

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



2nd Sunday
OF EASTER

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29BC

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

Monday April 12, 2021

*** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

6:45 am Mass: *Mary Beth Duffy-Hasenauer* by *Joe Zuniga*

10:00 am: Chair Yoga- PC Gym

7:00 to 8:30 pm-Parish Council- PLC Dbl. Room

Tuesday April 13, 2021

*** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

9:00 am Mass: *Norman Gebauer* by *Jane & Frank Botelho*

4:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

*** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

6:45 am Mass: *Michael Coy* by *Barb & John Hennessy*

12:30 to 2:00 pm: Grief Share-PLC Dbl. Room

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

7:00 to 8:30 pm: Joe Kelly Spring Series- Church

Thursday, April 15, 2021

*** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

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Friday, April 16, 2021

*** 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17, 2021

**Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

4:30 pm: *Ben Bragg* by *The Bold Family*

Sunday April 18, 2021

*** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/

Lk 24:35-48

9:00 am Mass: *Joe Incavo* by *Noreen Incavo*

Also Live Streaming www.transfigurationpittsford.org

11:00 am Mass: *Ann Petrelli* by *The Shaughnessy Family*

10:10 am: 1st Communion-Session 3 (2nd offering)-

Education Center-U.L.

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



Team 5

M. Bold, G. Garrity, P. Johnson, J. Dmochowski, A. Grealy

Sanctuary Candles burn
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Please remember in your prayers,
Robert (Bob) Tobey for the passing of his wife,
Mary Pat.
*And he will raise you up...
 and hold you in the palm of his hands.*

Beginning the weekend of
June 26/27 Mass times will be

Saturday 4:00 pm
at the Church of the Transfiguration
Saturday 5:30 pm
at St. Catherine of Siena
Sunday 8:45 am
at the Church of the Transfiguration
Sunday 10:45 am
at St. Catherine of Siena

Thank You

For all those who donated and those who helped dress our Altar for Easter, we are grateful and thankful. How wonderful it was to be back in church this Easter.

Praise God and Praise You!



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| GIFT OF TREASURE | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
| Last Weekend—EASTER | \$22,142 | \$39,500 | \$(17,358) |
| Online Giving—March | \$11,404 | \$5,311 | \$6,093 |
| EFT—April 1 | \$12,375 | \$12,580 | \$(205) |
| July 1, 2020 - April 4, 2021 | <u>\$795,220</u> | <u>\$824,285</u> | <u>\$(29,065)</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,

Jesus Christ is risen, *Alleluia!*

Are you a doubter? Join the club! Is there anyone who does not doubt his or her faith at some point and time in their faith journey? In particular, there is skepticism and doubt about the Resurrection in our modern and scientific age; made even more challenging during our pandemic life. Today we are introduced to Thomas and his doubts. Often times we portray Thomas as a bad guy because he doubted. The other disciples told Thomas that Jesus was alive, but he did not believe them. Thus, Thomas got stuck with the nickname, 'Doubting Thomas.' However, as you listen carefully to today's gospel, you hear that Thomas is not the only one with doubts. Remember the other disciples are described as being locked in a room because of fear. So much for their prize-winning faith! They had their doubts too. They surely had good reason to fear. Peter denied Jesus three times. They all disappeared on Good Friday afternoon as Jesus hung on the cross. Today we find Jesus standing among them, showing them his hands and side, and as he offers his peace to them, their doubts are scattered. He breathes the Holy Spirit and his action helps them begin to build their trust in the fact that he is alive.

Doubt has been with God's people from the beginning. The writers of the gospels knew that and so they told stories about doubt right along with their stories about faith in the resurrection. Maybe there is hope for us here. With Thomas and the other disciples, there are times we all doubt. There are faith questions we ask all throughout our life. There are days when we wonder if the resurrection does indeed make life new.

