

January 9, 2022



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***When all the people were baptized
Jesus also was baptized and
as He was praying,
heaven opened...***

Luke 3:21



Dear Friends,

I'm praying your New Year is off to a peaceful and blessed beginning! Many voices have expressed hopefulness that this year will be happier and healthier.

Unfortunately, it seems I know more people with Covid now than when this pandemic first confronted us. They have been vaccinated and boosted so that will help the symptoms and recovery. I am being safe and cautious so that I am available to be present to our faith communities and for any emergencies. Let's pray for one another to be safe and for healing for those who test positive.

Again, thank you to everyone for the wonderful Christmas and New Year's cards, greetings, presents and treats! All have been greatly appreciated by me and our Parish Staffs! God bless everyone!!!

Both, Saint Catherine of Siena, and the Church of the Transfiguration have been fortunate to have many faithful members donate a pledge to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. As of writing this article, Saint Catherine of Siena has attained 72% of its responsibility and the Church of the Transfiguration 83%. Thank you to all those who have joined me in making a pledge to our faith communities and diocese.

This year's CMA theme is "Forward In Faith". I am praying in gratitude for those donors who see the importance of the CMA and are moving forward in the works and ministries of our faith.

I would ask the other members of our faith communities who have not already made a pledge to **consider a pledge please, prayerfully**. All of us coming together continues to enliven and blesses the parishes we care so deeply about and love. As you know, any deficit from the goal/responsibility has to be made up out of parish finances. If you have any questions, please see me or speak to anyone on our Finance Ministries or Parish Pastoral Councils. Again, I sincerely appreciate all those who have and will participate in our "Forward In Faith" CMA.

So we have a new beginning with 2022! Let us pray and minister together that these two faith communities will have many blessings in the weeks and months ahead!

With faith,
Father Rob

CELEBRATING OUR 2021 STAR LIGHTS

Each year at this time we bless those parishioners recognized with a Star Light award over the past year for their generous words and actions. This weekend we are proud to honor our 2021 Star Lights recipients at our 18th annual Blessing Mass celebration. As is our tradition, we will recognize this year's 43 recipients at each Mass and celebrate the essence of what it means to be a Star Light. The collection of Star Light stories will be displayed in the Gathering Space and online. (see "Ministries" tab).

As a faith-filled community, we join together in extending our appreciation and congratulations to this year's Star Lights recipients:

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| † Noah & Kaden | † Bob Gruber |
| † Arpelleh-Monaco & Lynne Monaco | † Phyllis Hagen |
| † Debbie Birdsall | † Holly Jentsch |
| † Jeff Beckett | † Ron Jodoin |
| † Liz Burgart | † Tony Jovenitti |
| † Steve Carey | † Tom, Ann, Jake, Emma & Paige Kidd |
| † Laurie Cook | † Emma & Karen Luke |
| † Laura & Clyde Cutter | † Connor McInerney |
| † Diane Dailey | † Jim Meagher |
| † Phil Dattilo | † Mike Moszkowicz |
| † Judy & Dick Del Vecchio | † Joe, Mary, Max & Bella Sirianni |
| † Binnie Duval | † Scott Tubbs |
| † Carole & Lawrence Fisher | † Mike Wahl |
| † Bob & Kathy Goldbach | † Evelyn Wilson |
| | † Sally Whitbeck |
| | † Trude Wright |





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

Our progress as of January 3rd is: **202 Donors;**
\$88,353 Total Pledged; **71.84%** of our goal
\$34,626 remaining responsibility

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Carey
 Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Corsello
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Larche
 Mrs. Patricia O'Reilly
 Mrs. Nancy Pool
 Mrs. Joan Wallace

We thank all those who have given!

We are hopeful in 2022 that the other 761 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 www.dor.org/cma - 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



MITTEN TREE 2021 GENEROSITY

This year's Mitten Tree collection was a resounding success, thanks to your generous spirit.

