

4th Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



4th Sunday
of Advent

Joyfully
Awaiting

Hope

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

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

Monday, December 21, 2020

*** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a, 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

6:45 am Mass: Joseph Blanton by Claire Blanton

Christmas Basket Delivery-PLC Gym

Tuesday December 22, 2020

*** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56,

9:00 am Mass: Sharon Landon by Kathy Landon

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

*** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk

21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

NO 6:45 am Mass.

Thursday, December 24, 2020

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

*** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16

-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2,

2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is

62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

3:30 pm Mass: For the People of Transfiguration

5:30 pm Mass: For the People of Transfiguration

Midnight Mass: For the People of Transfiguration

Prelude begins at 11:30 pm

Friday, December 25, 2020

*** Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn

1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

10:00 am Mass: For the People of Transfiguration

Saturday, December 26, 2020

No Mass

*** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and

17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Sunday December 27, 2020

*** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-

5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or

3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

9:00 am Mass: Bill Maher by Amy Maher

Marcella & Reginald Bold by the Bold Family

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: & Art Roberts Sr. by the Roberts Family

If you are
interested in
helping a team,
please call
Gael Garrity!
381-9179



Team 4(eve.)

J. Atwell, P. Diehl,
A. Jahnke, L. LeBlanc



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



Flowers for the Altar are
In Loving Memory of
Marcella & Reginald Bold



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Please remember in your prayers,

*Don Roman, (brother of Jim Roman),
Chris O'Reilly, (son of Jim and Molly),
Eleanor Del Re (mother of Chris),
Paula Key (niece of Dottie Tiede),
Jackie McClive (wife of Ed)*



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



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24th Week Collection

\$402,192 (YTD Actual) \$438,288 (YTD Budget)

◆ **\$(36,096) Variance**

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

SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

Stewardship... Live It!



In this **Fourth Week of Advent**, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes. This week is also a time to recollect, to reflect on our **Advent** journey.

From the corner office at Christmas

Dear Friends,



On this Sunday, five days before Christmas, my prayer is that your Christmas Day and Season be filled with many blessings and be truly merry!

Today, I share with you the story of a truly wonderful family, which I hope you will invite them to your home, if you have not already done so.

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike

FAMILY OF THE SEASON

Our feature family this month is from out of town: Joseph, Mary, and Jesus of Nazareth. These folks have really seen the countryside. Jesus was born in Bethlehem during that famous world census because Bethlehem is Joseph's family hometown. I think Mary mentioned being from Judea, some town outside Jerusalem, where they visited her elderly parents on their way to Bethlehem. She said she was very happy they made that visit because shortly after Jesus was born this little family fled to Egypt as migrants due to the developing violence in Bethlehem. In Egypt, Joseph immediately set up shop as a carpenter. While the Egyptians are very good with stone, Joseph's woodworking skills became very popular. A few years later, they moved north to Nazareth in Galilee where they settled down. Looking back, they describe their years together in Nazareth as especially happy and blessed. Mary keeps very busy at home. In her youth, she was a bit of a poet and songster. With a little urging even today, she can fill a room with her "Magnificat." Though her door is always open and neighbors regularly drop in to share with her, she says she always has time (I questioned "Makes time?" but she corrects "has time") for prayer. She said prayer is what keeps her going, welcoming, loving, peaceful, and that just as neighbors like to chat with her and her family, she, Joseph and Jesus really enjoy, even prize, their regular conversations with God.

Joseph is a fine carpenter, which he attributes not to special talent but to practice and pride in his work. He said he has been encouraged to expand and market his business, but he is happy who he is, with what he is doing, and that his family is wealthy in love. Although he looks pretty robust, doctors have told him he probably will not see his son into adulthood.

Mary and Joseph try not to worry about that prognosis. Their philosophy always has been "make today count." Joseph says none of us really has any guarantees except for the Father's love. It looked to me like this attitude of trusting God makes them the special family they are.

Jesus, their son, is a fine young man. His parents say he is the joy of their life, --- though he has caused them worry too like the three days he was lost in Jerusalem. Jesus has a special presence, a warmth, a confidence, a joy, a compassion that he seems utterly willing to share with everyone. Of course, if you spend any time with Joseph and Mary, you quickly see where he gets it from.

