

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



A note about our Christmas Card this year.
We were thinking of all of our Faithful and how we are missing so many of you. This has been a difficult year for so many.
We wanted to share with you, our Altar for Christmas.
Thank you to our artist, Julie Wallace.

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

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

Monday, January 4, 2021

*** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6:45 am Mass: David Norton by Marie Masson

10:00 am: Chair Yoga— PC Gym

Tuesday January 5, 2021

*** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

9:00 am Mass: Charlie McElhinney by Jeanne McElhinney

4:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd— Ed. Ctr.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

*** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

6:45 am Mass: Dee Russell by Valerie & Brendan O’Riordan

12:30 pm: Grief Share Prayer Service— Chapel

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

Thursday, January 7, 2021

*** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk

4:14-22a

Friday, January 8, 2021

*** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9, 2021

*** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/

Jn 3:22-30

4:30 Mass: Jim Brayer by Judy & Charlie Newton

Sunday January 10, 2021

***Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-

38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn

5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

9:00 am Mass: Regina Carrone by Megan & Joe Barbato

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: Jean Szulgit by Judy & Charlie Newton

10:10 to 10:45 am: 1st Communion Parent Meeting—Ed. Ctr. U. L.

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



Team 1
A. Goorman
B. A & K Bubacz



Sanctuary Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
Jack Garrity
Dedicated by Gael



Flowers for the Altar are
In Loving Memory of
all deceased Parishioners of
Transfiguration



Please remember in your prayers,
Krista Grevell & Kerry Santos for the passing
of their father, **Dean Santos** and for
Dave Alexander for the passing
of his sister, **Jane Hyser**



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

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
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- * Use a credit card by going to our Champion Page on the Food for the Poor website. The link is

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(Kitty will add our donors to the DONOTMAIL list to avoid mail solicitations).



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

SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

Stewardship... Live It!

From the corner office at Christmas

Dear Friends,

We have an early bulletin deadline, so I am sharing with you an article which I have found useful on many occasions. I offer it to you for your reflection and prayerful consideration.

I pray that you are having a **Merry and Blessed Christmas Season!** Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike

Having Tough Conversations

Adapted from *Anti-Racism Daily* by Nicole Cardoza

The holidays can be both magical and fraught with interpersonal tension. And, with the compounded impact of all things 2020, these relationships may be even more strained. If you're heading into the holidays expecting some tough conversations, here are some resources to help you through. Remember, all of these are only suggestions; relationships are unique and complex, and these best practices might not be best for you.

Call in, not call out. Often, confrontation isn't as effective as a nuanced conversation about a tricky topic. Consider leading a generative conversation by leading with your feelings, using "I" statements, and being vulnerable about your own journey with the topic (s) at hand. Please note: if calling someone out is a more direct and straightforward way to start the conversation and feels more generative to you, please do so.

Don't wait for something to react to. Most of the work regarding dismantling white supremacy happens as a reaction to a single incident. But for this work to be sustainable, we – especially those with privilege – need to get comfortable with the discomfort of this work proactively, not just as a reaction. Bring it up directly, perhaps by naming how a recent interaction made you feel.

There is no such thing as the "best" time. Many people are hesitant to get into tough conversations during the holidays, a time that can feel precious and "distanced" from the tension of everyday life. But there's rarely a "best" time for difficult conversations. Consider instead: how can I host this conversation in the most generative way at this moment? How can I start this conversation now to create more space for it in the future?

Center whiteness, not Blackness (or other marginalized identities). When discussing race specifically (and in the lens of whiteness), many try to defend or validate marginalized communities. But it's more critical to acknowledge the harm of whiteness itself. When the focus is deconstructing the harm of dominant culture, it gives those who identify tangible ways to analyze and change their actions. This is a critical act in itself; no community needs to be validated by another to "deserve" respect. We all deserve respect, and we need to adjust our actions and recognize our shortcomings to provide it.

Set consequences. Hold your loved ones accountable. Ensure that you're no longer tolerating their statements. Note how their continued racism will affect your relationship, and be prepared to stand firm. Remember that accountability is a practice of love, and so is setting boundaries for you and yours.

Lead by example. Demonstrate the actions you've taken to dismantle white supremacy in your own life. Use examples of what you've learned and unlearned in your own education. Be vulnerable about where you're still growing – because we all have space to improve! And note how else you're moving forward. Cont....

