

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



3rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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

Monday, January 25, 2021

*** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

6:45 am: Communion Service

10:00 am: Chair Yoga- PC Gym

Tuesday January 26, 2021

*** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

9:00 am: Communion Service

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

*** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

6:45 am: Communion Service

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

6:45 pm: RCIA- Deacon Eric- PLC Dbl. Room

7:00 pm: Adult Formation- Faith Sharing on Zoom

Thursday, January 28, 2021

*** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29, 2021

*** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30, 2021

*** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

4:30 Mass: Jack Byrne by Michelle & Bob Jordan

Sunday January 31, 2021

*** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

9:00 am Mass: Dottie Murawa by

Deacon Pat & Roxanne DiLaura

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: Jim Brayer by The Cox 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,
K. & S. Hughes



Sanctuary Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
Rebecca M. (Foster) Williams



Flowers for the Altar are
In Loving Memory of
Marcella & Reginald Bold
Dedicated by The Bold Family



Please remember in your prayers,

Marcy Bement Hotchkiss for the passing of
her mother, **Sue Bement.**



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

Year-end 2020 Statement of Contributions

As you receive and review your 2020 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 semi-annually. *Thanks you for your continued support of our Parish!*



PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ASAP

Transfiguration's Goal is \$203,413

As of Friday, January 15

Pledged \$173,867 (85.5%)

Short \$29,546

366 Pledges (27%) - Our goal 33.3% participation!

Short 984

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE!

Please be mindful you have until May 31 to pay your pledge.

Please make every effort to make a pledge now, by going directly to www.dor.org/cma to make an online pledge; pledge cards are also available in the Gathering Area. Your pledge is important so we can avoid paying any shortage from parish savings.

Thank You!

GIFT OF TREASURE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Last Weekend (1/17/21)	\$22,948	\$25,671	(\$2,723)
Christmas	\$48,894	\$52,500	(\$3,606)
July 1, 2020-January 17, 2021	<u>\$566,799</u>	<u>\$593,283</u>	<u>(\$26,484)</u>

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SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD
Stewardship... Live It!

From the Corner Office

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, I am an active member and officer of the Association of United States Catholic Priests (AUSCP). We are the largest priest organization in the U.S. and on January 11, we issued a statement relative to the events at our Nation's Capital on January 6. I bring the statement to your attention for your reflection.

The purpose of the statement is not meant to be political; rather it comes from the AUSCP as pastors who provide moral and spiritual leadership to our Church and Country. I am sure some will struggle with what the statement says; I certainly did as we wrote the statement. I pray that all of us can pray for healing in our Country as we move ahead.

Below is a portion of the statement, the complete statement can be found at www.ausc.org and is entitled:

Priests' Association: We abhor the Capitol violence, we call for dialogue, and we acknowledge 'We have got to do a better job'

"Demons of division, avoided by some and enabled by others, stirred up the assault on our nation's Capitol January 6. What took years to build may take years to heal. We pray that our political and religious leaders are up to the task...."

"We pastors of faith communities and lay leaders know how crucial dialogue and discernment are to the well-being of a parish and to the whole church. So also are they necessary for our nation. We know that the church's mission and role include participation in political dialogue about the issues facing our great nation."

"It was with great distress that the treasure of Catholic Social Teaching which the church uses to address the complex issues of faith and politics was ignored in comments made by not a few priests and bishops in our church...."

"The violence of the January 6 insurrection was enabled by members of our own Senate and House of Representatives. It was also enabled by some members of the United States Catholic hierarchy and some of the clergy. Church leaders must do a better job in discerning the "signs of the times" and assist the Catholic faithful in the important discernment that is our responsibility in serving the gospel and the needs of our country."

"We, the members and associates of the Association of the United States Catholic Priests abhor the incidents that occurred last Wednesday in our nation's capital. The direct destruction of property, the killings, and the enormous stress and possible harm to our elected officials by our own citizens of the United States are unacceptable, immoral, and totally opposed to our structure of our democratic republic."

"We recommit ourselves to Love of God and Love of neighbor, even as we acknowledge that these despicable actions cry out for justice. We must not be left with broken windows and a broken faith. Our God of Mercy is a God of Justice, and those who are guilty must be judged."

"We mourn the injuries and loss of life among brave and dedicated law enforcement officers, even as we acknowledge what was so painfully obvious....."

"We pray for continued movement to preserving peace, acknowledging evil and its consequences, and restoring faith and confidence in our constitution and in our God...."

"We challenge ourselves and all religious leaders to model a discernment whose foundation is Catholic Social Teaching and assists the faithful in making judgments based on facts and the interests of the common good. We need to alert the faithful to the temptations of demagoguery and personality cult. It is our judgment that religious leadership has fallen short in not sounding the alarm of what would visit our nation. We have got to do a better job in the role and responsibilities we have."

Blessing in 2021!

