We, the Church of the Transfiguration, are a vibrant Roman Catholic faith community committed to welcoming all. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, we care for each other and provide faith and spiritual formation and development for all ages. We live this out by advocating for peace, nonviolence, social justice, and providing opportunities for social ministry outreach.

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed are they who follow the Lord.

PSALM 119
This Week at Transfiguration

Monday, February 17, 2020
*** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Presidents Day-Parish Office is Closed
6:45 am Mass: Grace Roberts-Steve & April Hotz
6:00 to 8:30 pm: Men in the Spirit-PLC Dbl. Room

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
*** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
9:00 am Mass: Ted & Helen Neidert by Your 4 daughters
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal-Church

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
***Lv 19:19/Jas 2:1
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Mass: Ted & Helen Neidert by Your 4 daughters

Thursday, February 20, 2020
*** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
6:45 am: John Balzano by Art & Leslie Roberts
10:00 to 11:00 am: Weight Watchers-PLC Dbl. Room
10:30 to 11:30 am: Chair Yoga—PLC Gym
6:00 to 8:00 pm: Work of Our Hands Knitting –Ed. Ctr.

Friday, February 21, 2020
*** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 22, 2020
*** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
4:30 pm Mass: Lorre Drews by Mary & Ed Blasko

Sunday, February 23, 2020
***Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor
3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
9:00 am Mass: Joe Saeva by Margie & Ray Benzo
11:30 am Mass: Ellen Yurgealitis by Sheila & Terry Klee

Can You Help Clean?
Team 1 desperately needs help! Our worship space is kept beautifully clean with the help of others. It is just an hour of your time once every 5 weeks on a Monday Morning. Please consider spending some time in Church helping us all out. Call Gael Garrity at 381-9179 or Rose in the Parish office at 248-2427.

Please remember in your prayers,
Ann Marie Guerra for the passing of her father,
Donald E. Wiegand Sr and for Sue Ateya for the passing of her sister, Nancy Som
And he will raise you up... hold you in the palm of his hand.

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
34th Week Collection
$689,733 (YTD Actual) $679,541 (YTD Budget)
♦ $10,192 Variance

“Lord, how good it is for us to be here...”
Share Your Gifts from God
Stewardship...Live It!
Dear Friends,

Is your spiritual life calling you to attend daily Mass? We all do our spirituality in different ways, some pray the Rosary, some reflect on Scripture, some pray the Liturgy of the Hours and some celebrate the Eucharist daily. Sharing in the Eucharist on a daily basis can be wonderfully enriching, should it be part of your spiritual journey?

As we get deeper into this presidential election years our conversations around presidential candidates can become a little more intense. With this in mind, the USCCB is calling us to CIVILIZE IT, A Divided Country. Fights at the dinner table can become louder. Political conversation can become cruel and nasty. STOP - - What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of our faith and ourselves to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with cruel and harsh language, often directed at the people we are in conversation with and don’t intend to hurt.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. I invite you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. Civilize It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Please read and agree to the pledge please sign onto it at www.Weare saltandlight.org/civilize-it

I Pledge:

1. Civility - To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.
2. Clarity - To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others’ dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others’ experiences.
3. Compassion - To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others’ best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Finally, from the bag of kids say the damdest things about love. ’During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.’ Cindy - age 8

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

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike
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 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!

Thank you! Thank you!

Bake Sale

The weather was frightful and we didn’t know what to do. We decided to go ahead, after all, God will take care of you.

People baked treasured family recipes, cakes and pies, looking at the laden tables, we could not believe our eyes.

We had many helpers, including four-year-old Brooke. She could assist with the sales, too young to cook. She reminded everyone why we were there. When asked for change she just gave a stare. “This is for the poor, do you really want your dollar?” Proving God’s spirit lives in the big and the smaller.

We made $1800 dollars for dear Sister Grace to help those in need, we see Jesus in every face. The House of Mercy is a refuge from the cold Transfiguration’s love and mercy, that is pure gold!

