

2nd Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

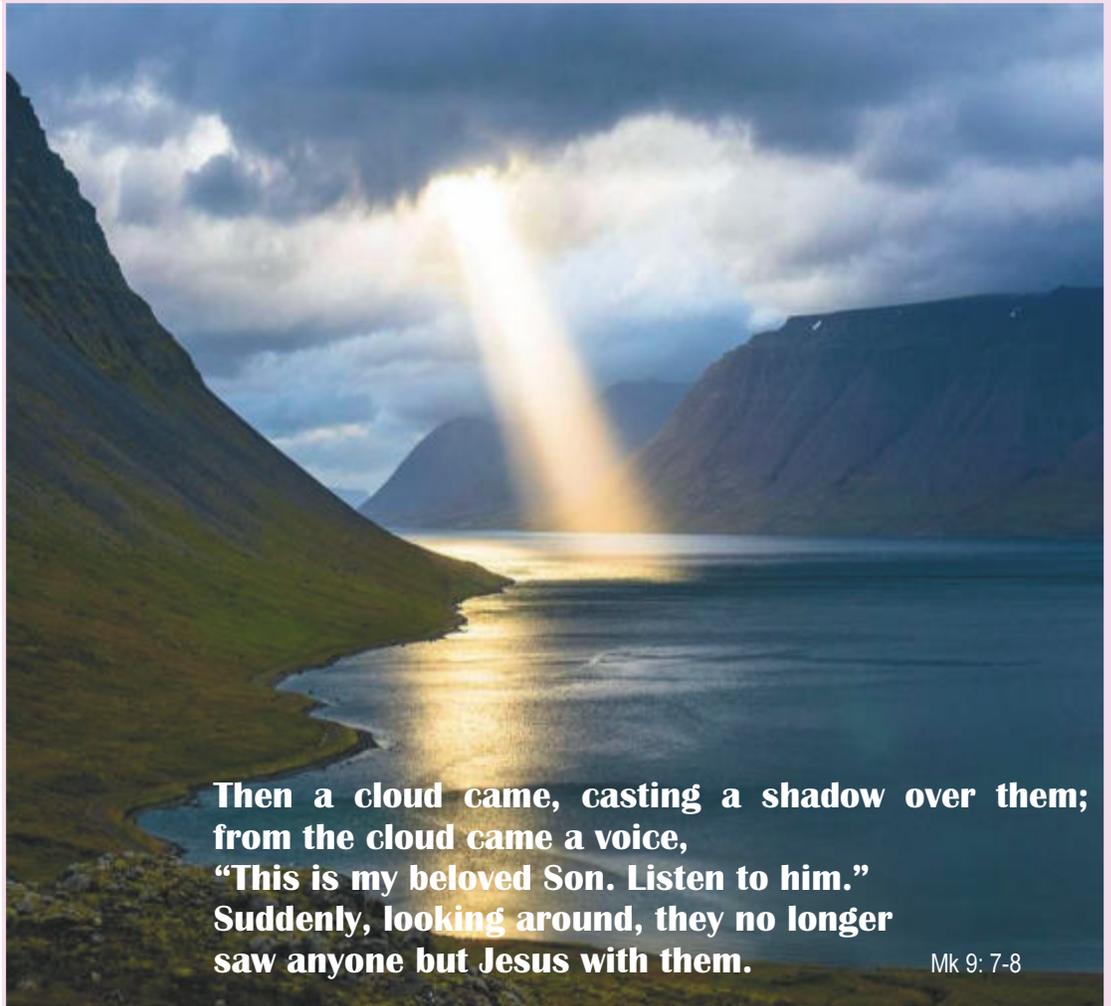


CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



*Everlasting
Love*



**Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer
saw anyone but Jesus with them.**

Mk 9: 7-8

*CLUSTERING PRAYER FOR
ST. CATHERINE 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.



