

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2021



# CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



Trust Always  
in your God.  
He does not lose  
battles.

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

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk

6:53-56

6:45 am: Communion Service

10:00 am: Chair Yoga- PC Gym

7:00 pm: Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday February 9, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

9:00 am: Communion Service

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

7:00 to 8:30 pm: Senior High Youth Group-Church

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk

7:14-23

6:45 am: Communion Service

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

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

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**

\*\*\* Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

4:30 Mass: Marcella & Reginald Bold by The Bold Family

**Sunday February 14, 2021**

\*\*\* Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—

11:1/Mk 1:40-45

9:00 am Mass: Molly Thomas by All who LOVE her 

Also Live Streaming [www.transfigurationpittsford.org](http://www.transfigurationpittsford.org)

11:00 am Mass: Dick Scott by The Empty Nesters

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



Team 1

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**



Sanctuary Candles burn in Memory of Dean Santos Dedicated by Eugene Kobos



Flowers for the Altar are In Loving Memory of All deceased members of Transfiguration



THE BEST WAY TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART IS TO GIVE GOD ALL THE PIECES.



**Remember...our 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday's is LIVE STREAM.**

**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.

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!*



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**GIFT OF TREASURE**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Last Weekend (1/31/21)	\$17,823	\$10,811	\$7,012
Online Giving in January	\$13,118	\$5,311	\$7,807
July 1, 2020-January 31, 2021	<u>\$619,576</u>	<u>\$620,216</u>	<u>(\$641)</u>

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

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## From the Corner Office

Dear Friends,

I am away of vacation and so I thought for a couple week-ends I would address, once again, some basics of the moral and *Catholic Social Teachings*. I am doing so in response to suggestions of some parishioners.

As you know these teachings are presently hanging in banner form in our worship space. I write these articles with the help of our Church's document entitled the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* and an article from the *National Catholic Report* by [Jessie Bazan](#).

Please continue to pray and act for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

*Fr. Mike*

### SOME BASICS OF CATHOLIC MORAL and SOCIAL TEACHING

Part 2

**The dignity of work and the rights of workers** - Concerns about working conditions prompted Pope Leo XIII to write *Rerum Novarum* in the late 19th century, the first formal social teaching document from the Catholic Church. A Catholic theology of work understands that people work to provide basic needs for themselves and their families. Work is also a primary way to discover our God-given abilities. In his social encyclical celebrating the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, Pope John Paul II writes that work is the human response to God's gift. As such, the church calls employers to honor laborers with just wages and opportunities to take on new responsibilities. Further, Catholic social teaching favors labor unions to work communally for justice in the workplace and deems unemployment an evil (*Laborem Exercens*, On Human Work).

**Solidarity** - Jesus preaches solidarity in his Sermon on the Mount when the Son of God tells the disciples he is the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked. Solidarity begins with an encounter. People practicing solidarity understand that all of humanity is part of one family "whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences may be" (USCCB). The practice of solidarity demands that we tend to the needs of all individuals, especially the poor and vulnerable. As the saying goes, when one hurts, we all hurt. Pope John XXIII put solidarity in a more global context, too, reminding people that countries depend on each other to prosper (*Pacem in Terris*).

**Care for God's creation** - The world and all its creatures are gifts from God the Creator. Mountains and hills, seas and rivers, beasts wild and tame all bless the Lord, rejoices the prophet Daniel (3:75-81). Catholic social teaching invites us to experience the world through a sacramental lens, finding God in the rustling winds, chirping birds, and the entire natural world. It also laments environmental degradation. The church calls us to be good stewards of the earth's resources. Pope Francis raised awareness of the environment in *Laudato Si'*, the most recent social encyclical. The pope lays out a vision of unity and promise when it comes to caring for our common home, praying, "May our struggles and concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope."

Make this be your year to commit to Catholic social teaching. Start with one or two concrete ways you can honor human dignity and better the common good. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. Together we will bring forth the kingdom of God one step at a time.

It is important that all of us move these teaching to reality. Perhaps starting with one or two concrete ways you can honor human dignity and better the common good.



