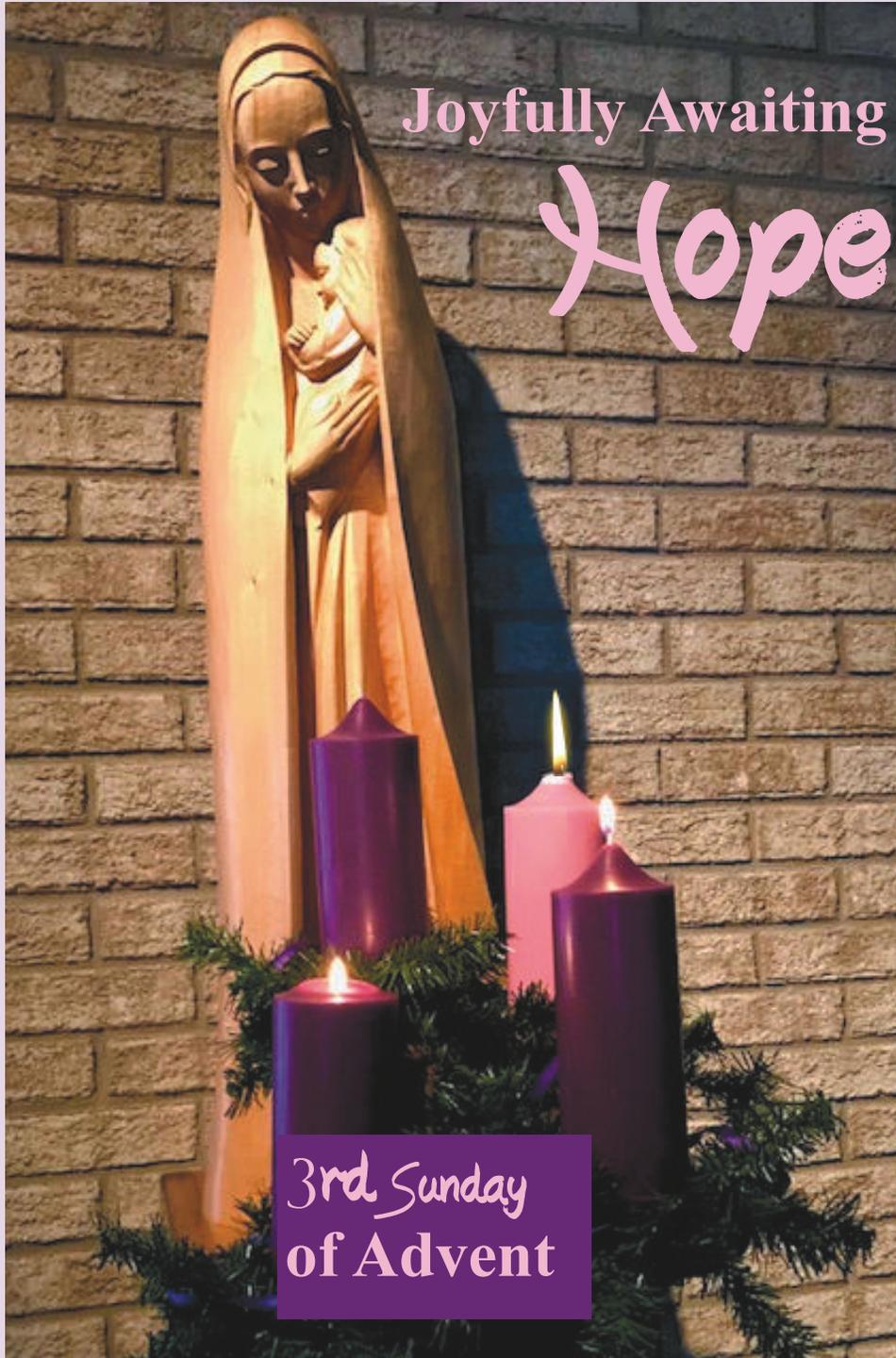


3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

"Lord, How good it is for us to be here..." Matt. 17:4



Joyfully Awaiting

Hope

3rd Sunday
of Advent

"Lord, how good it is for us to be here."

*Weekend Masses do require a reservation.
Please check the website.*

Monday, December 14, 2020

*** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

6:45 am Mass: Florence Oklankowski by Barb Clements

10:00 am: Chair Yoga-PLC Gym

7:00 pm: Advent Evening Prayer-Church

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

*** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/

Mt 21:28-32

9:00 am Mass: Denny Carpin by Elaine Carpin

4:30 to 5:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-

Ed. Ctr. U. L.