Men In The Spirit will hold their monthly fellowship gathering on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:00PM in the PLC double room. After our usual light supper of pizza, wings and beverages, our Associate Formation Director, Vicky Wejko will continue the discussion that Anne Gallagher began last month, regarding our youth and their disaffiliation with the Catholic Church. Last month’s discussion was very stimulating, and this month’s will be no less. See you there!

The CHOSEN: A Show Series continued

Wednesday Evenings—7:00pm; PLC Dbl. Rm.
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

(Please consider a night you might be willing to bring a snack to share. Thank you.)

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

Dr. Joseph Kelly—Spring Series

Sundays
March 8, 15, 22, 29
10:15 to 11:30 am—PLC, Double Room

While Matthew, Mark and Luke give us a similar picture of Jesus, John’s Gospel allows us to see Jesus in a much different light. Written more than 60 years after the death of Jesus, this fourth of the canonical Gospels gives us a remarkable theological reflection on the meaning of the life and death of Christ, the Son of God. In this 4-week series, we will explore the literary beauty and spiritual richness of the unique Gospel.

Take this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Good News.
**PEACE & JUSTICE**

**Diocesan Public Policy Weekend**

**Issue: Proposed Legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide**

Last weekend, 244 Transfiguration parishioners signed a petition which read:

“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.”

Transfiguration’s petitions will be united with petitions from parishes throughout the twelve-county Rochester Diocese, then delivered to our New York State legislators and Governor Cuomo.

In addition to our Rochester Diocesan advocacy, the New York State Catholic Conference has joined other opponents of legalization as part of the New York Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, made up of patients-rights, disabilities-rights advocates, health care, civil rights and faith-based advocacy organizations. Together we support increased access to palliative care (comfort care) and a rejection of the dangerous national movement toward physician assisted suicide.

Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life until its natural end. We are called to reach out in love, compassion, and support to those experiencing illness and suffering, not to abandon them during their time of need. Those experiencing suffering at the end of life should have full access to quality palliative care, which eases physical pain while honoring the value and dignity of the patient.

Thank you for speaking out on this public policy issue!

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**Green Corner is back!**

Soon single use plastic bags will be banned. Paper bags are not a better alternative. They cause 70% more air pollution and 50% more soil and underground water pollution than manufacturing plastic bags. They destroy trees. Reusable cotton bags are the best alternative. They are sturdy, can be washed, and, when disposed, are more easily recycled. Consider purchasing and using them for your shopping.

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**Women’s 2020 Kentucky Retreat**

April 25th thru May 2nd

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

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**Toiletty 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 bookcase marked “CFC Toilettes”. Thank you in advance for your gracious donations.

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**Meatless Monday**

A new campaign to create a more conscious involvement in our health and the health of our planet.

- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 large red onion
- 3-4 large celery stalks chopped
- 3-4 large carrots peeled and chopped
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp red chili flakes
- salt to taste
- 1 1/2 cups chopped parsley
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cilantro
- 1 15 oz can of diced or crushed tomatoes
- 7-8 cups of vegetable stock
- 1 cup dried chick peas soaked overnight and drained
- 1 cup green lentils soaked over night and drained
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp of curry powder

Sauté onion, celery and carrots in olive oil. Add the turmeric, cumin and chili flakes, 1 tsp salt, parsley, cilantro, tomatoes and stock. Bring to boil. Put in the chick peas and cook for 30 minutes, add lentils and continue simmering adding another tsp salt and then the pepper. Add the curry powder and lemon Juice. Simmer until beans are tender. Serve with a sprinkle of parsley and cilantro. Simmer for about 2-3 hours on low heat. Delicious!!

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**Grief Share**

A Grief Support Group

Our Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 4/01/20. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this twelve week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $25.00. Registration forms are in on the bookcase in the Gathering Area or the website. Please mail it to the parish or drop it by the parish office. Contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or margie.benza@dor.org. with questions. Registrations are due by 3/30/20.
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Members-at-Large: Joey Campagna, Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gangemi, Mike Goonan, (Moderator & Trustee), Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Sue Reed, Mary Beth Sullivan.
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Youth – Noah Lucia
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Secretary– Martha Jodoin

Finance Council
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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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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, or at your convenience, or after any weekend Mass.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Baptism: Please contact Deacon Eric Bessette @ ebessette@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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