Jesus is a friendly young man, easy to smile, easy with compliments, easy to be with. He seems genuinely interested in whomever is talking with him. People seem to love just walking around town with him. Joseph, Mary and Jesus of Nazareth are our feature family this month. Invite them over soon.

Please do have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

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



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

Transfiguration's Goal
\$203,413

As of Friday, December 11th

Pledged \$154,635 (76%)

Short \$48

316 Pledges (22.3%)

Short 1034

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE!
WE ARE ONLY ABLE OBTAIN OUR
CMA GOAL IF YOU RETURN YOUR
PLEDGE! Please be mindful you have
until May 31 to pay your pledge.**

Additional pledge cards are available in the Gathering Area; please make sure you write in Transfiguration #336 on the appropriate line

All of us have to take responsibility for maintaining the ministries of **our** Diocese; we all need to share in the expense of maintaining the ministerial work of our local Church. In addition, if we do not make our goal the parish has to make up the shortfall by taking money out of our savings, which we have little,

Please return your pledge card today, thanks! Find information: www.dor.org/cma



Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love

Peace & Justice

Gratitude to our Ministries and All who work for Peace and Justice!

As we “*Hope*” for Jesus and Christmas, we want to thank all Transfiguration parishioners who, in church ministries or individually, work to spread God’s love, mercy, compassion, and healing into the world around us. Along with advocacy for peace and social justice, social ministry outreach is a vital component of our Parish Mission.

The pandemic has made our parish social ministries and justice advocacy more difficult. Some ministries are reduced in scale, others are suspended. The annual Potato Supper celebrating our ministries will not occur. Nonetheless, parishioners continue to bring hope and light to others through activities such as the Thanksgiving turkey drive, Christmas baskets, ongoing food collection and ministerial assistance.

People everywhere are struggling and suffering, not only from disease but also from economic and social distress, violence, and natural disasters. Even as we tread carefully on the paths of our *individual* pandemic lives, we are called to look up and around, to embrace and serve our brothers and sisters in our local, national and global communities. Commitment to life, human dignity, peace, social justice, and the Common Good is part of our faith’s “DNA”!

Let’s *hope* that, together, we can muster the fortitude, persistence, resilience and solidarity to overcome our humanitarian crises. Let’s *hope* that we can find simpler, safer ways of living, and discover a new sense of community amid the distancing. Most of all, let’s *hope* that 2021 will begin the healing, and that love, compassion and the indomitable human spirit will ultimately triumph.....

So, deepest thanks for all you do. May God’s grace and peace bless you and yours in the New Year!

*Transfiguration
Peace and Justice Coordinating Committee*

Global Solidarity

NEW DONATION PROCEDURES

Please read this important information on how to donate to our Ministry currently serving San Esteban, El Salvador

- * Write a check directly to Food for the Poor and write Transfiguration SC147734 in the memo line. Place the donation check in an envelope and mail to:

**Food for the Poor
Church Alliances
Attention: Kitty Soriano
6401 Lyons Road
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- * Use a credit card by going to our Champion Page on the Food for the Poor website. The link is <https://champions.foodforthe poor.org/fundraiser/2680494> (Kitty will add our donors to the **DO NOT MAIL** list to avoid mail solicitations).

THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM UPDATE!

Delivery is Monday the 21st

Basket delivery is 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.

Our thanks for your generosity, kindness and care for so many struggling this challenging year. Continued Advent Blessings as we live “in joyful hope”!



**THE ELVES AT WORK!
Thank You so much!**



Oh What FUN

Weekly Food Collection

We are continuing our weekly food collection every Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. and Friday 9:00 AM to Noon. We have barrels placed just inside the Church doors. We appreciate all the generous donations. These are difficult times for sure and our agencies that we support truly appreciate all of you!

•Canned goods, tuna, beans, fruit and veggies, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, baking mixes, paper towel, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies.

The generosity during this Advent Season has been so great! Thank you to all those who have donated during this incredibly hard time. Blessings to all and stay healthy and well.



