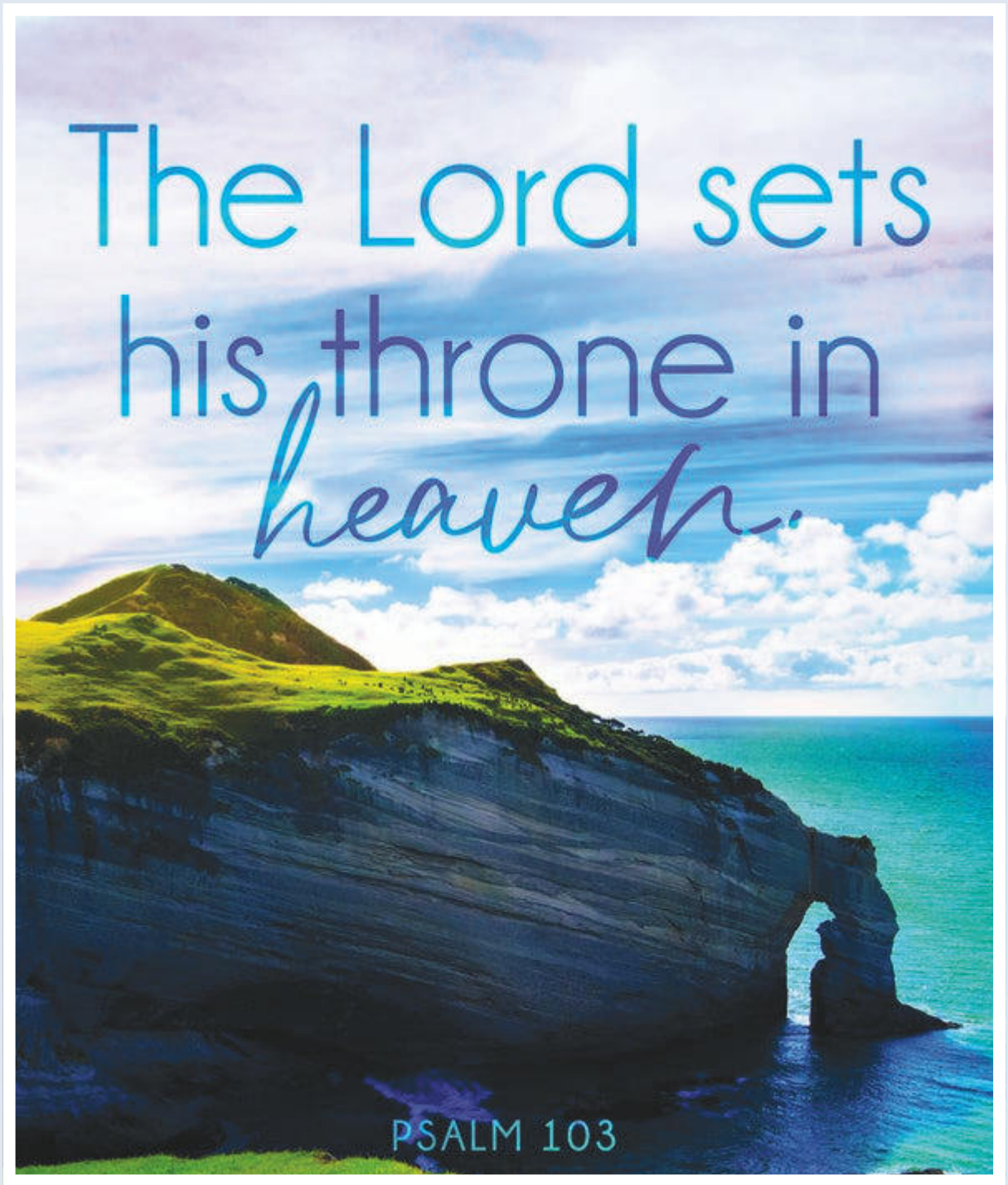
May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

CHURCH of the TRANSFIGURATION

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



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Monday May 17, 2021
***** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33**
6:45 am Mass: Brian Hildreth by The Shaughnessy & Bodell Families
10:00 am: Chair Yoga– Ed. Ctr. U.L.
6:00 pm: Bridges of Faith-Ed. Ctr. U. L.
Tuesday May 18, 2021
***** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a**
9:00 am Mass: Tom Tripp by Kathy & Bob Landon
4:30 to 5:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-Ed. Ctr. U.L.
7:00 to 8:30 pm: Senior High Youth Group-Church
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
***** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19**
6:45 am Mass: Pat Slimmer by Valerie & Brendan O'Riordan
12:30 to 2:00 pm: Grief Share-PLC Dbl. Room
6:00 to 7:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-Ed. Ctr. U.L.
Thursday, May 20, 2021
***** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26**
6:45 am: Communion Service
Friday, May 21, 2021
***** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19**
11:00 am: Funeral Mass: Eileen Mountan
Saturday, May 22, 2021
***** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25**
4:30 pm: Betty Schuth by Sally Schuth
Sunday May 23, 2021
***** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or**
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
9:00 am Mass: Jean Burleigh by Noreen Incavo
9:00 am Also Live Streaming
www.transfigurationpittsford.org
11:00 am Mass: Terri Schultz by Paul Schultz