Invite them to join in. If you feel resourced, you can use this time to invite this person to join in – perhaps by reading a book together, having further discussions, etc. If that's not available to you at the moment, you can offer to check in with them later to see how they're progressing.

Resource yourself. Tough conversations with loved ones are not easy. If you have the opportunity, make a self-care plan for before, during, and after. Beforehand, practice some deep breathing and grounding exercises. Remember to check in with your breath and body during the conversation. And, plan for some time to decompress afterward, whether that's scheduling time to decompress with a friend or therapist, taking a long walk later, journaling, etc. It might also be helpful to write some talking points and goals beforehand to help you feel more comfortable.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ASAP

Transfiguration's Goal
\$203,413

As of Tuesday, December 8

Pledged \$162,700 (80%)

Short \$40,713

343 Pledges (24.2%)

Short 1007

***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

Thank You!



Christmas Basket Program Gratitude

This Christmas Basket season has been like no other in our program. Stepping out of our usual planning routines with the uncertainty of the pandemic. Hoping. No, not hoping but knowing God would take the reins and teach along the way. We just had to get out of the way.

As I look back over these months of planning and working through details, God indeed has been shedding the light; opening new doors and creating a beautiful gift of service to others, through others and within others.

I am truly in awe, especially this year, of your response to our program. Your generosity and kindness in sponsorship, financial care, ongoing selfless volunteering and most important, loving others as God has loved you. With gentleness, tenderness, flexibility and sacrifice.

Our brothers and sisters we serve will celebrate Christmas with their loved ones, joined around their tables in a different way too this year. Our hope has been to spread Gods love in the midst of uncertainty, fear and anxiety. Thank you for sharing in that hope and certainty of God's love for all of us and answering that call to serve the one hundred ninety families with a joyful heart.

With deep gratitude and blessings in the New Year full of hope!
Margie Benza



**THANK YOU
To Nichole &
Kevin
Cox & Family.
They came in
and decorated
the Church for
Christmas.
We are so
Grateful!**



Dear Transfiguration Parishioners,

The staff, volunteers and clients all join together in thanking you for your donation of Walmart gift cards, hygiene items, paper products, kitchen and office supplies to St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center.

I very much appreciate your support and understanding of the importance of the services that the Center delivers to those in our community who lack access to healthcare. We currently serve over 3,000 patients a year. It is evident that the number of people needing assistance is increasing because of COVID, economic struggles, employment issues and for a variety of other reasons.

As you know, we do not get insurance reimbursements or government support for our work. We depend on the generosity of you and other community members to continue our work. You touch lives in essential ways. Thank you.

*Gratefully,
Christine Wagner, SSJ
Executive Director*



Dear friends at Transfiguration,

May the Infant Jesus fill your homes with joy and peace just as you have given much joy to our families with whom we shared Christmas gifts this year. We were able to assist 79 families in our drive-thru Christmas this year and are in the process of delivering 15 more. Through your generosity we were able to give each family their personal items, household items, a gift card for meat for Christmas and a gift card to Walmart's to chose some Christmas gifts. One young man, upon seeing the Walmart card, said, "I have got to get something really nice for Mom." Always a delight to see the acts of love being passed forward. We wish you each a very blessed Christmas, a healthy new year and a growth in your personal love for Jesus. We hold you in our prayers daily.

*Sister Marge, Sister Angie and the
Owsley County community.*



Peace & Justice

January is “Poverty Awareness Month”

During “Poverty Awareness Month,” we are encouraged to join the *U.S. Bishops*, the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, and the *Catholic community* in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor.

[*Note: “The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ “... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.” (USCCB)]

For detailed information on *Poverty Awareness Month*, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month>. There you will find resources such as: a **daily calendar** (ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others); **longer reflections**; and **sign-up for daily email reflections**.

“Poverty” is not an abstract subject to which we pay attention one month a year. It is an ongoing, dire condition that threatens life and human dignity. Poverty afflicts millions of people in our own country and elsewhere. It is found in all communities - urban, rural, suburban. Worse, poverty is deepening as a result of the pandemic’s deleterious effect on public health, the economy, and social structures.

“Awareness” is an invitation and inspiration to action. We are called to stand with the poor to alleviate current suffering, and to confront societal structures which cause or perpetuate poverty.

Our commitment to the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and voiceless is at the core of our Christian faith!

Weekly Food Collection

We will continue our weekly food collection 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!