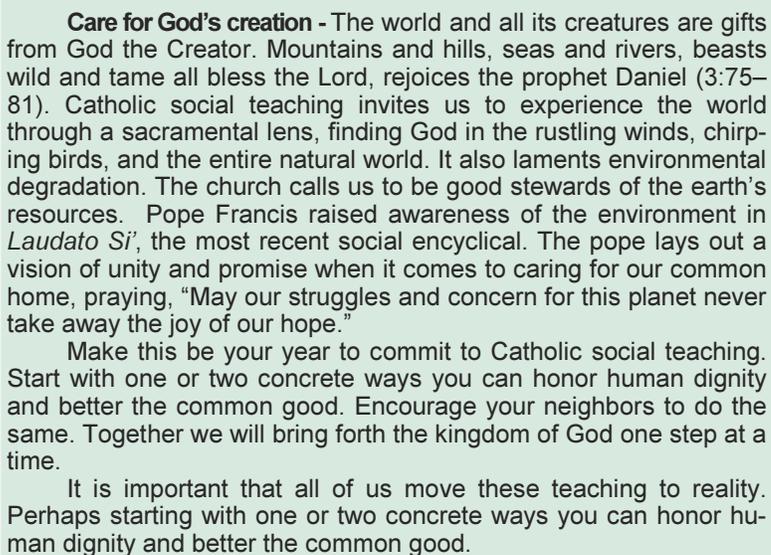
Father in Heaven,  
who brings together new relationships,  
new opportunities and new challenges  
as a way to deepen our bond with you,  
bless the people of  
the Church of the Transfiguration  
and Saint Catherine of Siena,  
to enter joyfully into such experiences as our  
communities seek a new 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.



**PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ASAP**  
Transfiguration's Goal \$203,413  
**THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE!**

Please be mindful you have until May 31 to pay your pledge, you can pledge by going directly to [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma) to make an online pledge; pledge cards are also available in the Gathering Area.

*Thank You!*



When financial speculation manipulates the price of food, treating it as just another commodity, millions of people suffer and die from hunger. At the same time, tons of food are thrown away. This constitutes a genuine scandal. Hunger is criminal; food is an inalienable right.

POPE FRANCIS  
FRATELLI TUTTI, 189



# Peace & Justice

## Will You Add Your Voice to NOURISH NEW YORK?

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 but expiring at the end of 2020, 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.

*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.”

*Will you speak up for the vulnerable by advocating for continuation of this critical State program?*

*You can sign the diocesan petition in two ways:*

1. *Sign on-line by going to: <https://www.dor.org/petition/> or*
2. *Sign the petition enclosed in this bulletin, and mail directly to Governor Cuomo*

*Please sign on-line or mail paper petition before Feb. 28th.*

### **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

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

### *Lenten Season at Transfiguration*

After continued weeks of pandemic concerns, challenging days please consider joining us on Monday evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. in the church for our Lenten Vespers with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a time of quiet, peaceful contemplation of God's everlasting love through the presence of Christ in our lives.

May this Lenten Season be one of reflection, grace and purposeful intention to accompany Jesus on the road to Calvary strengthened by God's everlasting love.

**Lenten Vespers with  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Monday Evenings, 7 PM  
February 22 and 29, March 1,  
8, 15, 22 and 29**



*Everlasting  
Love*



**Notre Dame Retreat House  
is offering**

**“Lenten Desert Days”**

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This Lent we invite you to take time out of everyday life and spend some time reviewing your relationship with God. This past year has been challenging. What better way to put life in perspective than to seek God's guidance through reading, reflecting, and praying. We will provide material or you may bring your own. The day is yours to spend alone with God. We are offering six dates to make a retreat.

Space is limited, so registration is required. (In order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each date to fifteen (15) people.)

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com)

**SAVE THE DATES for  
Lenten Series**

**with Sr. Barbara Moore, SSJ**

**Saturdays at 10:00 AM**

**February 27, March 6, 13, 20,**

**In the Church of St. Catherine of Siena**

Topics will include but are not limited to:

1. How do the 4 Gospels differ regarding this event of the Passion? But what do we know for sure?
2. We will take a walk through Holy Week with the Gospel of Mark and a contemporary Jewish writer.
3. How can the events of Holy Week apply to the many facets of our personal and communal lives?



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS COMING BACK!

Our Virtual Children's Liturgy program will come back for Lent 2021 on February 21st. Miss Vicky and special guests will join you in this weekly series that brings together readings from Scripture, liturgical music, movement, and visuals to help bring the Word of God to life for His children.