We Welcome our Newley Baptized

Holy Baptism

Lawson James LaVan
Henry Lawrence Psaty

TEAM

Team 5
M. Bold G. Garrity
P. Johnson,
Jeff Dmochowski, A. Grealy

Sanctuary Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
Jim Ferrero

Dedicated by Nancy Dinino Ferrero

Flowers for the Altar are
In Loving Memory of
Harold & Evelyn Hersam

Dedicated by Tom & Nancy Trabold and
Kathleen & Paul Sawicki

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-Livestream
at the Church of the Transfiguration
Sunday 10:45 am-Livestream
at St. Catherine of Siena

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	Actual	Budget	Variance
Last Weekend—5/9/21	$6,861	$10,811	$(3,950)
EFT—5/3/2121	$12,375	$12,580	$(205)
July 1, 2020 - May 9, 2021	$887,497	$911,091	$(23,594)

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

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From the Corner Office

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the kind words that you expressed in the *Catholic Courier*. I appreciate the pictures chosen for the tributes are nicely touched up.

Many have asked what I will do in retirement. I begin by flying to Minneapolis on June 20 for the Annual Assembly of the Association of US Catholic Priests, which I am the Vice Chair. From there I am off to Alabama for my 50th college reunion (delayed a year because of pandemic). I return to Pittsford for my last daily Mass on Tuesday, June 29th. I officially turn my keys in at 6:00 PM and Fr. Rob becomes Pastor.

For the months of July, August and September I will be living at my home in Naples. I will spend a week at Chautauqua Institute as a chaplain. Later in August, I travel out west to visit several national parks and take a long train ride. When October rolls around I will be assisting at a local parish on weekends and as needed. *Am I looking forward to retirement?* I am looking forward to giving up administration with the hope I can become more involved in pastoral care, especially spiritual direction.

Jesus Christ is risen – alleluia!

Blessings in 2021!

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world!

In peace and courage,

Fr. Mike

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

LAST CALL - *MAY 31 IS OUR DEADLINE!*

Please going directly to www.dor.org/cma to make, increase or pay your pledge.

As of May 11 - *We are short $8,558!*

Thank You!

The Church of the Transfiguration Perpetual Charity Fund Request for Proposals Guidelines

Each year The Church of the Transfiguration issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an annual grant from the *Transfiguration Perpetual Charity Fund*. The RFP is published in the Parish Bulletin and sent to other agencies as requested.

RFP's are due in the office of The Church of the Transfiguration on or before Friday, June 4, 2021. The amount of the grant may vary from year to year. The grant this year (2021) will be $15,000, be approved in mid-June and awarded in early July.

Guidelines for grant requests:

1. Applications are due before Friday, June 4, 2021
2. The program, service or advocacy effort must be people centered and in keeping with Gospel values
3. The program, service or advocacy effort must serve the needs of the greater Monroe County area
4. The written request and explanation of the program, service or advocacy effort should be **brief** (no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs)
5. The budget of the program, service or advocacy effort and a brief explanation of how the grant will be used must be included
6. "Startup" programs, service or advocacy effort, **will not be funded**
7. If the agency *is not* known by The Church of the Transfiguration as a nonprofit agency we reserve the right to ask for appropriate nonprofit documentation
8. The Committee reserves the right to fund more than one proposal
9. The Committee may request to make a site visit
10. All applications should be mailed to:

Transfiguration Perpetual Charity Fund
Church of the Transfiguration
50 West Bloomfield Road
Pittsford, NY 14534-9733

If you have, any questions please feel free to contact Rev. Michael J. Bausch at 585-248-2427x224 or email: michael.bausch@dor.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

As of June 30, there will be at least one open position on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The three-year term for this position begins on July 1. The first meeting a new member is expected to attend will be on September 13. 2021.

The Mission of the PPC is to serve as the primary leadership group for the Church of the Transfiguration. With the Pastor, the Council helps to develop the policies and major themes within which the pastoral mission and ministries can be accomplished. In brief, the Pastor and Council in consultation with the Community establishes a vision of Christianity wherein we build our parish community. The PPC's responsibilities and authority is to serve as a visionary body with the purpose of providing long-term stability, direction and policy to the Pastor, the ministerial team, the clusters and the parish, is responsible for helping to insure the success of the parish pastoral mission. Within the parish, it must be understood that the role of the Council is not deliberative, but consultative to the Pastor.

