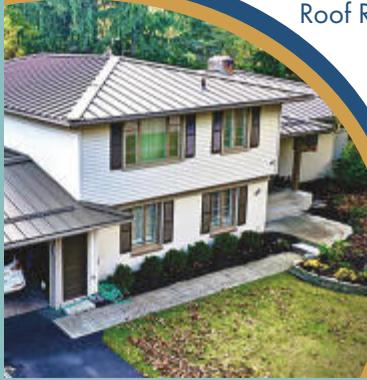
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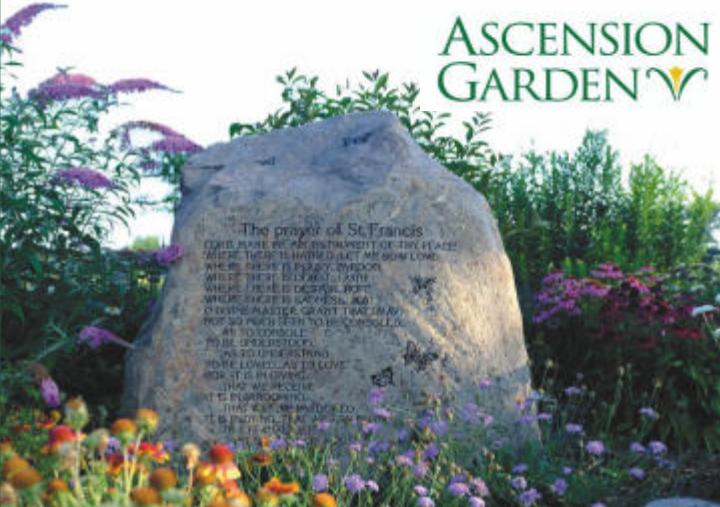
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