Many people wonder if they are alone in their questions and doubts about God and Jesus or the power of the Holy Spirit for their lives. Many people never ask those questions out of fear of how others might react. In a strange kind of way, our doubts and fears are perhaps signs that our faith is alive and longing for a deeper understanding of the good news of Jesus Christ in our life. Thomas wanted proof that Jesus was alive for him. Like us, Thomas wants to know Jesus is alive and present in the world.

John's Gospel includes an endless number of stories of Jesus' miracles and healing, his teaching and preaching and the story of Jesus' passion and love for the world that led to his death. As believers, we need to be among those who have not seen and yet come to believe. As we continue our individual faith journey, within the community, it is my hope that we soak into our faith soul the wonderful experiences of God's presence that help us through the days of our doubts and fears. If we do this we may more readily be able to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" and truly be Easter people even on the most difficult days.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season let us be aware and open to those who do not feel welcome in our Church and invite them to rejoin or be part of our family.

Finally, *it was an overwhelming joy* to have so many people back in church on Easter, I pray every one stayed healthy and safe.

Jesus Christ is risen – alleluia!

Blessings in 2021!

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike

PS #1 – I extend my **deepest thanks** to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter Masses as superb as they were. The compliments were many, which are deeply appreciated by every one of the Parish Staff. Liturgies celebrated with a "PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE!"

PS #2 – **Wonderful news for Booneville, Owsley County!** We have sent \$35,000 to Holy Family Parish, Srs. Marge and Angie, to assist the local Owsley County residents in their recovery from the recent flooding.

Praise God and Thank You!



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As of Monday, April 6

Pledged \$189,952 (93.5%)

402 Pledges (28%) - Our goal 33% participation!

Please make or increase your pledge ASAP. Be mindful you have until May 31 to pay your pledge.

Please make a pledge by going to www.dor.org/cma to make or increase your; 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!

Peace & Justice

Death, Resurrection, and Our Christian Mission

In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become a “new creation” in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Sin and death are defeated, we are washed in forgiveness and given the promise of resurrection. In the “already, not yet” framework of our faith, we become both inhabitants *and* builders of the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom overflows with God’s gracious love, mercy, compassion, justice, and peace.

If the death and resurrection are simply something we contemplate once a year before returning to our usual lives, we are missing the sublime meaning and reality. If we are truly a “new creation” by virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection, we are personally transformed and commissioned to share with God, in Christ and through the Spirit, in the work of creating the Kingdom of God - here, there, now, and tomorrow.

As co-builders of the Kingdom, we bring healing, life and hope to our wounded, struggling world. This includes ministering in service to the needs of our brothers and sisters everywhere. It includes confronting “social sin,” i.e. those societal conditions and structures that endanger life, human dignity, justice, and peace.

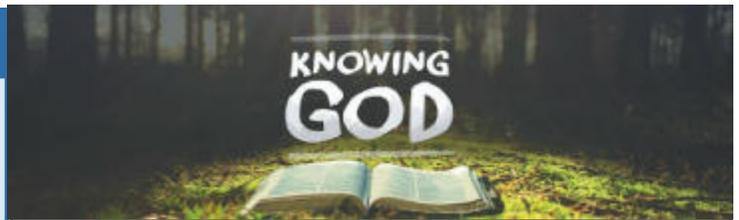
As true disciples of Christ, we do not sit around waiting for the day we hope to enter the heavenly abode. Personal spirituality is essential but incomplete. It goes only part way in fulfillment of our call to love God *and* love neighbor. As social beings reflecting a triune, communal God, we become committed, engaged, active, and instrumental in the transformative work of building the Kingdom of God on earth.

Every one of us - regardless of place, capacity, or resources - is called to be a builder of the Kingdom. From charitable action, to ministries and outreach, to advocacy for social justice and peace - every person has gifts to bring to the mission. For home and family, our neighborhoods, our local, broader, and global communities, our shared planetary home - together, we can make our world a better place.

The death and resurrection of Christ are just the beginning. Hallelujah!



