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Dear Friends,

"Hope & Anticipation...Forward in Faith" and "Hope, Peace, Joy & Love" were our all too quickly passed themes for Advent. These words are still appropriate as we now move into our Christmas Season!

Where have you and I been in our relationship with the Lord these past few weeks of Advent? I know I have been praying and trying to focus on my relationship with the One whose birthday we acknowledge and even more importantly on the expectation of His Second Coming. I'm always praying I am going "forward in faith."

When I was a bit younger and attending my home parish of Holy Ghost, my high school friends would always join me for Midnight Mass. It was a time we wouldn't think of missing. It was truly a night of prayer, blessing and having such good people around one another. Being young, after mass we would usually gather at my parents home and continue our Christmas celebration.

As a college student at R.I.T. and commuting from home, I became more engaged in parish life. One ministry I embraced was being a Lector. For a time I was spoiled because every year, or let's say for many, many years, I was a Lector for our Midnight Mass. I was able to proclaim the first reading as we celebrated the Nativity of the Lord.

You do not know how proud I felt and humbled at the same time to proclaim the sacred text from the first reading. "They named him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

I get chills even writing this now thinking how fortunate I was able to stand at the lectern and proclaim these words. I was blessed. When I eventually became a transitional Deacon and then a Priest, I was a bit disappointed that I wasn't the one who could proclaim this phenomenal reading from the Book of Isaiah.

But, I still have the blessing to proclaim these words. I may not be the Lector who shares them at mass but I am one fortunate soul who can integrate these sacred lines along with our other reading and Gospel.

These past several months have been a profound time in my life. I have been so blessed by the Lord to have been named Pastor at Saint Catherine of Siena which to me seems like yesterday by Bishop Matthew Clark. And, I cannot tell you how blessed I feel to have built upon this grace to have been named Pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration this past June by Bishop Salvatore Matano.

I have not taken these ministries for granted. I thank Jesus Christ everyday of my life that I am able to serve each and everyone of you. I told all of you in my homily the first weekend we were beginning our shared journey that on my arrival at Saint Catherine's I sat alone in the church and couldn't believe I was there. I still have that special grace and feeling. When I was named Pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, that same overwhelming grace filled my heart and soul. Each time I conclude a liturgy at the Church of the Transfiguration, I look up to the resurrected Christ and feel like I do at Saint Catherine's, I cannot believe I am here.

I have so much to be grateful for.

Maybe some of you have people who ask you what you want for Christmas. That's not so much part of my life anymore. That is fine as I need nothing materially. I do not often ask for something.

But, I did ask the Lord awhile ago, if it is meant to be, might I come to Saint Catherine of Siena. It happened!!! I did ask the Lord if it is meant to be, might I come to the Church of the Transfiguration. It Happened!!!

This Christmas I could not have better gifts than all of you who faithfully worship, support and are faithful stewards to our two faith communities.

AND, I can not be more blessed in knowing each of you and that together joyfully we praise Him, who is "Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father- Forever, Prince of Peace."

Merry Christmas to all of you and your loved ones! You're in my heartfelt prayers and love, Father Rob



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

Our progress as of December 16th is: 166 Donors; \$56,688 Total Pledged; 46.10% of our goal

\$65,434 remaining responsibility

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

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!



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the Sanctuary Candle December 19—December 25, 2021

For those who have died or are suffering from the effects of COVID-19



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

The Feast of Mary, as the Mother of God is celebrated on January 1, the octave of Christmas. We celebrate Mary's role in the incarnation of Jesus and in the redemption of humankind. In this role, her special relationship with her son, Jesus, is emphasized & she is acknowledged as a model for the church.

This Feast of Mary is a Holy Day of obligation. Our Holy Day Mass will be celebrated as an anticipated Mass:

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve @ 5:00 PM.

There will NOT be a Mass on Saturday, New Year's Day.

Sunday, December 26 is the Feast for the Holy Family. Sunday, January 2 is the Feast of the Epiphany. These Sunday Masses will be at the usual times:

8:45 AM at Transfiguration 10:45 AM at St. Catherine of Siena

In This Holy Season

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for an infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

~ Author Unknown

JANUARY ROSARY

Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM
Deacon Jim Carra invites you to join him in the
Chapel to pray the Rosary & Benediction.
(Will no longer be available via LiveStream)



WORLD DAY OF PEACE

This year celebrates the 55th World Peace Day, an observance marked annually on January 1, New Year's Day World Peace Day was established by Pope Paul VI in his December 1967 message and celebrated for the first time in January, 1968. On this day, the Pope sends a message to all the World.

The message of Pope Francis for 2022 World Day of Peace is "Education, work and dialogue between generations are tools for building lasting peace."

He puts forth three questions for our consideration:

- 1) Does work in the world respond, more or less, to the vital needs of humans for justice and freedom?
- 2) Are the generations truly in solidarity with each other; do they believe in the future?
- 3) Can governments succeed in setting a horizon of peace?





"Jesus is here with us. Yes, we have a sense of waiting, hoping and yearning for a complete realization of the Kingdom, and yet we know it will come because we can celebrate Him here right now."

~Sr. Dorothy Kazel



RECYCLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

St. Jude's Ranch for Children recycles new and used greeting cards ... Christmas, Birthday, Thank You, etc... and creates new holiday and all occasion greeting cards. Recycled cards are sold to support programs and services for abused, neglected and homeless children, young adults and families. Only the front is used, so please, be sure cards are clear of any writing. Also, Hallmark, Disney & American Greeting Cards cannot be accepted.