7:00 to 7:45 pm: Senior High Youth Live Stream

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

*** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

[Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

6:45 am Mass: Helen & George Zator by Barb Clements

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-Ed. Ctr. U.L.

6:00 to 7:30 pm: RCIA Tour of the Church-Church

Thursday, December 17, 2020

*** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-

17

Friday, December 18, 2020

*** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19, 2020

*** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk

1:5-25

4:30 pm: Christian Miller by Don & Joan Miller

Sunday December 20, 2020

*** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/

Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

9:00 am Mass: Don & Ann Barbato by Sheila & Terry Klee

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: Babs Murphy by Mary Helen Dolan

12:30 pm: Bridges of Faith -Material Pick ups-Ed. Ctr.

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Sanctuary Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
John Blanton



Dedicated by Claire



Flowers for the Altar are
In Loving Memory of
Mary Lou & Frank Stotz



Dedicated by Michelle, Andy & Jack Stotz

*Please remember in your prayers,
Jim Roman for the passing of his brother, Don and
for Sue Reed for the passing of her brother, Bob Post*



*And he will raise you up...
and hold you in the palm of his hands.*



Please consider making a donation to
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There are envelopes in the Gathering Area
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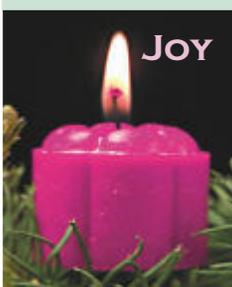
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"Lord, how good it is for us to be here..."

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JOY

Pink or rose represents joy or rejoicing
and reveals a shift in the season of **Advent**
away from repentance and toward celebra-
tion. The third **Advent candle**
color on the wreath is **pink**.
It is named the shepherd **candle** or
candle of joy.

From the Corner Office!

Dear Friends,

A Very Special Christmas Request!

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking us to tell Congress to **ACT NOW** to Provide Covid-19 relief before Christmas. I have already done so.

It has been nearly eight months since Congress passed a COVID-19 aid package. Much of the aid from that legislation has already expired and more will stop at the end of this year, actually the day after Christmas, December 26.

Congress must act quickly to pass a new COVID-19 relief package that addresses the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Families cannot wait any longer. Failure to act would leave millions struggling to pay rent, buy food, afford healthcare, maintain employment, and meet their basic human needs.

As we live out Advent, a season of waiting and longing for the birth of Christ, too many are left waiting for relief. Let us take action to support those most in need among us so that Christ's vision of justice and mercy will be born again in us. Tell Members of Congress it is time to come to an agreement and support those who are poor and vulnerable by:

- * Providing resources to meet the needs of those who are homeless and those struggling to keep a roof over their heads.
- * Increasing SNAP benefit amounts.
- * Enacting policies that encourage and support employers to retain and rehire workers, providing sufficient unemployment compensation, and considering additional stimulus payments.
- * Ensuring affordable healthcare access for everyone during this health crisis, but especially for the poor, uninsured, unemployed, and vulnerable populations including immigrants and refugees - without providing federal funding for abortion coverage.
- * Safeguarding those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 in our criminal justice system and increasing medical resources to care for those who do become ill while incarcerated.
- * Providing relief to all schools, including a ten percent reserve of K12 funding to provide tuition scholarships for families whose children attend nonpublic schools. Within the relief set aside for families that send their children to nonpublic schools, Congress should give special consideration to those families with greatest need.

The Bishops encourage you to add your own personal story about the pressing need for COVID-19 relief.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), signed a joint letter with Catholic leaders calling our lawmakers to action. You can read the letter <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2020-09-25>.

You can learn more about the USCCB's specific requests for policies that protect those who are poor and vulnerable during the pandemic by going to: www.usccb.org/news/2020/us-bishops-chairman-domestic-justice-and-human-development-urges-care-poor-and-vulnerable.

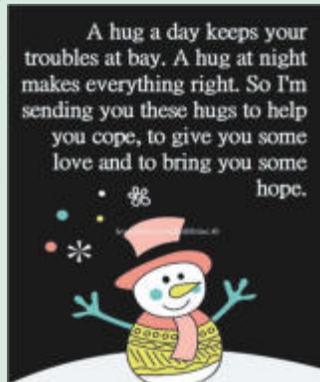
On the lighter side of life: Whoever decided a Liquor Store is more essential than a Hair Salon is obviously a bald headed Alcoholic.

I do wish you all the best as we prepare for Christmas.

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

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike



**A SUGGESTED CHRISTMAS GIFT,
THAT IS REALLY NEEDED!**



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ASAP**

Transfiguration's Goal

\$203,413

Pledged \$146,905 (72.2%)

Short \$56,508

296 Pledges (20.8%)

Short 1054

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HAS ALREADY PLEDGED!**

**Your pledge is needed if you have not
pledge yet!**

Please make every effort to make it as soon as you can. You can go directly to www.dor.org/cma to make an online pledge or you can use the pledge card sent to you in the mail, pledge cards are also available in the Gathering Area.