* The person I have nominated is a Confirmed Roman Catholic and a registered member of the Church of the Transfiguration.

* I understand that the person I have nominated will be in the Selection Process to take place held on Sunday, June 6 during the 9:00 AM Mass. All names of qualified nominees will be placed in a basket, and the Council member will be selected at random.

* All nominations must be in the Parish Office before noon on Tuesday, June 1; the Nomination Form may be dropped in the Collection Basket or mailed to the Nomination Committee, c/o Transfiguration Parish Office.

* If you have, any questions relative to the nomination process please feel free to contact any member of the PPC Nomination Committee: Mike Goonan or Fr. Mike.

NOMINATION FORM

Due before noon on Tuesday, June 1

I nominate the following person(s) to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council:

* _____

* _____

* _____

Signature of person making the nomination

Peace & Justice

Reflections on the Common Good

Embedded in our faith is a commitment to protect and promote life, human dignity, justice, peace, and the Common Good. Our faith tradition includes clear values and principles to inform our thinking and action around these social commitments.

But what exactly is the "Common Good?" Is the Common Good a "common" or a shared societal value? Who or what is responsible for pursuit of the Common Good? What factors or forces resist the Common Good? What does the Common Good look like? How is it achieved? We will explore these and related questions in this and subsequent articles.

First, it is important to dispel the mistaken notion that pursuit of the Common Good may be nice to do, but not necessary to do. Pursuit of the Common Good is an essential element of our faith's social justice values and principles, which are grounded in: the Hebrew scriptures; the words, acts and meaning of Jesus; 2000 years of Christian ministry and service to people in need, especially the poor; and 130 years of specific formulations (papal, pastoral, conciliar, commentators). Pope Francis is a prominent global presence in his advocacy for social and environmental justice, peace, and the Common Good.

A frequently quoted definition of the Common Good is: "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily." This general definition is helpful, but it doesn't fully capture the role, importance, and vitality of the "Common Good" in our faith's social justice tradition.

- to be continued -

Fr. Mike's Retirement Celebration
Sunday, June 20, 2021

Can you help at Fr. Mike's Picnic?

We're in the midst of organizing Fr. Mike's Retirement Picnic on Sunday, 6/20. We would appreciate your helping hands with various aspects of the day. Please let me know if you can help with set-up (6/19 and/or 6/20), kitchen assistance (6/20), serving or clean up. Please contact Marge Benza at:

Margie.Benza@dor.org or 248-2427. Thank you!

Let Us Dream
The Path to a Better Future
May 25, 26 & 27, 2021
Join us for 3 virtual evenings for prayer, music, insight and sharing as we commit to care for God's creation!

A Time to See Tuesday, May 25 with our very own;
Dr. Gerry Gacioch, Catholic Climate Ambassador

A Time to Choose Wednesday, May 26
Opening Prayer with Bishop Douglas Lucia, Diocese of Syracuse & Dr. Curt Stager, Paul Smith's College

A Time to Act Thursday, May 27
Opening Prayer with Bishop Terry LaValley, Diocese of Ogdensburg & Ms. Gina Fiorile,
How the Climate Crisis Impacts Young People
Plus 5 Action-Oriented Breakout Sessions

This event is co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Ogdensburg & Syracuse and has been made possible by the generous contribution of Omni Renewables.
Contact Dick Scheutzow at richard@on-renewables.com, 315.382.0686

To register: https://www.rcdony.org/dream

The Problem of plastic

Plastic pollutes the oceans. It is eaten by fish small to large and moves along the food chain being ingested by animals who eat the fish and by us when we eat the animals. While we can see the large pieces of plastic (bottles, bags) in the intestines of animals, we don't see the microplastic which we are likely to ingest.

THE GREEN CORNER

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

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 form available on line

MERRY MARTHA'S AND MUSCLE

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
I AM REACHING OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

Here are a few questions that I ask that you ponder.

1. Can I help in this Ministry?
2. Could I spare 1 hour every 5 weeks? Day or Evening
3. Could I ask a friend or family member to help with me?
4. Could I use some quiet reflection time in Church while cleaning God's House?

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE
MERRY MARTHA'S AND MUSCLE MINISTRY

Here are a few facts that I ask that you ponder.

1. Volunteers have cleaned the Church proper since day one!
2. This Ministry has saved us thousands of dollars over the years.
3. This Ministry needs some new life.
4. Doing God's work really is rewarding! That is a fact!!!