HOPE HALL SCHOOL was happy to accept the large contribution of brand new children's items. In all, we provided 52 hats, 48 mittens and 101 pairs of socks! Thank you, Sr. Ruth, for making the delivery happen.

MATTHEW'S CLOSET was the recipient of 14 large bags full of multiple sheet sets (many brand new) and new adult gloves, hats, socks, scarves and some gently used winter coats. The collection filled Jim and Sallie Dakins' SUV, who happily made the delivery.



CHRISTMAS STORE ITEMS HELP MATTHEW'S CLOSET

Our 2021 Christmas Food & Gift Appeal saw the return of the "Christmas Store" after a one-year pandemic hiatus. Your donations of gently used and new winter clothes and household linens were used to create a department store in the Community Center. Under the direction of Phyllis Hagen and Sally Whitbeck, and with the help of MANY volunteers who organized and set up the store, 29 area families were able to freely shop for their households. But what happens after the shopping is done? Another group of volunteers arrive to bag and deliver the remaining items for Matthew's Closet. The sheets, towels, winter coats, clothing, foot-wear, accessories and donated toys were neatly packed and labeled, making it easier for Matthew's Closet to immediately display these new arrivals. This year's donations were loaded into four SUV's and one pickup truck and then delivered the next day. Regina Civiletti, Director of Matthew's Closet, was very pleased and grateful. Thanks to the volunteers who made this last part possible: Cynthia Cannon, Tom & Kathleen Conroy, Jim & Sallie Dakins, Phyllis Hagen, Joe & Mary Sirianni, Sally Whitbeck and Jim & Karen Zielinski. Thank you to all for providing such nice quality donations to the Christmas Store.



2021 Christmas Food and Gift Appeal

A big thank you to all who donated to our 2021 Christmas Food and Gift Appeal! Thanks to your donations of gifts, gift cards and donations made to Good Samaritan Fund, we successfully reached our goal.



You provided twenty-nine area families with gift cards to purchase abundant healthy food for their Christmas tables. In addition each family received a sheet set and towels for their homes. Sixty-one area children received shoes, boots, winter coats, warm socks, new toys and multiple items from their wish lists.

Families were so grateful also for the return of the "Christmas Store." There were many smiles, air hugs, and waves of gratitude as recipients exited our parking lot.

Thanks to the numerous volunteers who sorted and beautifully displayed the items. Our guests constantly remarked about the many, quality items they were able to choose from, as well as the ease to find exactly what they needed.

Crawford, thank you for all of your help with set-up and clean-up!

We also want to thank Mendon Market for the donations of non-perishable pantry items and Tops Friendly Market in Avon for donating 30 frozen turkeys.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to:

*Bill and Marcia Opperman d
Donated in memory of
Chester & Lorraine Opperman,
Paula Tregget, Stanley Zeller*



*Michelle Kellogg and Richard Aulenbacher
Donated in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. T. Beck
Warren Kellogg
Ginny Aulenbacher*



*Michael and Patti Larche
Donated in memory of
Beloved Family*



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 questions, email Mary Jo Brandt at mjbrandt6@gmail.com

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Pope Francis has called for the entire Church to enter a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops from October 2021 through October 2023.

The theme for this unprecedented Synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion – Participation – Mission”. It is unlike any other Synod in that Pope Francis is seeking the participation of every Baptized Catholic across the whole world – young, old, marginalized, laity, consecrated, ordained.

This Synod will extend over a three-year period beginning now with a Local/diocesan Phase, and continuing with a Continental Phase in September 2022, then culminating in October, 2023 with a Universal Phase when the Bishops of the World will meet in Rome to review what the entire Church is thinking and living.

A Synod is a gathering for those ‘on the same path’ for sharing, reflecting, and listening to each other to carry out our Mission as Church. Since the beginning of the Church Synods have been mainly gatherings of Bishops, experts, and other invited delegates. Pope Francis wishes this Synod to be a ‘gathering’ of the entire Church for we are all the same paths.

