“You are the Light of the World”

Mt 5:14a
This Week at Transfiguration

Monday, February 10, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
6:45 am Mass: For the Homeless in the City of Rochester
5:30 to 7:00 pm: Bridges of Faith-Ed. Ctr.
5:30 to 7:30 pm: Middle School Youth Ministry-Teen Room
7:00 to 8:30 pm: Parish Council-PLC Dbl. Room

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 11:29
9:00 am Mass: John Balzano by Rhoda & George Kriz
6:45 am Mass: Grace & Art Roberts Sr. by the Roberts Family
7:24

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
4:30 pm Mass: Marcella & Reginald Bold by the Bold Family
10:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal-Church
5:30 to 7:30 pm: Middle School Youth Ministry
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Church
5:30 to 6:30 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

Thursday, February 13, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 7:1-13
9:00 am Mass: John Balzano by Mary & Ed Blasko
12:30 pm: Women’s Bible Study-PLC Dbl. Room
4:30 to 5:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—Ed. Ctr.
7:00 to 8:30 pm: High School Youth Ministry
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal-Church

Friday, February 14, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
6:45 am Mass: Peace and Justice
5:30 to 6:30 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

Saturday, February 15, 2020
*** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Sunday, February 16, 2020
***Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
9:00 am Mass: John Balzano by Rhoda & George Kriz

Please remember in your prayers,
Janice Powałski for the passing of her sister-in-law, Joan Powałski and for the Munt family for the passing of Delores, wife of Jack and mother of Christine Brush.
And he will raise you up... and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Merry Martha’s & Muscles Team 4 eve.
J. Atwell, P. Diehl,
A. Jahnke ,
L. LeBlanc,
K. & S. Hughes

Altar Flowers this week
are in Loving Memory of Marcella & Reginald Bold
Dedicated by the Bold Family

Sanctuary Candles burn
In Loving Memory of Marcella & Reginald Bold
Dedicated by the Bold Family

Year-end 2019 Statement of Contributions
As you receive and review your 2019 Statement of Contributions, please note the following:

♦ CMA – If you made your CMA donation payable to Church of The Transfiguration, the CMA amount should be reflected on your Year-end Statement of Contributions from church. If you made your CMA check payable to the CMA, you will receive a letter from the Diocese as your tax receipt.

♦ QCD – (Qualified Charitable Distribution) These are sent directly to us from the institution that holds your IRA and your tax receipt will come from them. It will not be reflected on your Year-end Statement of Contributions from church. Fr. Mike does, however, send out letters of acknowledgment quarterly.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish! God bless!

GIFT OF TREASURE
33rd Week Collection
$664,489 (YTD Actual) $653,581 (YTD Budget)
$10,908 Variance

“Lord, how good it is for us to be here…”

Share Your Gifts From God
Stewardship... Live It!

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Dear Friends,

What do these things have in common?

- Twenty-five years ago, my doctor of 20 years, retired and sold his practice to another doctor just opening his own practice.
- My God – my oldest nephew will be 57 on St. Patrick’s Day, how did he get so old? A couple of years ago, I baptized two great-great nieces, how did my great nephew and great niece get to be old enough to have children of their own?
- Seventeen years ago, my dentist retired and I found a new dentist, who recently had opened his practice. Now both my doctor and dentist are younger than I am.
- In preparation for hunting season, I used to walk around my property in Naples to put up new Posted signs. In the process, I discovered that the hill at the backside of the property has gotten much steeper over the last few years.
- For many years, when I had a haircut, it struck me I had less and less dark hair, now I cannot remember when I had dark hair. The common thread is “aging”, a part of the human process that we cannot avoid. With this in mind, I share with you a reflection on the aging process!

Let us continue to pray for and take action to bring about peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike

AGING – IT IS A GIFT!

Author - Unknown

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.

Old Age, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don’t agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I’ve aged, I’ve become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I’ve become my own friend. I don’t chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn’t need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4:00 AM and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60’s & 70’s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love...I will.

