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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2022!!! Can you believe it?!

We have all shared many paths these past two years that we never thought we would. But, here we are and for the most part we

are doing well and surviving.

I think of all the people who have had bigger crosses to bear than ourselves. Covid took many lives, our health care workers continue to be overwhelmed and stressed by personal decisions that have taxed our health care institutions. Our sisters and brothers who faced tornadoes that took loved ones lives and their entire homes where they were left with nothing. Violence that continues to escalate on our city streets. People, still moving, fleeing oppression and political unrest, like Mary and Joseph, are being called out of their homeland. And, we have our own personal stories too as we enter this New Year of 2022.

Perhaps, we should all count our blessings and acknowledge where the Lord has generously gifted us and asks us to be Him now for one another and certainly be Him for those not as fortunate as ourselves. It is a New Year. Let us pray for one another with hope, peace, joy, love and anticipation of our blessed faith moving forward.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed and are continuing to enjoy these blessed Christmas days. We have twelve days of Christmas to acknowledge all the Lord wishes to provide us in our journey. Did you ever know the meaning behind the Twelve Days of Christmas? Google it and see the richness of who we are as Christians called to live the life of Jesus Christ.

I want to thank everyone who shared Christmas cards, gifts and joys with me and our two parish staffs. I am very appreciative of all your goodness.

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Particularly, I want to thank all of you who prepared our church environments for Advent and Christmas! God bless your labors of love.



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And, I sincerely thank all of you who participated in giving gifts to our sisters and brothers during this time of year. Your spirit of stewardship is overwhelming and a visible reminder of what Christian love is about.



So, we go forward with one another. God bless us all that we may continue to support one another with our love, prayer and faith in Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year, Father Rob

#### PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Oh, GOD OF ALL, who by the guidance of a star did this day reveal Your Only Son to the Gentiles, look with favor on all Nations. The Star burned like a flame pointing the way to God, the King of Kings. The wise Men saw and followed.

Grant that we who know You by faith, bring our gifts in homage and praise, walking by the light of Your Love and Your Word pointing our world to truth and justice. Amen.





Much Appreciation to the 193 Families who contributed to The Catholic Ministries Appeal in 2021!

We are hopeful in 2022 that the other **771** families of St. Catherine of Siena will prayerfully consider making a contribution. Your pledge is important and will help us to avoid paying any shortage for our parish savings.

#### Ways to Donate:

- 1) Go to <u>www.dor.org/cma</u> please note: Church #277, St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon
- 2) Go to https://saintcath.org/catholic-ministries-appeal-2021
- 3) Using donation envelopes located at the Information Table or Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give the parish office a call at 585-624-4990

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the Sanctuary Candle January 2-January 8, 2022 for Richard Wood

CALLING ALL LECTORS It is time to build the March—June Lector Schedule.

Schedule Builders are due January 16 via email, Collection Basket or drop off at Parish Office. If you have not received your Schedule Builder, please see Ruth.

New Lectors are welcome and needed. If you are interested call Ruth (624-4990) or email ruth maier@dor.org



Be attentive to the voice of grace.

~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Stewardship Corner Stewardship Thank you!!!



- To ALL who made contributions to the grow Ŧ Mitten Tree this year. So much was given! Grateful for the readving and beautifying Ŧ
- of our Parish Campus by the Arts & Environment and the Buildings & Grounds Ministries. Your time and talent surrounds us with the essence of Christ's Birthday!
- Congratulations to Anne Jozwiak, Chairperson of Ŧ Saint Catherine's Stewardship Committee on her retirement from. overseeing the In-Center Dialysis Centers for Fresenius Medical Care, N.A.
- Ŧ Much appreciation to Joey Borrelli, Bridget Weiss, Casey Weiss and Isabella Handler for offering us the "Stations of the Crib" for our 2021 Advent Service. Honorable mention goes to Bob Goldbach, Karen Luke, Pam McInerney and Sam Roth for your supporting roles. All experienced the true essence of the season through scripture, contemplation, music and light... such light.



### The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus Monday, January 3rd

We give honor to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it. but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer.

