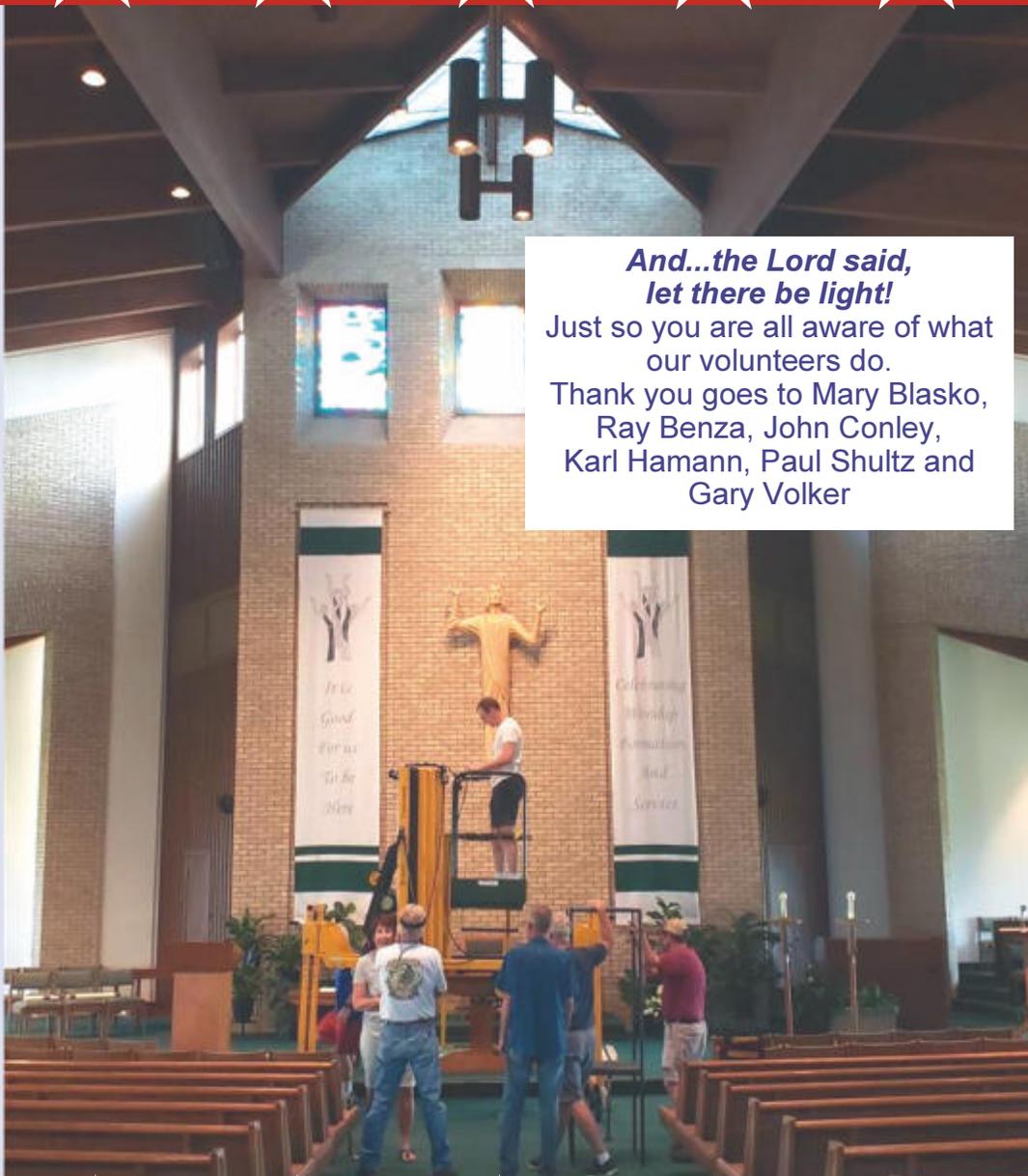


September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



***And...the Lord said,
let there be light!***
Just so you are all aware of what
our volunteers do.
Thank you goes to Mary Blasko,
Ray Benza, John Conley,
Karl Hamann, Paul Shultz and
Gary Volker



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

Legend "T" - Transfiguration
 "SCS" = St. Catherine's

Monday, September 6, 2021

*** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Parish Office is Closed

T-6:45 am Mass: For the People in Natural Disasters

10:00 am: Chair Yoga-PLC Gym

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

*** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

SCS-9:00 am Mass: Care of God's Creation

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

*** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt

1:1-16, 18-23

T-6:45 am Mass: For the People of

Transfiguration & St. Catherine's

12:30 pm: Grief Share-PLC Dbl. Room

6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga-PLC Gym

Thursday, September 9, 2021

*** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

SCS-9:00 am Mass: For the People of St. Catherine's

1:00 to 3:00 pm: Work of our Hands Knitting-Ed. Ctr.