If you are interested in helping out, please call Rose Volker in the Parish Office or Gael Garrity at 381-9179

THANK YOU MARY BLASKO!

Mary came in and planted all of those bulbs from our Easter plants!
God Bless you for making us look so good!
And....she does it with a smile

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation Update: A Few Good Ideas…

Some of our parishioners have found exciting resources for growing in faith. Here are a few recommendations from members of our faith family

The Chosen: The first ever multi-season show about the life of Christ. It's a beautiful portrait of the first followers of Jesus as they come to know and love him. All 8 episodes of season one and the first three episodes of season two are available for free on YouTube. For the upcoming episodes, you will need to download the free Chosen app to your digital device.

https://www.youtube.com/c/TheChosenSeries/featured

Bible in a Year:

Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension Press leads you through the entire Bible in 365 days (yes, the whole thing!). You can sign up for the free reading list and podcast. The program officially started in January, but you can start anytime and go at your own pace. Each 20-25 minute episode includes 2-3 Scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike, and a guided prayer.

https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration?utm_source=google&utm_medium=ad&utm_campaign=BIY&gclid=CjwKCAjwmv-DBhAMEiwA7xYrdwnv5taEwLG0aHlhsltTjnnY-yaogvqO8NgB7u1uM1FfbibpApRzi1BoCg6QQAvD_BwE

The May Prayer Playlists are here!

This month we continue in the Easter Season and look forward to the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to rest on the disciples and empowered them to share the Good News of Jesus' love with the whole world. The offerings below will help you reflect on the voice of the Holy Spirit within you and on God's call to let the Holy Spirit work through you.

Playlist for Adults: Pentecost -- Filled With the Spirit
https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-playlist-pentecost--filled-with-the-spirit

Playlist for Teens: God Calls You – Living in the Holy Spirit
https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/teen-playlist--god-calls-you

Playlist for Children/Families: Mary Our Mother
https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist---mary-our-mother

Baccalaureate Masses

Congratulations Class of 2021! We will be celebrating our high school Seniors at both the 9 & 11 AM Masses on Sunday, June 13th. Only the 9AM will be livestreamed. Please email Anne Gallagher a senior picture and a baby or childhood picture by May 28th . Any group shots you have of our seniors from over the years are also welcome!

Send pics to anne.gallagher@dor.org

Liturgy Schedule	May 22	May 23	May 23
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Terry & Diane Erdle	Mari & Mike Lutz	Doug & Lisa Brayer
Greeters			
Usher	Jeff Dmochowski	Pat Vallely	Rich Gangemi
Usher	Bobbie Freitag	Ray Benza	Sue Gangemi
Lector	Joe Baldino	Raul Martinez	Karen Rinefierd
B3	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike	Fr. Mike

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.

Pastoral Council

Members-at-Large: Joey Campagna, Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gangemi, Mike Goonan, (Moderator & Trustee), Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Sue Reed, Mary Beth Sullivan.
Faith Formation – Kim Fluet
Peace & Justice – John Boroski, Alternate – Trish Goodman
Worship – Ann Smith
Youth – Noah Lucia
Staff – rotating among all staff members
Secretary– Martha Jodoin

Finance Council

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

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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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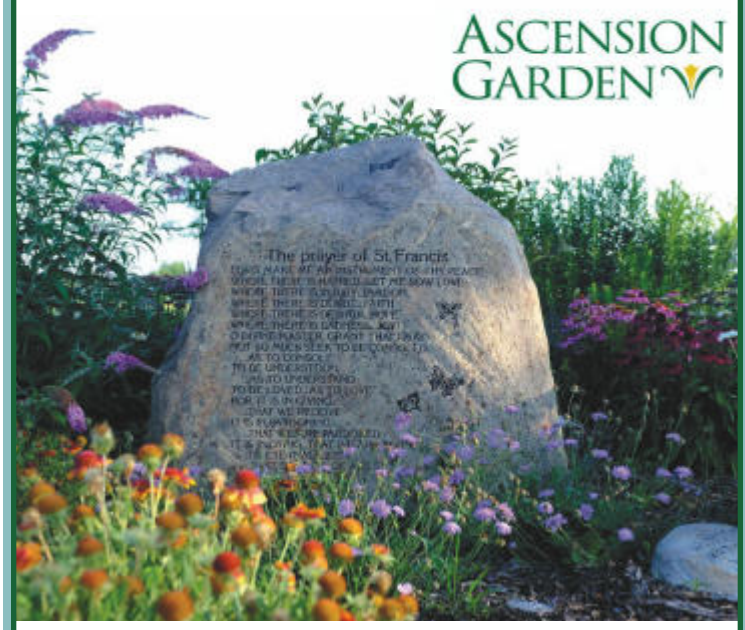

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