I will walk the beach in a swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody’s beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don’t question myself anymore. I’ve even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it!)

May our friendship never come apart especially when it’s straight from the heart!

May you always have a rainbow of smiles on your face and in your heart forever and ever! Friends forever!
Youth Ministry News

Senior High Youth Group: Our regular meetings for 9th-12th graders take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 in the youth room (lower level of the Education Center). All are welcome to come and bring a friend.

Middle School Youth Ministry: Our regular meetings for 6th-8th graders take place monthly, concurrently with our Bridges of Faith program for families with younger children. A simple meal is shared followed by activities and discussion about faith themes that are relevant to the real lives of young adolescents.

Search Retreat Weekend: Our annual Search retreat for high school youth is coming up the weekend of March 6-8. This is a special time for teens to spend away from the daily bustle, getting to know themselves, each other, and God more deeply. Teens who have attended in the past will tell you that it’s the best weekend of the year! Registration forms are available in the gathering area, in the youth room, or on the parish website.

For more information on any of our youth ministry programs, or to be placed on our weekly email update list, please contact Anne Gallagher at anne.gallagher@dor.org or 248-2467. I love to hear from you!

The CHosen: A Show Series continued

Wednesday Evenings—7:00pm; PLC Double Room
Spring Series—Episodes 5-8

Feb 26—Episode 5: The Wedding Gift
Mar 04—Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion
Mar 11—Episode 7: Invitation
Mar 18—Episode 8: I Am He

This New Series tells the Gospel story from the perspective of the people who followed Jesus from the moment they first meet him and as their deepening encounter with him radically changes their lives. It is beautifully done! All are invited to:

* Watch an episode
* Enjoy conversation in small groups

For planning purposes, RSVP to Meg Kastner, 248-2467 or Meg.Kastner@dor.org

(If you have not seen the first 4 Episodes—
You can download the Phone App for “The Chosen” & watch them for FREE.)

Discovering God’s Invitations Through Creative Prayer—Fr. John Predmore, SJ

Saturday, Feb. 29
9:30am to 4:00pm
Transfiguration PLC-$50 fee
(includes lunch & materials)
Registration is required.

◊ Ignatian prayer to locate grace present and operative in our personal story.
◊ Art & poetry to express that which words cannot express.
◊ Mindfulness and breathing as compassionate companions.
◊ Deepening reflection on the graces discovered during the retreat day.

Register Online by February 15, 2020
https://transfigurationpittsford.weshareonline.org/
For any questions or assistance, Contact Meg Kastner, 248-2467; meg.kastner@dor.org

Save the Date—Dr. Joseph Kelly
Spring Series—Sundays Mar. 8,15,22,29

Green Corner is back!

We all know climate change has reached a crisis level. Be inspired by Greta Thunberg as she talks about our planet. Google Greta Thunberg TED talk and listen to and see her amazing presentation. (Only 11 minutes)

“Is this your year to answer the call?”

Contact: Meg Kastner -703-4965 or meg.kastner@dor.org

“I have called you by name. You are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1
**PEACE & JUSTICE**

*This is Diocesan Public Policy Petition Weekend!*

**The Issue: Physician-Assisted Suicide**

The New York State Legislature is under increasing pressure to pass legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide for patients diagnosed with a terminal illness. Medical professionals, who have chosen a vocation dedicated to the service of life, would assist in the termination of the very lives they have pledged to heal and to comfort at life’s most critical moments.

As Christians, we are called to reach out in love and compassion to persons who are ill and suffering. Legalizing assisted suicide means abandoning those persons who are most in need of our assistance, support, and mercy. **Public policies regarding the end of life should focus on alleviating suffering for those who are dying, through increased access to quality palliative care.**

Today, Transfiguration joins parishes throughout the twelve county Diocese of Rochester in telling their legislators that we stand for the value of all human life at every stage, and that we oppose legalization of physician-assisted suicide in New York State. **The Petition reads:**

“I strongly oppose any legislation to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. Allowing doctors to prescribe a lethal dose for patients to end their lives devalues human life. There is also significant potential for abuse. I urge you to focus instead on improving palliative care, to ensure compassionate, comprehensive care and pain management for those who are terminally ill. We need to accompany rather than abandon them.”