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike



Clustering News



Dear Friends,

This past Monday some Parish Pastoral Council Members from the Church of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena met to discuss our coming together as clustered parishes.

Joining Father Rob Bourcy and myself were Rich DiMarco, Mike Goonan, Sue Gangemi, Mary Beth Sullivan, Ann Smith and Karen Rinefierd representing the Church of the Transfiguration. Denton Clark, Jen Yates, Karen Zielinski and Pam McInerney represented Saint Catherine of Siena,

After introductions, Fr. Rob and I shared our summer meetings with Father Paul Tomasso, Director of Priest Personnel regarding my impending retirement and clustering possibilities. Father Tomasso spoke with Bishop Matano twice regarding this subject and contacted us in September to begin the dialogue.

Karen Rinefierd guided our discussion night. Karen had worked for the Diocese of Rochester leading parishes in discussing and planning for clustering. Her insights were invaluable. She stressed, and everyone present agreed, that the most important thing will be to communicate well with our parishioners, both Staffs and anyone interested in the process.

The Mass schedule will be the first challenge. The Mass schedule needs to be structured so that it is doable for one person, keeping in mind a substitute will need to cover all of these as well. When Bishop Matano names the Pastor of our cluster he will need to look at the suggested Mass times and have input on its final proposal. Also, we need to keep in mind future weddings and funerals.

We will talk through the advantages of various options for Masses at each parish. Considerations will be: What is the congregation like? What is the music like? Where do seniors go? Where do families go? What is the attendance at the different Masses? The more knowledge we have, the better for our planning.

We will be thinking of how we were pre-Covid, not now. We will treat both parishes fairly and with respect.

Eventually we will be looking at discussing the worthiness and value of a common bulletin for sharing information.

We are already successfully sharing some Parish Staffing and will see where else we might like to come together in programing and ministries. We are blessed to have one another and share a prayerful life for the fruitfulness of the church.

Our group will be coming together again on February 15th. If you have thoughts or questions feel comfortable in speaking to Father Rob, myself and any committee member mentioned above.

Please join us in prayer that our planning will be guided by the Holy Spirit. Know that we hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

With Peace and Blessing,

Father Rob & Father Mike

Peace & Justice

Will You Help to Nourish New York?

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit everyone hard. In particular, the pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure - many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic.

The *Diocese of Rochester Public Policy Committee* is encouraging parishioners throughout the diocese to call on New York State leaders to provide \$50 million to continue funding the NOURISH NEW YORK program for State fiscal year 2021-2022.

The NOURISH NEW YORK program responds to the need for hunger relief and farm survival across New York State. Created during the early months of the pandemic, the program provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State -produced farm products which are then made available to neighbors-in-need through local food pantries and cupboards - many located in parishes and communities across the diocese.

Public Policy Advocacy weekend is February 13-14, but the on-line petition to our New York State leaders is available NOW. The petition reads as follows:

“NOURISH NEW YORK initiative has been an effective and creative response to the impact of the pandemic on New Yorkers, providing a lifeline for food-insecure families (many newly-insecure because of job losses due to COVID-19) and for struggling farmers, the fishing community and food processors across the state.

We call on state leaders to allocate \$50 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 to make NOURISH NEW YORK an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and survival of farms, fisheries, food processors in New York State.”

Please consider taking ONE MINUTE to speak up for the vulnerable by advocating for continuation of this critical State program.

Go to: <https://www.dor.org/petition/>



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! Here is an update idea list of needed items.

- ◆ Meal kits that do not require any extra ingredients
- ◆ Pancake and muffin mix that only require water
- ◆ Tabbed open soups and stews and canned pasta meals, ie spaghetti o's
- ◆ Shelf stable milk.
- ◆ Tea and coffee
- ◆ Antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer
- ◆ Household cleaning supplies and paper products

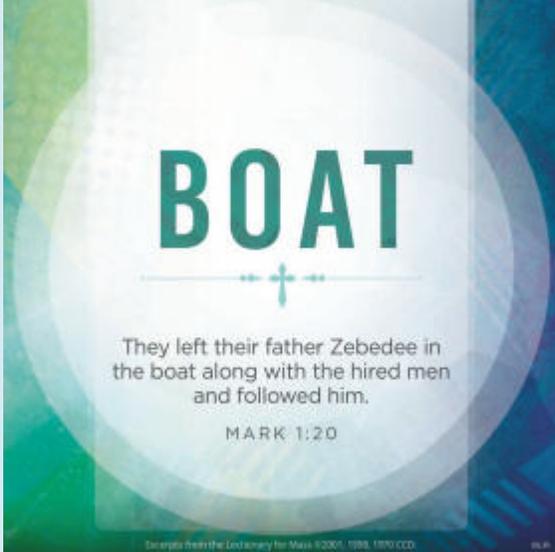
Thank you all so much for your weekly support