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

Monday March 1, 2021

*** **Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38**

6:45 am Mass: *Amelia & Jozef Oklakowski by the Estate*

10:00 am: Chair Yoga– PC Gym

7:00 pm: Lenten Vespers with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament– Church

Tuesday March 2, 2021

*** **Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12**

9:00 am Mass: *Pat Hettrich by Joyce & Tony Cavallaro*

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

7:00 pm: Tri-Parish Retreat-Church also

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Wednesday, March 3, 2021

*** **Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28**

6:45 am Mass: *Richard Himes by Jeff & Alice Dmochowski*

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

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

Thursday, March 4, 2021

*** **Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31**

6:45 am Mass: *Helen Maguire by Carol Balk & Patricia Hill*

Friday, March 5, 2021

*** **Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**

Saturday, March 6, 2021

*** **Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

4:30 Mass: *Marcella & Reginald Bold by the Bold Family*

Sunday March 7, 2021

*** **Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

9:00 am Mass: *Tom & Magdalene Plummer by Margie & Ray Benza*

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: *Terri Schultz by Judy & Charlie Newton*

THE HOUSE OF MERCY HAS REOPENED!

They are currently in Phase 1 of reopening which allows for 10% capacity.

The staff has been tested and they have deep cleaned the house in order to safely reopen.

They should move on to phase 2 which would allow more people to stay in their overnight shelter.

We have received a desperate plea from Sister Grace Miller, Executive Director of the House of Mercy:

"We urgently need men's winter coats (L, XL, 2X) and men's boots (9-12).

We also need thick winter gloves for men and warm hoodies (L, XL, 1X, 2X)

We know it is a sacrifice, but we only accept new items for our homeless due to COVID."

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



Team 4

P. Diehl, A. Jahnke, L. LeBlanc, K. & S. Hughes



Sanctuary Candles burn in Memory of Elma Bellini Dedicated by Lisa & Tim Morris



Please remember in your prayers,

John Hennessy for the passing of his son-in-law, **Michael Coy.**



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



Memorial Flowers for

Easter

Envelopes are in the Gathering Area if you wish to have loved ones mentioned in the Celebration of Easter.



AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR WEB SITE

GIFT OF TREASURE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Last Weekend (2/21/21)	\$24,882	\$25,671	\$(789.00)
July 1, 2020 - Feb. 21, 2021	<u>\$678,505</u>	<u>\$680,089</u>	<u>\$(1,584)</u>

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

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

From the Corner Office

Dear Friends,

We are "Continuing the Journey to Jerusalem" as we embrace the Second Sunday of Lent. This weekend the Gospel (Mark 9:2-10) tells the magnificent account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Peter acclaims in the experience "It is good that we are here." The most powerful words welcome us as we enter our worship space here at Transfiguration.

The passage takes on new meaning for all of us as we prepare to cluster with our neighbors to the south. Saint Catherine with her zeal saying "be everything you're meant to be and you'll set the world on fire" and Peter's "It is good that we are here" come together for the graces and blessings of our two faith communities.

Last week I shared with you in the Bulletin a summary of Clustering Committee meeting on President's Day evening. I hope you had time to read it, we want of you to be well informed as we walk ahead on the journey. I recently heard and read a homily entitled: *The cry of an angry Black man in a world sick with racism*. We often hear of the 'angry black man' dealing with racism. This homily was given by Fr. Gregory Chisholm, S.J. at St. Patrick Cathedral ([venue.streamspot.com/video/136c39431c](https://www.venue.streamspot.com/video/136c39431c)). Fr. Chisholm is pastor of St. Charles Parish in Harlem and serves on the Diocesan staff in New York. You will hear him speak about how his experiences as a black man make him want to scream. Yet, he reframes this idea of the "angry black man" in light of Abraham and Job. He continues by reflecting on the Gospel saying, "Scripture says that Jesus cured many who were ill. Scripture says that Jesus freed many from their demons. Yet I don't see Jesus bringing the people of the town to health, and I don't see Jesus bringing the men and women to freedom from their demons, if they, the People of God, do not respond to his preaching and repent of their sin. If the people do not accept their own sinfulness, if the people do not offer reparation for their sin, *if the people do not reconcile themselves to their God, they will not be healed.*"

He explains how the United States is sick and that "Our sickness goes to the very core of this country's being. *We will never heal in our government, in our economy and even in our churches until we face the fact that we are sinners who need to accept our history, in its achievements and its failures.* We must repent of the sin of racism. Only then may all Americans be healed of our sickness and freed of our demons. Let us be assured that there is a balm in Gilead to heal our sin-sick soul."