_**Speak out for the vulnerable!**_  
**Thank you for adding your voice!**

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**Toiletry Collection for the Catholic Family Center**

**Month of February**

We have teamed up with Raina Kozarits who is working on her senior Mercy High School Project in collecting toiletries for Catholic Family Center (CFC) which she has taken great interest due to their overwhelming sense of hospitality and genuine care for the poor and marginalized.

This project looks at critical community concerns with hopes to try to heal one action at a time by supporting a certain need in the community. Through her research at CFC, Raina found that simple toiletries that we take for granted are not covered by food stamps. Many who cross the doors of CFC are in need of these items and looking for help.

**Donations needed include** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes and combs.

Collections take place every weekend in the month of February. Look for the bin in the Gathering Area near the bookcases marked “CFC Toiletries”. Thank you in advance for your gracious donations.

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**Finding Christ at the Core with Yoga**

_Instructor: Lynn Klei, CYT_  
**$10 per drop-in**  
**$60 per session**

**Location**: Parish Life Center—Gym  
**Gentle Yoga—Wed.**—5:30—6:30 PM  
**Chair Yoga—Thurs.**—10:30—11:30 AM

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**Calling All Kentucky Retreat Abbots**

This coming September we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Men’s Booneville Retreat. For those who have been prayerfully discerning a call to Booneville, I encourage you to sign up early as this should be a very special year.

As part of this milestone celebration, we will be recognizing our 29 previous Abbots in a special way. With that in mind, I am asking all Abbots to please send me an email at deaconpat@rochester.rr.com with your name and the year you served as Abbot. We are hoping to hear from you by Saturday, February 29th. If you have questions or would like to sign up for this year’s retreat, please feel free to email me at the above email address or call me at 585-317-3288. Wishing you many blessings in the new year.

Deacon Pat

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**Fun Facts about Valentine’s Day**

1. Valentine’s Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards. Christmas is the first most popular.
2. Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine’s Day each year.
3. About 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards are exchanged each year.
4. Cupid is said to be the symbol of valentines. Cupid is the son of Venus. Venus is the Roman god of love and beauty.
5. Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine’s Day candy box in the late 1800s.
6. The heart is associated with Valentine’s Day as it is considered the source of all human emotions.

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**A Ministry always in need of help**

Join us in providing a simple meal for a fellow parishioner during a time of illness, surgery or death of a loved one. Please contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x 244 or Margie.benza@dor.org Thank you for extending the hands of Jesus to those needing extra care at a difficult time.
Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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Youth – Noah Lucia
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Secretary– Martha Jodoin

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**New Parishioners**

**Welcome to our Community of Faith!** You may register as part of our Community by contacting the Parish Office by phone in person or our website. Please introduce yourself after Mass to one of the parish staff members.

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Christian Formation Phone: 248-2467
Email victoria.wejko@dor.org

**Emergency Pastoral Care:** 248-2427 wait for prompt and press 9.

**Pastoral Care:** If you know of someone who is homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing home and he or she would appreciate a visit from the Pastoral Staff, please contact the Parish Office. Your assistance will help provide care to all our parishioners.

**Sacraments**

**Eucharist:** Please check page 2 of this bulletin for Sunday, weekday and Holy Day Mass schedules.

**Anointing:** In any emergency, at anytime, please call 248-2427 wait for prompt and press 9.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Please contact Deacon Eric Bessette @ ebessette1@rochester.rr.com three months in advance to register for the Baptismal Preparation Program.

**Marriage:** Please contact Fr. Mike, Deacon Pat or Deacon Eric nine months in advance to arrange a tentative date.

**Catechumenate:** Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

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