To our wonderful Transfiguration family,

Thank you so very much for your incredible generosity during the Christmas season. Even with the many restrictions placed on us this year, every Angel Tree request from Kentucky and our local agencies was fulfilled, and Christmas was made much brighter for so many because of you. Toys, socks, towels, gift cards, checks, clothing, household goods and so much more were donated and delivered. A special thank you goes to Anne Gallagher and the Confirmation class for assembling and donating packs of toiletries for our friends in Kentucky. Truly, we are blessed to be part of such a caring, generous, loving community. Best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please note that our Virtual Children's Liturgy is on break during the winter ordinary time (January 17th through February 14th). We encourage families to look at the collection of faith bible stories on our YouTube channel and resources on our monthly family faith playlist found on our website for engaging ways to help your kids faith grow.



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>

The Global Solidarity Ministry at Church of the Transfiguration

Presents:
**Global Solidarity:
Matthew 25 and the Call to
Mutual Caring**



We invite you to join us for a morning of prayer, reflection and lively discussion on the Meaning of Solidarity and how it relates to God's call to act to help satisfy the needs of the poor. We'll explore the fundamental importance of mutual care and justice and the need for our continued perseverance for working for a more just world.

**All are welcome to join this
Zoom Mini Retreat
Saturday, January 30, 9am-11:30am**

Please RSVP on the parish website on the events page. Instructions for the Zoom log-in will be emailed to you. Questions: Email Lauren Burruto at lburruto@gmail.com



ORGAN DONATION DISCUSSION

There is a tremendous need for organ donation in this country. Currently, over 113,000 men, women and children are waiting for an organ nationally, while in New York State alone over 9,000 people are awaiting a new organ.

One person gets added to the transplant wait list every 10 minutes and on average 22 people die each day because the organ they need is not available. There is a lot of misinformation about donation.

Because of this and the above mentioned shortages, staff from the Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network (FLDRN), the local donate life organization, has been invited to speak to Transfiguration parishioners.

Mary Jane Milano, community development manager, FLDRN, will provide a presentation on a zoom call on Thursday February 4th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. If interested in registering for the presentation email Mary Jane at MaryJane_Milano@urmc.rochester.edu.



Task	30-Jan 4:30 PM	31-Jan 9:00 PM	31-Jan 11:00 AM
Greeters	Gael Garrity	Tim Seeler	Nancy Vlosky
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Usher	Darrell Hearne	Paul Schultz	Peter Sullivan
Lector	Joe Baldino	John Conley	Rob Kozarits
B3	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike

**CLUSTERING PRAYER FOR
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Father in Heaven,

Who brings together new relationships, new opportunities and new challenges as a way to deepen our bond with You, bless the people of the Church of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena, to enter joyfully into such experiences as our communities seek a new chapter in our shared life of mission and ministry.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

AMEN.

Pastoral Council

Members-at-Large: Joey Campagna, Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gan-gemi, Mike Goonan, (Moderator & Trustee), Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Sue Reed, Mary Beth Sullivan.

Faith Formation – Kim Fluet

Peace & Justice – John Boroski, Alternate – Trish Goodman

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Youth – Noah Lucia

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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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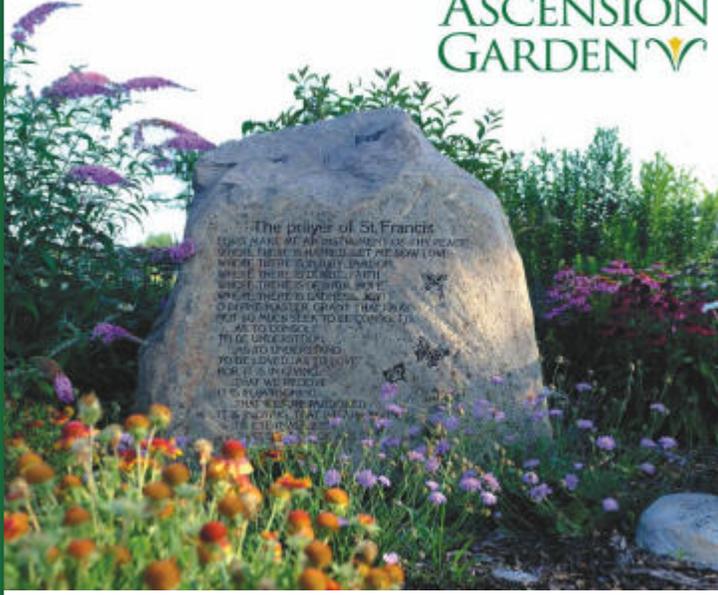


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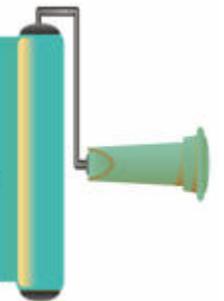
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