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. **Please email:**

victoria.wjko@dor to reserve yours.

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

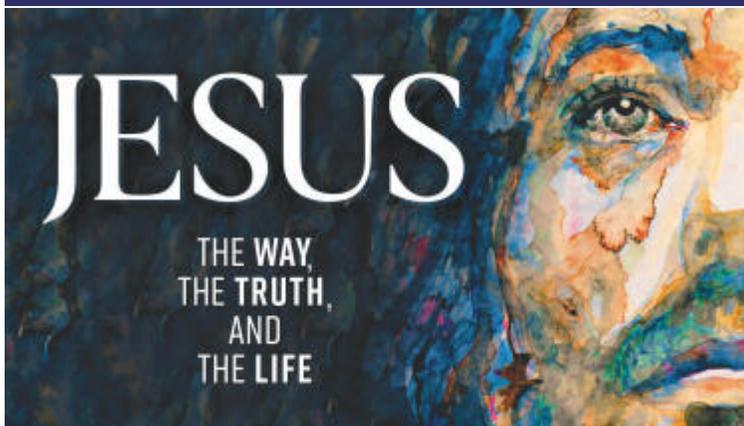
Your Holiday Prayer Cards

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.



Please join us for Transfiguration Women's 10—week Bible Study beginning January 12th

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life" is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is and what he did for our salvation.

Go to this link for details:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>

The study will be virtual, Starting January 12th and running until March 23rd, on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2pm, with Zoom software as the platform. Materials can be ordered for \$29.95 at the link above.

Please email Mary Jo Brandt at mjbrandt6@gmail.com, if you plan to participate, so that she can include you in the Zoom group.

An additional day and time for meeting can be added, if there is enough interest. Please e-mail Trisha Goodman at tjgood17@gmail.com, if another day/time would interest you.

Liturgy Schedule	26-Dec	27-Dec	27-Dec
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	NO 4:30 MASS	Pat Valley	Peg Schoenfelder
Greeters		Jane Valley	Nancy Vlosky
Usher		Mike Lutz	Sue Gangemi
Usher		Mari Lutz	Rich Gangemi
Lector		Koen Goorman	Bob Hutchison
B3		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.

Pastoral Council

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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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.

Church of the Transfiguration
50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, New York 14534
Parish Office Phone: 585-248-2427
Email: Transfiguration@dor.org
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.

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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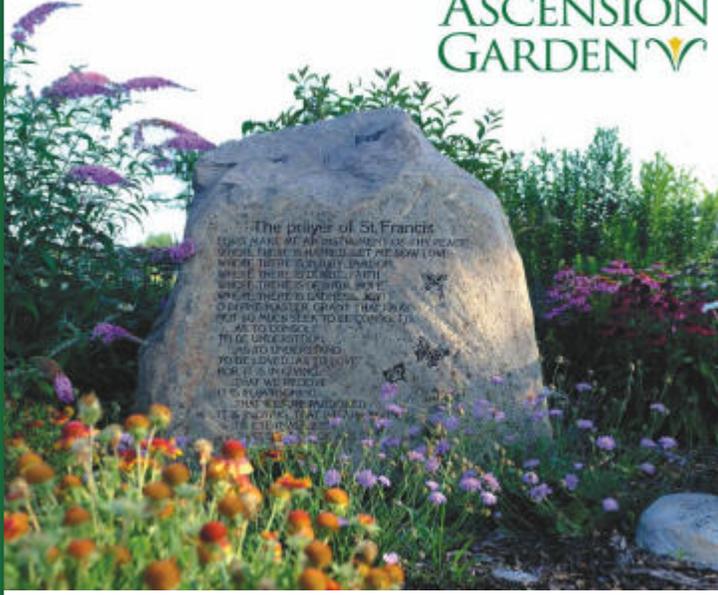


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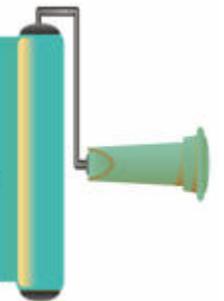
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