I encourage you to read or watch the entire homily at www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/02/12/racism-angry-black-man-homily-240005?fbclid=IwAR0LDyhvNSeq-XkAxW7ygv6LZ-uk5CWwsaRgEVFTDUz4riDuAal1K4UKz9s

Stay hopeful, it will be a year, next week, which we have been living with the pandemic. There is light at the end of the tunnel, please continue to encourage each other, we will make it to the end of the tunnel.

Blessing in 2021!

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike



Transfiguration's Goal
\$203,413

As of Monday, February 22
Pledged \$179,542 (88.3%)

Short \$23871

378 Pledges (28%) - Our goal 33.3% participation!

URGENT! URGENT!

We are whittling it down!

Thank you to those who have added to their pledge and to everyone who have pledged!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ASAP

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!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

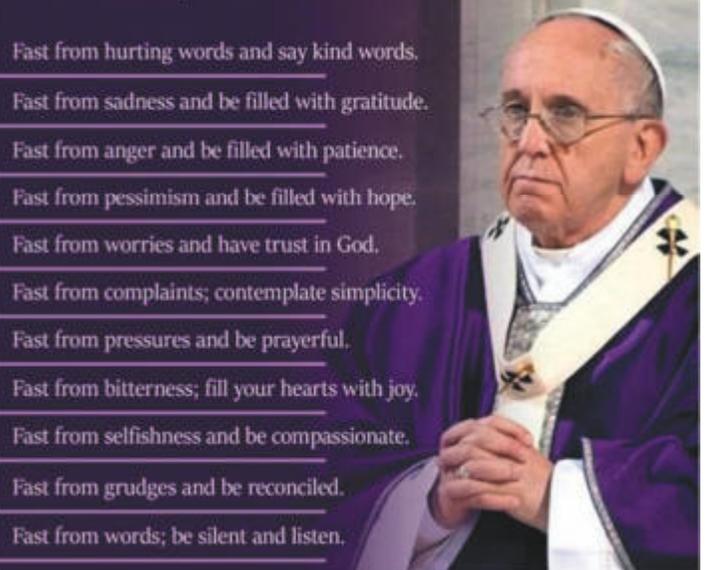
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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



Peace & Justice

Crises shine spotlights on societal injustices

When societal operations are not disrupted by out-of-the-ordinary conditions and forces, the weaknesses, gaps and injustices in societal structures (political, economic, social, cultural) may not receive requisite attention. But crises (e.g., pandemic, January 6th, natural disasters, etc.) often accentuate or worsen societal injustices, bringing to the fore significant opportunities for societal reform.

One example: The Diocesan Public Policy Committee has highlighted the linkages of health care, human dignity, and the common good:

“The COVID pandemic has amplified the reality that so many in New York State and across the country lack access to affordable, quality health care. The number of uninsured nationwide has been rising for the past few years. Individual consumers, small businesses, and non-profits face ever-increasing premiums, deductibles, and co-payments. In addition, many states struggle to get insurers to sell plans in certain markets, particularly rural areas. With Congress deadlocked on national solutions to this healthcare crisis, states are beginning to explore creative and cost-effective options available to them.

For Catholics, health care is both a human right and a demand of the common good: the dignity of the human person makes a claim of justice on access to health care, and health is a societal good that can only be attained by working together. As is even more clear in a pandemic, the exclusion of some from health care threatens the health of all

(Letter to Congress from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, May 2020)

Reflection question:

What is pandemic teaching us about health care injustice in the US?

Arriving at Mass

No Need to Register but Please Check In

In an effort to streamline the Mass registration process, we have eliminated the need to register for Mass on-line. On arrival, please stop at one of the two locations (A-K or L-Z, based on your last name) in the Gathering Area and offer your name to the usher. They will ask for your email if it's not on file to accommodate tracing purposes. Many thanks for your patience as well all work together for a healthy, safe environment in gathering to worship.

Arriving at Mass

The “Greeters” Role

After registering at the door and moving to the church doors, please safely distance while waiting for the greeters to seat you. Their role is to seat people at safe distances from each other, assist at Communion in maintaining safe distance, and to ensure social distancing during dismissal. For safety reasons, please follow their direction.

As these months go by and this has become routine for many, we are pleased that our parish family members are returning for the first time. Everyone's safety is our first priority and we want all to feel welcomed, safe and knowing, “Lord, how good it is for us to be here.” Thank you.