We are part of the Diocese of Rochester and we receive many wonderful benefits by being part of the Diocese, so please be supportive, thank you!

**Join us for our last
Advent Evening Prayer**

This time of Advent offers us the quiet of the church wrapped in candlelight taking time away from our routines to prepare for the arrival of the Savior. Remembering the moments of struggle, clarity and hope of Mary and Joseph through scripture, beautiful music and quiet reflection. Join us tomorrow evening Monday 12/14 at 7:00PM for this opportunity of grace.



Faith Formation Update



Christmas Eve Livestream Watch Kit

Christmas is a season of celebration, and Covid can't stop us from celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This year, we have an opportunity to host our largest Christmas Eve ever, reaching thousands more in our Pittsford community and beyond, across the country and around the world!

We want to give you a way to experience Christmas at Transfiguration wherever you may be. Whether you are planning to be traveling near or far this holiday season, we want you to be able to worship with us. We are offering Watch and Worship kits to help bring the feeling of Transfiguration home to you. The kit is full of treats and goodies to help you feel connected to our parish family even if you are worshipping at home this year.

Make sure also to check out our YouTube Channel for our Advent @Home and our Christmas @ Home playlist. This year we will also be offering a virtual, interactive Children's Liturgy of the Word on Christmas we are calling "Not-So-Silent Night."

"Hygge" for

Your Holiday Prayer Cards

Celebrate Advent at home with our "Hygge" for Your Holiday weekly prayer cards. What does "Hygge" mean, and what does it have to do with Advent? "Hygge" (pronounced "hoo-ga") is a Danish concept loosely translated as "the art of coziness." Practicing hygge in your home can include candles, blankets, warm drinks, and anything else that creates a comfy, peaceful sanctuary. In Denmark, the peak season of hygge happens during the darkest months. The darker it is outside, the brighter the light can shine (around candles, wood fires, slow food, coffee, togetherness, etc) inside. Hygge is a great way to create a safe, warm, welcoming space with those closest to you. May it be a way that the Christ light can shine in your heart and home, especially in these dark and unsettling times.

Families enrolled in youth ministry this year will receive a set of these cards in the mail very soon. You can also download and print a set via the link on our website and we have some extra sets available at church.

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/youth-playlist-4>

Each card will guide you through a Scripture passage, a reflection question, and a hygge practice to help you celebrate the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



Advent is here and we are all preparing for Christmas. Did you know that a German tradition of candlelit Christmas trees was first brought to America in the 1800s. In many houses, putting up their Christmas tree is part of the preparation for Christmas.

As we *Wait in Joyful Hope*, we are inviting all the children of the parish to help us decorate the tree that will be in our gathering area this Christmas.

Go to our website to download our ornament picture, print it out and then color it with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

Do not delay, get your entry in as soon as possible – deadline is Friday, December 18 by Noon. You can drop it off if you are attending weekend Masses or during our office hours. Please make sure you place your ornament in an envelope and put your name on the outside of it. We want to know the artist to give credit too!

You can also submit it by mail and have it mailed right to our office, with Attn to Vicky Wejko
Thank you for helping make our holidays merry and bright.



Peace & Justice

Faithful citizens after the election

The election is over. Some may be pleased with the results, others may be displeased. Most would welcome respite from the tumultuous political season. Instead we are beset by post-election confusion. Our democratic institutions, processes and traditions are being put to the test.

Our republic is experiencing severe public-health, economic, social and political distress. These conditions are exposing weaknesses, fractures and gaps in our societal systems and institutions. People are struggling and suffering on a massive scale, but the political din distracts us from giving full attention to our growing humanitarian crises.

The reality is that our work as "faithful citizens" is needed more than ever. Justice, Peace, and the Common Good will not prevail unless faithful citizens engage in ongoing activism to bring about beneficial change. We need to constantly engage and press our public officials. Existing public policies, structures and institutional practices need to be modified or radically reformed, and new initiatives are needed to address major problems.

Even in times of covid restrictions and distancing, we can:

- * Participate in ongoing charitable action to help those in need;
- * Educate ourselves on our Social Justice principles and values;
- * Educate ourselves on current societal issues and systemic injustices;
- * Select a local societal problem to engage (for example, child poverty, racism, social, economic or educational inequality, homelessness, hunger, etc.);
- * Join and support organizations dedicated to Justice & Peace causes;
- * Use the power of social media to expand advocacy for change;
- * Advocate for change with letters to news outlets and officials, petitions, peaceful demonstrations, phone calls, meetings with our elected representatives;
- * Join existing activist groups or coalitions to magnify our individual power;
- * Hold public officials and political organizations accountable for their actions

As "faithful citizens," the moral focus of our social mission is always the life, dignity, and well-being of every person, with special concern for the poor, vulnerable, marginalized or voiceless.