Mail your donations to:

St. Judes' Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program 100 S. Jude's Street Boulder City, Nevada 89005





BY GOING TO

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

~Voice of the Parishioner~ **Volunteer Request**

St. Catherine's Parish Council is looking for parishioners who are willing to join us for one of our monthly meetings. We invite you to learn about the role of Parish Council & to share your impressions, comments and/or questions about our parish. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Community Center.

If interested, please email Ruth.Maier@dor.org

Volunteer Tutors Needed!

Nativity Preparatory Academy, St. Catherine's featured Outreach Weekend organization from this past September, is currently looking to partner with potential volunteers who would like to tutor their students after school or on Saturdays. If you are interested, please contact Robert Bonfiglio at rbonfiglio@nativityrochester.org or Tatiana Colon at oneintern@nativitvrochester.org to learn more!

Shout Out For Bean Counters!

We are seeking volunteers to help count our weekend collections. This is a two hour Monday morning commitment based on your availability. Training is offered with staff oversight. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office,

Matthew's Clothing Shed Temporarily Closed as of November 15, 2021

Due to the ongoing impact of Covid, Matthew's Closet is having "supply chain" problems: fewer clients and shoppers, too much inventory, and fewer volunteers, both at the Closet to sort the items and at the referring agencies. We have reluctantly closed the St. Catherine's Donation Collection Shed for Matthew's Closet to give the Closet time to reorganize and manage their inventory and volunteers. We hope to reopen the Shed soon.

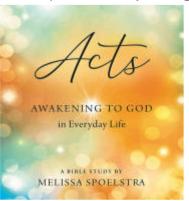
Women's Bible Study at Transfiguration Tuesdays—12:30pm to 2:00pm January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 Transfiguration Ed. Ctr—Upper Level Registration required by January 1. Materials Fee: \$20

Acts: Awakening to God in Our Everyday Lives is a six-week Study of the Book of Acts by Melissa Spoelstra. You will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth & growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, & direction.

To register and pay online, go to:

https://transfigurationpittsford.weshareonline.org/ws/ opportunities/6weekwbsJanFeb

For questions, email Mary Jo Brandt at mibrandt6@gmail.com



Camp Koinonia ...where love grows

Looking for a way to grow closer as a family and to renew your faith? Consider a week at Camp Koinonia, a Catholic Family Camp which is just about an hour from Rochester in the hills south of Canandaigua. For more information and available weeks in July see the web:

https://www.campkoinonianv.org/.

Opportunities for teen & adult staff & volunteers available.

Week 1: July 10-15 Week 2: July 17-22 Week 3: July 24-29 Week 4: July 31-Aug 5







ÎT IS CHRISTMAS EVERY TIME YOU LET GOD LOVE OTHERS THROUGH YOU * Mother Theresa of @alcutta



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

Sunday, December 26, 2021—3rd Sunday in Advent

***1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

S-10:45am Mass: Bruce VanDerwater by Nancy & Jim Johnstone

Monday, December 27, 2021

***1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

T-6:45 am Mass: Grace & Art Roberts Sr. by The Roberts Family

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

***1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

S-9:00 am Mass: Debbie Alloco 7:00 pm MSC Players—MSCC Wednesday, December 29, 2021—

***1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

T-6:45am Mass: Vin Latus by The Haley Family

5:00 pm Spiritual Group—Teen Room

Thursday, December 30, 2021

***1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

S-9:00 am Mass: Diane Kannell 7:00 pm MSC Players—MSCC

7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church

Friday, December 31, 2021—Christmas Eve

*** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

T-No Service

S-5:00pm Margaret Crane by Phyllis Hagen

George Burgmaier by Judy & Charlie Newton

Saturday, January 1, 2021—Feast of the Mother of God ***Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

T & S: No Service

Sunday, January 2, 2021— Epiphany

***Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

T-8:45 am Mass: Isabel & Anthony Marcucci S-10:45 am Mass: Shirley Leftwich by Elaine Sykes

*Because of his boundless love.

Jesus became what we are

That he might make us to be what he is*

*IRENAEUS

Stewardship Corner Stewardship Thank you!!!

Thank you:

Yicky Wejko for helping St. Nicholas on St. Nick's Day to fill our shoes with little gifts & treats.



† Roger & Nancy DeBurgomaster, Sharon Hurley and Sharon Neenan for spending a morning with Meg Kastner to prepare the Christmas mailing for send off to all parishioners!



BEAD FOR LIFE

Many of you are familiar with BeadforLife (BFL), a not-profit organization impacting the lives of women in 25 countries through Africa, Asia and South Ameri-

ca. Sadly, BFL fell victim to the pandemic. Since many of these women had multiple businesses, through the partnership with Street Business School, they have been able to extend the BFL mission with 150 international not-for-profit organizations.

Marilyn Seitz-Pickett (a parishioner) has been associated with BFL for 20 years. She still has an inventory of this jewelry made of these beautiful beads hand rolled from recycled paper which she is offering at a reduced 50% off sale. Every bead item you buy moves the organization one step closer to eradicating poverty and their goal of reaching one million people by 2027.

If you are interested in supporting this program and connecting with people worldwide in a circle of exchange that enriches everyone. Please contact Marilyn Seitz-Pickett (585)451-1499 or email mseitzpickett@gmail.com to view the jewelry and place your order. Cash, check or charge is accepted.

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.





The next World wide Marriage Encounter weekend is January 14-16 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. Couples can apply at:

www.wwme.org.

Contact Us!

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Tuesday & Thursday 9am Reconciliation: Saturday by appointment





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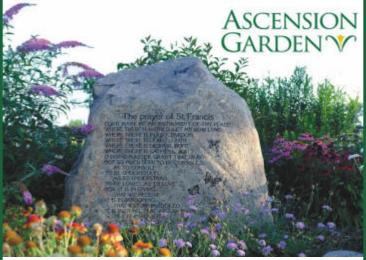




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