Might your family like to be featured on Children's Liturgy in a future episode? Head over to our website and let Miss Vicky know! We would love to add more special guests to our online community.



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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.

#### The February Prayer Playlists are here!

God made you out of love, and God made you for love. Sometimes, it's very hard for us to believe that God loves us unconditionally, totally, completely, no matter what. The offerings below will help you receive God's unimaginable love for you. Our love for each other reflects God's love for us. As God loves us, we are called to share that love with others.

For teens: ***Love Looks Like: God's Unconditional Love:***  
<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/youth-playlist-6>

For adults: ***Living in Love: Receiving and Sharing God's Love:***  
<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-playlist-6>

For children and families: ***Loving God and Each Other:***  
<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist-6>

### Hello Youth Ministry Families, Here's what's coming up:

- It looks like our Covid numbers are going down some, so I'm happy to announce that our upcoming YM Nights for the 6th-12th grade small groups will be **IN PERSON Tuesday 2/9** 7-8:30PM! Remember to wear your mask, keep your distance, and stay home if you feel sick or might have been exposed.
- We will continue to have our bonus senior high youth group meeting on 2/23 from 7-8:30 in Church
- Confirmation candidates, please remember your next assignment is due Feb. 1, as are any outstanding assignments you have yet to turn in. Year Two candidates, most of you still need to turn in your Confirmation Name/Sponsor form.

I hope you all enjoy the snow now that winter seems to have finally arrived, and remember to take some time every day for quiet prayer with God.

Peace,  
Anne

<i>Liturgy Schedule</i>	<b>13-Feb</b>	<b>14-Feb</b>	<b>14-Feb</b>
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Diane & Terry Erdle	Pat & Jane Valley	Lorey Beck
<b>Greeters</b>			Peggy Schoenfelder
<b>Usher</b>	Darrell Hearne	Larry Filipski	Kevin Cox
<b>Usher</b>	Raul Martinez	Joe Maxwell	Peter Sullivan
<b>Lector</b>	Jenn Hearne	Amy Maxwell	Jim Wright
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## *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 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  
 Staff – rotating among all staff members  
 Secretary– Martha Jodoin

### Finance Council

Kevin Cox, John Conley, Larry Filipski, (Chair & Trustee) Koen Goorman, John Hennessy, Bob Leonard, Denise Nunziato, and Diane Carroll-Yacoby

### Pittsford-Mendon Planning Group Representatives

Lisa Morris and Fr. Mike Bausch

### Parish Staff

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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](mailto:Transfiguration@dor.org)**  
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**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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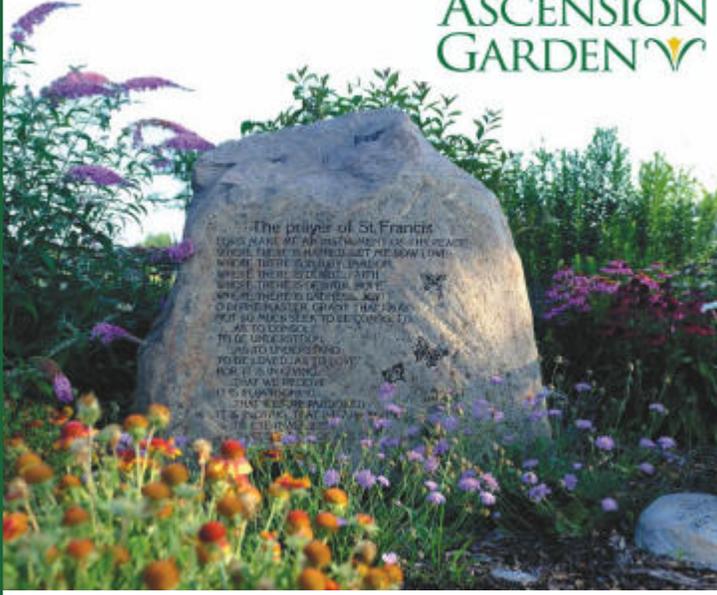


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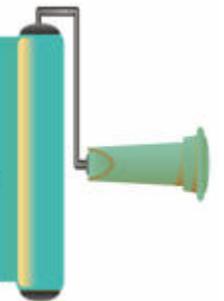
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