Reflection Question: What will I do NOW to work for a better world?

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM UPDATE!

Pre-Assembly & Assembly Update

With our first Pre-Assembly and Assembly session accomplishing so much and the generosity of so many sponsoring families this year, our second session, 12/17 and 12/19 has been cancelled. Our appreciation to the many who were planning to help.

Basket delivery remains the same on Monday, 12/21 by appointed time. The schedule is in process and those who have volunteered will be contacted 2-3 days prior with their scheduled time.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

JOY

HOT PINK, PALE PINK, ROSE PINK ARE ALL SHADES OF PINK PAINTED INTO A SUNRISE. LIKE THE VARIOUS SHADES OF PINK, OUR EXPRESSIONS OF JOY CAN BE SO DIFFERENT. JOY CAN BE EXUBERANT WHEN WE EXPERIENCE THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD, IT CAN BE CALM CONFIDENCE IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY, OR PURE DELIGHT AS HE EXPRESSES HIS LOVE.

JOY HAS MANY SHADES. IT SHOULD NEVER BE DETERMINED BY HOW WE FEEL, BUT ON WHO GOD IS. THE JOY OF THE LORD CAN THRILL US OR MAKE US RESOLUTE IN THE SECURE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S PRESENCE. PAUL TELLS US IN [1 THESSALONIANS 5:16](#) TO BE JOYFUL ALWAYS. JESUS TELLS US "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." ([MARK 9:24](#)) THIS COMBINATION OF TRUTH SHOULD HELP US BE JOYFUL EACH DAY.

LET THERE BE JOY

Liturgy Schedule	19-Dec	20-Dec	20-Dec
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Charlie Newton	Terry Seeler	Margie Finn
Greeters	Judy Newton	Tim Seeler	Lucy Hutchison
Usher	Bobbie Freitag	Ray Benza	Mike O'Leary
Usher	Ed Stendardi	Pat Vallely	Peg Schoenfelder
Lector	Jenn Hearne	Larry Filipski	Jim Wright
B3	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike

Parish Mission Statement

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.

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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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www.transfigurationpittsford.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, or at your convenience, or after any weekend Mass.

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

Baptism: Please contact Deacon Eric Bessette @ ebesset1@rochester.rr.com three months in advance to register for the Baptismal Preparation Program.

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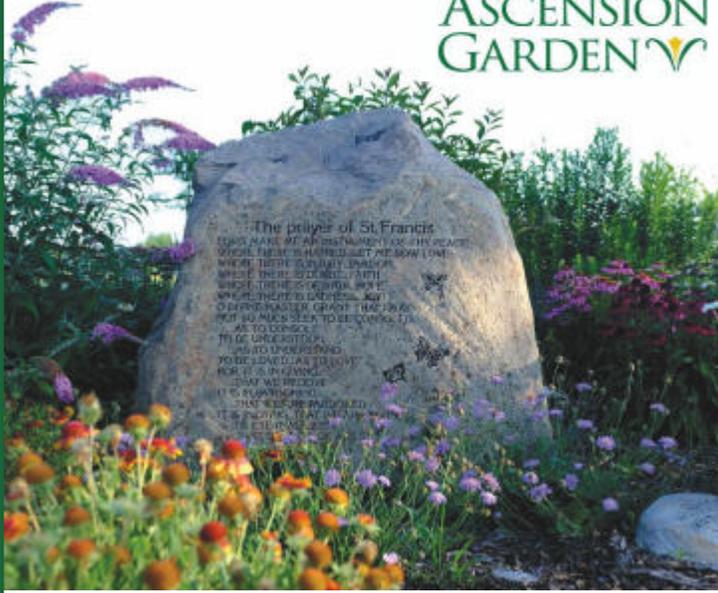
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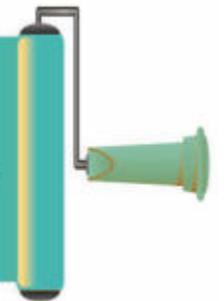
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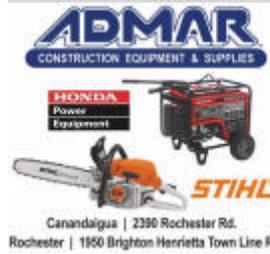
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