

4th Sunday of Lent  
March 14, 2021



# CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



*Everlasting  
Love*

**BUT WHOEVER LIVES BY THE  
TRUTH COMES TO THE LIGHT  
THAT HIS WORK MAY BE  
CLEARLY SEEN AS DONE  
IN GOD.**

JN 3:21

4th *Sunday of Lent*



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

**Monday March 15, 2021**

\*\*\* **Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54**

6:45 am Mass: *Grace & Art Roberts Sr. by the Roberts Family*

10:00 am: Chair Yoga– PC Gym

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

**Tuesday March 16, 2021**

\*\*\* **Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16**

9:00 am Mass: *Michael Conley By Katie & Bruce Ferguson*

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

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



**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

\*\*\* **Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30**

6:45 am Mass: *Douglas Cropper by The Christopher*

*Azzara Family*

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

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

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

\*\*\* **Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47**

6:45 am Mass: *Patricia Macikowski by Mary Kay Vaicialis*

7:00 pm: Evening of Prayer for St. Joseph with *Dr. Joe Kelly-Church*

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

\*\*\* **2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom**

**4:13, 16-18, 22/**

**Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

\*\*\* **Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53**

4:30 Mass: *Jim Brayer by Pat & Jim Roman*

**Sunday March 21, 2021**

\*\*\* **Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/**

**Jn 12:20-33 or**

**Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn**

**11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

9:00 am Mass: *Herbert Kessler by Margie & Ray Benza*

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

11:00 am Mass: *Janet Falcone by The Della Pietra Family*

7:00 to 8:00 pm: Confirmation Year 2 Prep. –Church

Dear St. Patrick,  
in your humility you called yourself a sinner,  
but you became a most successful missionary and  
prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior.  
Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in  
numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with  
God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began.  
Amen.



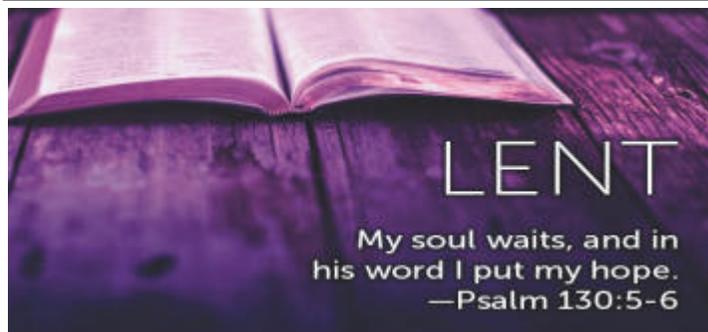
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*Easter*

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



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**GIFT OF TREASURE**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Last Weekend (3/7/21)	\$21,714	\$23,391	\$(1,677)
July 1, 2020 - March 7, 2021	<u>\$712,596</u>	<u>\$719,602</u>	<u>\$(7,006)</u>

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

SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD  
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## From the Corner Office

Dear Friends,

Did you complete and return the Mass Survey? We are appreciative of the time you spent filling out the survey, as your views will help guide the decision making process. If you have not returned the Survey, please do so before Wednesday, March 17, thanks! Please keep the Clustering Committee in your prayers. *May the Lord continue to bless our journey forward!*

I continue to receive questions concerning the different vaccines available to fight the COVID virus and as a Roman Catholic can you receive them, the one word answer is YES. With the assistance of the National Catholic Reporter allow me share some insights into this important concern.

**Recent conflicting statements by some bishops that Catholics should avoid certain vaccines over concerns about abortion are, ironically, anti-life, says a medical ethicist and member of the Pontifical Academy for Life. Some members of the Academy go as far as saying the Catholic Church should apologize for causing confusion. The Academy clearly says all vaccines are morally acceptable.**

The chairs of the U.S. bishops' conference committees on doctrine and pro-life activities issued a statement advising Catholics awaiting a COVID-19 vaccine to choose, if possible, the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines over the recently approved Johnson & Johnson's one due to a less remote connection between this newest vaccine and abortion.

"Interpreted by the media and Catholic faithful as episcopal guidance to avoid the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, these diverse and sometimes conflicting pronouncements have sowed 'pastorally dangerous' confusion," according to Therese Lysaught, a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life. She stated, "Catholic health systems are scrambling to figure out what to do with the allotments of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines they have already received. Should they refuse further shipments? Some individual Catholics have decided to forego the vaccine, putting their own health and that of others at risk." She went on to say, "This approach threatens the vaccination effort in the U.S., the country with the highest global COVID-19 mortality. Without vaccinations, the virus will continue to spread and mutate."

Lysaught concluded: "I fear that in the zeal to advance the cause against abortion, outdated advice on Catholic teaching may have inadvertently led this handful of bishops to take a position that is, ironically, anti-life. What might have led them to articulate a position that urges Catholics to privilege a theoretical moral purity over the value of their own lives, the lives of others and the common good?"

Please know I am always open to discussing the vaccination issue with anyone, just give me a call.

**Blessings in 2021!**

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

*Fr. Mike*

PS – I little Humor for Seniors!