“Save the Date”
Fr. Mike’s Retirement
Celebration
Sunday, June 20, 2021



Getting to Know You:
Biblical Insights for Developing a
Deeper Relationship with God.

Dr. Joe Kelly—4 Week Series

Wednesdays; 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2021

Church of the Transfiguration

As we Catholics continue to practice our Christian faith, many of us long to find ways that will allow us to develop an even deeper and more intimate relationship with our Triune God.

This 4 Week Series will explore many of the biblical insights from both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures that might be of assistance to us in this search.

We will give special emphasis to the idea of “knowing” God and the value of silence in this journey. We will also consider the example of some of the men and women who have found success in this undertaking.

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! Here is a list of needs.

- ◆ 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*



Check out the PBS shows by Sir David Attenborough. He is a world-famous British broadcaster who has developed programs about the environment and climate warming. The latest show, just broadcast March 31st, is entitled Extinction. See his earlier broadcasts as well.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss – not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all – Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist – when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Faith Formation Update

The April Prayer Playlists are here! This year, more than ever, we need to embrace the hope of Easter and the new life it brings. The suggestions below will help you pray with the JOY of Easter and live in the light of Jesus' Resurrection.

* Adult Playlist Easter: Being a Resurrection People

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-playlist-easter--being-a-resurrection-people>

* Teen Playlist: Easter—New Life

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/teen-playlist-easter---new-life>

* Family Playlist: Go out and Share

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist---go-out-and-share>

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 12-16th
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.
AMEN.



| <i>Liturgy Schedule</i> | April 17 | April 18 | April 18 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 4:30 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Greeters | Gael Garrity | Tim & Terry Seeler | Rich & Sue Gangemi |
| Greeters | Rose Volker | | |
| Usher | Tom Brennan | Joe Maxwell | Mike O'Leary |
| Usher | Jim Wright | Kevin Pickhardt | Tim Morris |
| Lector | Jen Hearne | Ann Smith | David Mowry |
| 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.

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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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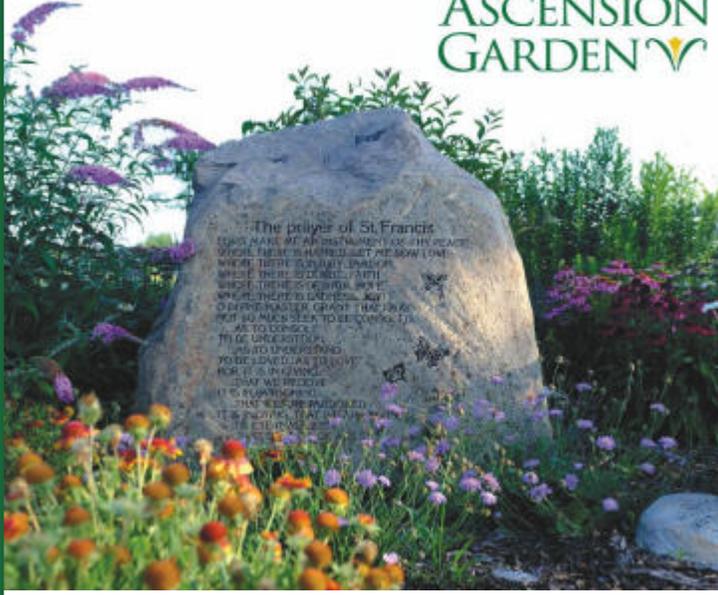
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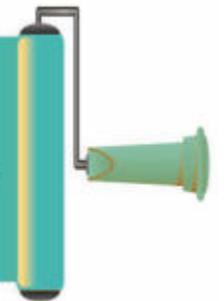
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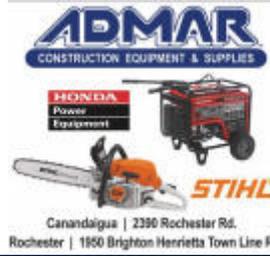
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