Friday, September 10, 2021

*** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk

6:39-42

No Service

Saturday, September 11, 2021

*** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-

49

T-4:00 pm Mass: Mark Kessler by Margie & Ray Benza

SCS-5:30 pm Mass: Mary Tripi & Donna Tripi by the Tripi Family

Sunday, September 12, 2021

*** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk

8:27-35

T-8:45 am Mass: Eleanor Benza by Margie & Ray Benza

SCS- 10:45 Mass: For our First Responders

10:00 am: First Reconciliation Kick Off meeting for Parents-
 Ed. Ctr. U.L.



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EFT—8/16/21	\$14,560	\$14,560	\$0.00
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	<u>\$156,287</u>	<u>\$143,672</u>	<u>\$12,615</u>

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



Dear Friends,
Eric Matson, a parishioner of the Church of the Transfiguration has generously donated Hearing Loop Receivers to both of our parishes. Transfiguration has had theirs for some time and now Eric's goodness has been added to Saint Catherine's.

Both our parishes have Hearing Loops. Those with hearing aids understand the benefits of hearing loops in our places of worship.

The Hearing Loop Receiver is for those who do not have a T-coil in their hearing aid or no hearing aid. Instructions are in place at both our worship communities to assist those interested in using this device. Please help yourself and if you need assistance we will do our best to address your questions.

Thank you Eric for your stewardship.

Also, in case you are unaware, Saint Catherine of Siena has a Sign Language interpreted mass at 10:45 on Sunday morning. For many years now we have been blessed with the stewardship of Holly Jentsch who interprets the mass. Holly is on the faculty of the National Teaching Institute of the Deaf at RIT. She is a phenomenal gift to all of us. If you know folks who would benefit joining our liturgies for this opportunity, please invite them to join us. We would love to meet them and welcome them to our home.

Here we are in September. Here we are embracing the "official end of summer" with Labor Day. UGH! I used to be a person away if at all possible over Labor Day to deny the end of summer.. Why? Because summer does not end until the Autumnal Equinox on September 22nd. Some things you like to hold on to as long as possible. I enjoy the season of fall but I really like to hold onto summer.

Anyway, Happy Labor Day my friends!
Enjoy this prayer that follows and may we each go forth in joy celebrating all the seasons of life given to us!

With faith and love,
Father Rob



A Prayer for Reflection this Labor Day

I thank you for this Labor Day holiday. I thank you for this time when I can choose to get added rest, or added fun, or added time to catch up on necessary chores.

Lord, this is also a great day for reflection. This is a day to thank you for the many gifts and talents that you have given me to serve you and serve others.

Lord, you have equipped me, you have prepared me, and you will enable me to make great contributions to this world. Enlarge my vision of your awesome plan for my life.

I thank you for your heavenly guidance. I celebrate the revelation, motivation, and determination that will take me to the next step in my destiny.

Bless my work and my career for your glory. Enlarge my opportunities. Enable me to be prosperous as I dedicate myself to giving my best to the work assignments you have given me.
AMEN

PS: Thank you to *Marcy Bold* and *Gael Garrity* for offering the reception for Deacon Pat DiLaura after our mass Sunday morning.

It was greatly appreciated and everyone's presence blessed Deacon Pat as he looks to the future.

Thank you everyone for your stewardship and *God Bless Pat!!!*



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Break the Cycle of Poverty Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

On the weekend of Sept. 18/19, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, a program of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting self-help organizations of low-income people. These groups are making life better for farmworkers, refugees, people with disabilities and other marginalized folks. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants. By supporting this collection, you are giving people on the margins a hand up, not a handout.



Want to be Catholic?

God speaks to our hearts our hearts in so many ways. Have you ever felt drawn to learning about what Catholics believe and practice, with the possibility of you, yourself, becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers to those who have never been baptized ... or those who were baptized Catholic but never practiced their faith, never received their First Communion nor were Confirmed, just that opportunity.

If you would like to know more or to be part of this faith journey, please e-mail:

Margie Benza -Margie.benza@dor.org

Eric Bessette-ebessette@rochester.rr.com

Peace & Justice

Foundations of the Common Good What factors or forces resist the Common Good?