Faith Formation Update

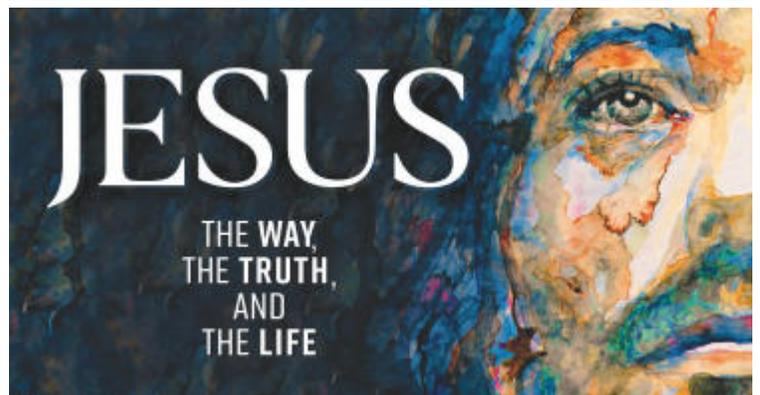
Need Prayer? Don't Know Where to Start? Check out our Prayer Playlist Hub on our Website
<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/formation-playlists>

A Prayer Playlist is a menu of micro-experiences to help support you in your daily personal prayer. Each monthly Playlist connects to a theme and includes links to Scripture passages, songs to pray with, blog articles, journal prompts, hands-on activities, podcasts, etc. The idea is to put prayer tools right in your hands (literally - on your phone!), so that you can find it easier to spend a few minutes with God each day. Try spending just 5 minutes a day with the monthly playlist to start growing your habit of daily prayer.

Our January Prayer Playlist themes are designed to help kick start your faith in the new year. It's the perfect time for spiritual resolutions! Our Catholic faith tradition offers many great starting places for prayer. This month, we're taking a look at some traditional forms of prayer with fresh eyes.

You can find the January Prayer Playlists here:

- * For Adults: Recommitting to Prayer: Fidelity and Discipleship: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-playlist-5>
- * For Teens: Committing to Prayer: New Year, New Beginnings: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/youth-playlist-5>
- * For Children and Families: Baptism: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist-5>



Please join us for Transfiguration Women's 10—week Bible Study beginning Jan.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.

Task	9-Jan 4:30 PM	10-Jan 9:00 AM	10-Jan 11:00 AM
Greeters	Gary Volker	Pat Valley	Rich Gangemi
Greeters	Rose Volker	Jane Valley	Sue Gangemi
Usher	Dan Dey	Kevin Pickhardt	Tom Cincebox
Usher	Mike Goonan	Tim Seeler	Kevin Cox
Lector	David Pritchard	Devon VanVechten	Pat Kehoe
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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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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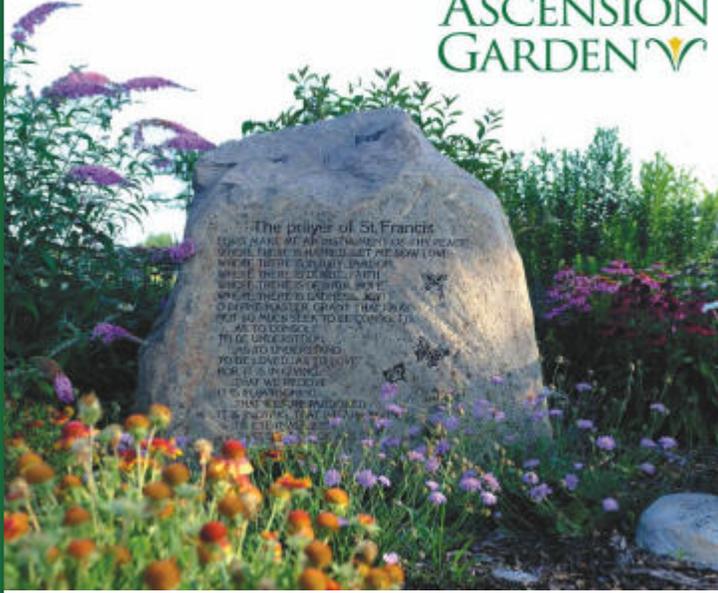


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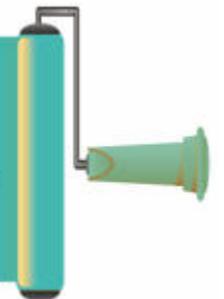
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