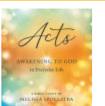
Honoring our Savior's name fulfills the word of St. Paul: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth." (Philippians 2:10)

Masses offered in the area on this day:

Parish	Time
Church of the Transfiguration	6:45 am
St. John of Rochester	8:30 am
St. Paul of the Cross	9:00 am
St. Louis	11:00 am
St. Marianne Cope (Henrietta)	12:10 pm

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)





Women's Bible Study Tuesdays—12:30pm to 2:00pm January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 Transfiguration Ed. Ctr—Upper Level Registration required by January 5. 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 guestions, email Mary Jo Brandt at mjbrandt6@gmail.com

### Shout Out For Bean Counters!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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, 624-4990.





JANUARY ROSARY

### **Caring for God's Creation**



Ways to recycle Christmas ...

- 1. Plain wrapping paper, gift boxes, bags, tissue paper and tubes can be recycled in you Blue Box
- 2. Plastic Bags, film, "air pillows" (remove air and flatten) can be recycled at Retailers—never in the Blue Box.
- 3. Cardboard—empty and flatten, recycle at curbside or bring to Ecopark
- 4. Batteries:
  - \* Alkaline (household) batteries can be placed in Trash.
  - \* Rechargeable batteries need to be returned to local retailers or the Ecopark. Never place Rechargeable Batteries in the trash nor recycling!

For more information visit:

- www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark
- www.livingstoncountyny.recycling
- www.ontariocountyrecycles.org



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## Recycle Christmas Trees

Happy New Year! Live Christmas trees can be recycled at Tinker Nature Park during the month of January. Drive into the parking lot and leave the tree(s) behind the barn. The Park is open from sunrise to sunset. Remover all ornaments. No plastic. Mulch will be used on the trails.

#### BOTTLES AND CANS FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND



The Social Justice Ministry will be collecting your Bottles and Cans the next

four weekends — January 8/9; 15/16; 22/23; 29/30 to benefit St. Catherine's **Good Samaritan Fund**. As you come to Mass on those weekends, you can deposit your "empties" in the trucvk parked in front of Church. We earn 6 cents per can and bottle that contributes directly to the Good Samaritan Fund, so bring all you've got! Thank you for your support!



#### **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

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.



## Gratitude

### STAR LIGHTS: Who are you thankful for?

Have you experienced a special kindness?

Have you noticed someone who has gone the extra mile?

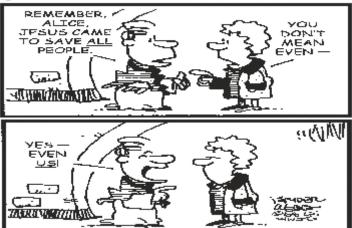
If so, maybe that person deserves to be recognized as a "star of St. Catherine's." If you know someone who is a STAR LIGHT, tell us about it. It's easy... visit:

www.saintcath.org (look under the "About" tab) to submit an online nomination or

send a note via collection basket, Parish Office or email Karen at familyz4@rochester.rr.com.

#### Write your nomination today!

#### EPIPHANY





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

Sunday, January 2, 2022— Epiphany \*\*\*Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 T-8:45 am Mass: Isabel & Anthony Marcucci S-10:45am Mass: Shirley Leftwich by Elaine Sykes Monday, January 3, 2022—The Most Holy Name of Jesus \*\*\*1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 T-6:45 am Mass: For our Health Care Workers Tuesday, January 4, 2022 \*\*\*1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 S-9:00 am Mass: Debbie Alloco 7:00 pm MSC Players-MSCC Wednesday, January 5, 2022 \*\*\*1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 T-6:45am Mass: Joseph Seltzer by Alice & Jeff Dmochowski 5:00 pm Spiritual Group—Teen Room 7:00 pm Rosary & Benediction—Chapel Thursday, January 6, 2022 \*\*\*1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a S-9:00 am Mass: Diane Kannell 7:00 pm MSC Players—MSCC 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church Friday, January 7, 2022 \*\*\* 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 T&S-No Service Saturday, January 8, 2022 \*\*\*1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30 T-4:00 pm: Marcella & Reginald Bold by the Bold Family S-5:30 pm: Andrew Bessette by Deacon Jim & Josephine Carra Sunday, January 9, 2022—The Baptism of the Lord \*\*\*Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 T-8:45 am Mass: Eva Kessler by Margie & Ray Benza S-10:45am Mass: Barbara Skrypczak by James & Mary Campbell Jay Rusalem by Karen & Tony Jovenitti





#### DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE

Deacons Called To Serve 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, 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: <u>https://</u> 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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#### St. Catherine of Siena Church, Mendon New York

#### January 2, 2022

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