**SAVE THE DATES for
Lenten Series
with Sr. Barbara Moore, RSM
Saturdays at 10:00 AM
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?

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
Coconut Creek, FL 33073**

- * Use a credit card by going to our Champion Page on the Food for the Poor website. The link is <https://www.championsforthe poor.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1064>

(Kitty will add our donors to the **DO NOT MAIL** list to avoid mail solicitations).

**Celebrating St. Joseph
with Dr. Joe Kelly
Thursday March 18th at 7:00 pm
Church of the Transfiguration**



In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph to be Patron of the Universal Church. In 2020, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this proclamation, Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. To celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph in this dedicated year, we are holding a special Evening Prayer to honor this great saint, the spouse of the Mother of God and the foster-father of the Son of God. As part of Evening Prayer, we are pleased to have Dr. Joseph Kelly give us an illustrated reflection on his patron saint.

All are most welcome to attend. We will gather in the church. A face mask and check in process will be required. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK!



Miss Vicky is again hosting our weekly series with teaching about the readings from Scripture, liturgical music, movement, and visuals to help bring the Word of God to life for His children. Join us for this wonderful way to bring the gospel

message to our youngest members of the Body of Christ. Special thanks Pflaum Publishing Group for the use of their Children Celebrate resources.

Videos go live each Saturday afternoon at 3pm on our YouTube Channel-*Transfiguration Pittsford*

Weekly Food Collection



Our weekly food collection continue 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

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.



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“Praying and Living in a Post-COVID World”

Our experience of this time of pandemic has challenged us profoundly but also brought forward many positive elements as well. It is most important that we reflect on these experiences to recognize God's presence and call through them. Yes, we still feel disconnected and are prone to “ COVID fatigue.” This retreat will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on those things that will help us reconnect with personal prayer, the liturgy and parish, and renewed life in the community.

**March 2 & 9, 2021 | 7pm | Church of the Transfiguration
Dr. Damian Zynda | Fr. Robert Kennedy**

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<i>Liturgy Schedule</i>	6-Mar	7-Mar	7-Mar
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Gael Garrity	Tim & Terry Seeler	Peter & Mary Beth Sullivan
Greeters	Rose Volker		
Usher	Darrell Hearne	Larry Filipski	Rich Gangemi
Usher	Raul Martinez	Kevin Pickhardt	Sue Gangemi
Lector	David Pritchard	Lauren Burruto	Rob Kozarits
B3	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into
 my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to
 You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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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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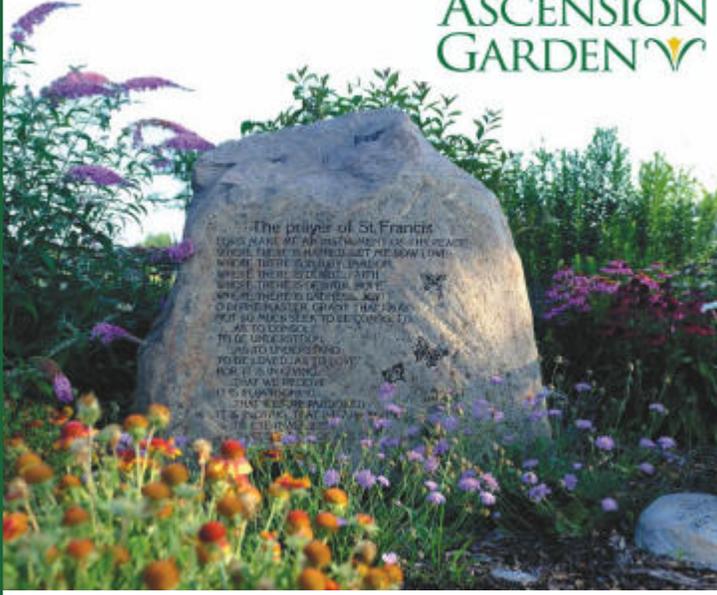


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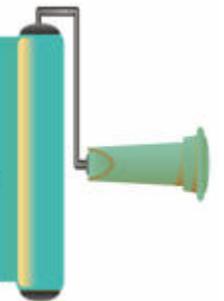
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