**FINALLY, WE ARE OVER 90%  
URGENT! URGENT!  
We are whittling it down!  
>>We are still short \$19,746<<**



Transfiguration's Goal  
\$203,413

**As of Monday, March 8  
Pledged \$183,667 (90.3%)**

**389 Pledges (28%) - Our goal 33.3% participation!**

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](http://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!*

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



**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!*

**Begins Wed.  
April 7th**



### ***Grief Share at Transfiguration***

Our Grief Share Support Group begins on Wednesday, 4/07/21. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, a workbook and shared conversation with each session, led by an experienced facilitator. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this twelve-week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center in a safely distanced, masked environment. Materials cost - \$25.00. Registration forms are on our website at [TransfigurationPittsford.org](http://TransfigurationPittsford.org) or by calling to register. Questions? Please contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or [margie.benza@dor.org](mailto:margie.benza@dor.org). Registrations are due 3/30/21.

### ***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  
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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 <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).

### ***Weekly Food Collection***

Our weekly food collection continues Monday through 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!

*Thank you all so much for your weekly support*



“Special request from Sister Grace Miller, Executive Director of the House of Mercy: our people need underwear (M/W small-4X), warm gloves, boots (M 9-15, W 6-11), sweats (small - 4X). Only NEW items (due to COVID). We cannot walk this journey alone, we need your help.”

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/WP217FET3G4R?filter->



Instead of meat, check out fish for your meals. But check the labels on the fish for country of origin and whether fish is farmed or wild. Many countries are not concerned with sustainability. Wild caught is better than farmed. More than 20% of fish sold in the U.S. is mislabeled especially sea bass, snapper and halibut.



## 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*

### Lent @ Home

Given the many challenges facing today's families, now is the perfect time and home is the perfect place to experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, where we hope and worry, where we love and forgive. Here are some ideas to try to enrich your celebration of Lent at home:

**Lenten Family Mealtime:** In addition to "Friday fish day," designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to the others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

More Ideas can be found on our faith playlist on our website.

## Faith Formation Update

The March Prayer Playlists are here! Our parish Lenten theme this year is Everlasting Love. In this season of 40 days we practice the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving to draw us ever closer to our loving God. The suggestions below will help you bask in the arms of God, deepen your intimacy in prayer, and make the most of your Lent.

- \* For adults: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-playlist-lent--everlasting-love>
- \* For teens: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/teen-playlist-living-lent>
- \* For children/families: <https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist---journey-of-lent-and-holy-week>

### Confirmation news

We have a spring celebration date for our Year Twos! **Monday April 19.** All Confirmation families should have received a separate email from me last week with important updates. Year Two candidates, ALL outstanding assignments **MUST** be returned to me by April 10.



## VBS is coming back in 2021!

We know you have missed it and we have missed our week of fun in the summer. Gear up for a one-week hike through the wilderness and together we will discover amazing things about Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders.

**Save the Date: July 12-16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration will begin in April 2021.**



### 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.



<i>Liturgy Schedule</i>	<b>20-Mar</b>	<b>21-Mar</b>	<b>21-Mar</b>
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Roman	Pat & Jane Vallely	Lorey Beck
<b>Greeters</b>	Carolyn Rudman		Susie Zuniga
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Dey	Tim Seeler	Jim Wright
<b>Usher</b>	Leo Finucane	Devon VanVechten	Peg Schoenfelder
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Blasko	Helen Konz	Rick Walsh
<b>B3</b>	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.

### Pastoral Council

Members-at-Large: Joey Campagna, Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gan-  
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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 ap-  
 preciate 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 conven-  
 ience, 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 reg-  
 ister for the Baptismal Preparation Program.

**Marriage:** Please contact Fr. Mike, Deacon Pat or Deacon  
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**Catechumenate:** Adults interested in joining the Roman  
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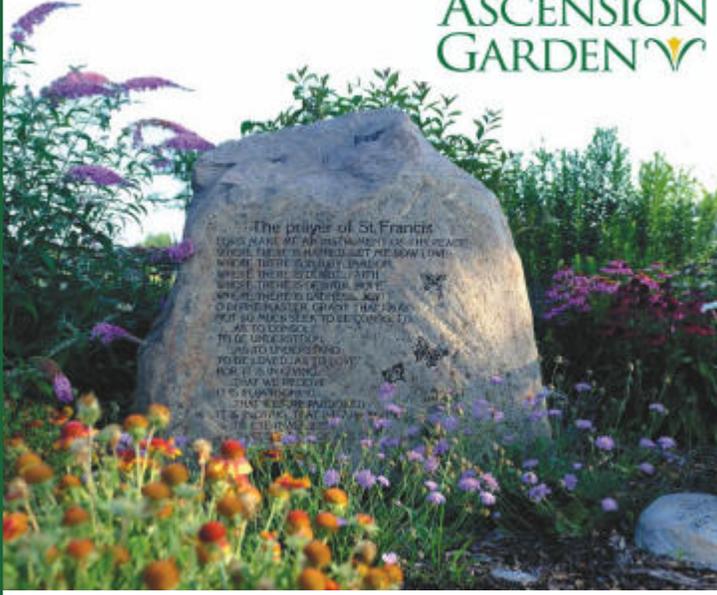


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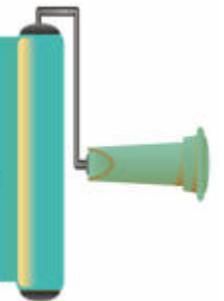
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