The purpose of this Synod, unlike previous Synods, is not to produce documents but “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands”. (PD 32)

From now until the end of March you will be invited to be part of the Local/Diocesan Phase. More information will be found in next week’s Bulletin.



Blessings and thank you to those who contributed gift cards, food, gifts and clothing for our Christmas Food And Gift Appeal

Next weekend, January 15/16, will be our January Food Collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

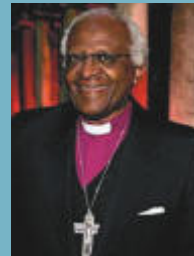
Let's start 2022 with a bang and donate a heap of items for our local families in need.

Special needs include: paper towels, napkins, taco shells, boxed potatoes, grains, hot chocolate and dry cate food

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Do a little bit of good wherever you are: its those little bits of good put together that overwhelms the world .”

Desmond Tutu



BOTTLES AND CANS FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND



The Social Justice Ministry will be collecting your Bottles and Cans the next three weekends —January 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 truck 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!



Mass Intentions

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

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*

Monday, January 10, 2022—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

***1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

T-6:45 am Mass: *For all Health Care Workers*

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

***1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

S-9:00 am Mass: *For the intentions of Debbie Alloco*

7:00 pm MSC Players—MSCC

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

***1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

T-6:45am Mass: *Mary Jane Cunningham by Valerie & Brendan O'Riordan*

5:00 pm Spiritual Group—Teen Room

7:00 pm Rosary & Benediction—Chapel

Thursday, January 13, 2022

***1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

S-9:00 am Mass: *For the intentions of Diane Kannel*

7:00 pm MSC Players—MSCC

7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church

Friday, January 14, 2022

*** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

T&S—No Service

Saturday, January 15, 2022

***1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

T-4:00 pm: *Brian Doyle by Sheila & Terry Klee*

S-5:30 pm: *Joseph O'Keefe by The Open Meal Ministry*

Sunday, January 16, 2022—The Baptism of the Lord

***Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

T-8:45 am Mass: *Tom Tripp by Noreen Incavo*

S-10:45am Mass: *Msgr. Schnacky by Helen Dunn*

Catholic Conversations—Death with True Dignity January 15, 2022 | 7:30 am—4pm

The Finger Lakes Guild is hosting their annual symposium entitled, "Catholic Conversations: Death With True Dignity". The Symposium is open to all members of the Rochester Community and will be of interest to the general public, health care professionals and clergy. Discussions will include Catholic Teaching around end of life care, advance care planning, hospice vs. hospital vs. home care and physician assisted suicide. There will be option to take part remotely via video and COVID permitting, we are also hoping to offer an in-person option.

More information can be found at www.fingerlakescma.org



AL OSCHNER
FATHER OF BRIAN

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



the Sanctuary Candle
January 9—January 15, 2022
for
Daniel Brent



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

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



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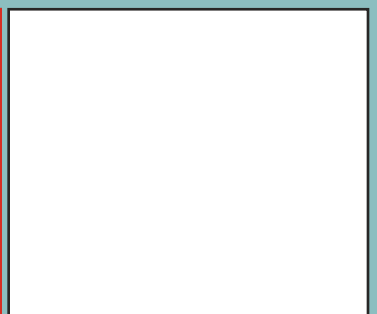
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The prayer of St. Francis
 could serve as any instrument of thy peace
 where there is hatred I let me sow love
 where there is insult I sow respect
 where there is doubt I sow faith
 where there is despair I sow hope
 where there is sorrow I sow joy
 O Divine Master grant that I may
 not so much seek to be consoled
 as to console
 to be understood
 as to understand
 to be loved as to love
 for it is in giving
 that we receive
 it is in sowing
 that we harvest
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 that we build
 it is in death
 that we are born

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