The principle of the Common Good may meet with resistance from certain individual attitudes, western and American cultural values, institutional forces, and special interests.

Consider these examples of *individual attitudes* (expressed here in unvarnished manner for clarity. If voiced publicly, they are sometimes toned down.)

- I got mine, you are not my concern or responsibility.
- I have problems of my own, I can't be bothered with yours.
- All life is a competition, there are winners and losers. Deal with it.
- The poor are poor because of bad choices and laziness. Any effort to support them only reinforces bad behavior.
- Everything I have is due to personal merit. Your distress is your fault.
- Unfettered free markets will resolve any of society's problems.
- Any governmental redistribution or sharing of wealth, resources, or benefits is a violation of my right to property.
- Life is a zero-sum game, so I have to protect my gains.
- Government should not be providing handouts to a bunch of lazy people who want free stuff.
- The Church has no business in public affairs. Its business is salvation.
- "Systemic injustice" is a myth perpetrated by radical woke-ism.
- My rights and freedoms are absolute and inviolable, they cannot be infringed. Don't tread on me!
- Some people just have more value than others, and are therefore more worthy of respect, status, privilege, and resources.
- I am not responsible for the well-being of future generations. Let them deal in their times.

Are any of these attitudes familiar? Acceptable? Valid? Unsettling? Unacceptable?

The fact is that every one of these attitudes is counter to the values and principles of our Catholic faith and social mission. But these attitudes are not unusual, and they drive behaviors that not only resist, but often subvert efforts to improve the quality of life for all people.

- to be continued -

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Announcing a Seminar on Alcoholism *On September 12 three recovering alcoholics will share their experience, strength, and hope with us at 7:30 PM in the Church of St. Catherine of Siena.*

Alcoholic. The word alcoholic often conjures up thoughts about brown paper bags, raincoats and people living under bridges. The fact is that alcoholism strikes doctors, airline pilots, rocket scientists as well as those living under a bridge. It is a disease that doesn't discriminate based upon age, color, nationality, or sexual preference. The end result of untreated alcoholism is usually jails, institutions and death. The good news is that there is a solution that can result in a surprisingly full and rewarding life. Attend the seminar that will be held here on September 12th and hear three sober alcoholics share about their escapades, their struggles, their successes, and the sheer joy of sobriety.

Women in the Spirit

COVID has impacted many things, one of them being the committee that plans and facilitates our monthly Women in the Spirit gatherings. New members are needed to listen to the women of our clustered parishes and recommend ways to nurture their desire to share in the practice of our faith, spirituality and our Catholic teachings. We hope to create a forum for women to discover, learn, pray and serve together through guest speakers, discussions, service projects, community activities, book reviews and lots of conversation.

The time commitment is the first Monday evening of each month with some planning sessions along the way. Our goal is to have a committee leader plus 10 members in place by September 2021 resulting in a plan to offer our community of women by January 2022. If this committee is something that you would like to be a part of or explore further, please contact Meg Kastner, meg.kastner@dor.org/248-2427 or 624-4990. Thank you.



Global Solidarity donation process

- * 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:

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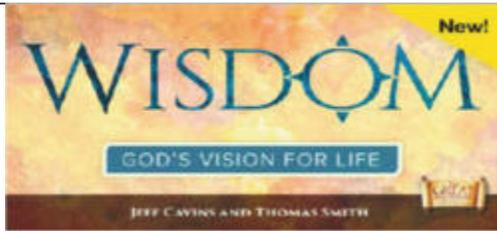
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10/2,3 @ St. Catherine's



Fall Women's Bible Study @ Transfiguration

Wisdom: God's Vision for Your Life: Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible: Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, & Ecclesiastes, this Ascension Press study will teach you how to actively seek sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.

8 week study held on Tuesdays in the PLC from 12:30pm – 2pm starting on Sept. 14th and ending on Nov. 2nd.

The cost is \$30.

To register and pay online, go to:

<https://transfigurationpittsford.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/8WeekBibleStudyforWomenFall2021>

or register and pay with a check in the parish office, by Sept. 3.

For questions, email Mary Jo Brandt at mjbrandt6@gmail.com



The Fall Playlists are here!



A Prayer Playlist is a menu of micro-experiences to help support you in your daily personal prayer. Each seasonal 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.

Our fall playlists will help you pay attention to how God is present in the ordinary, daily moments of your life. God is always with us -- in the beautiful autumn season, in the people who cross our paths, and in every breath we take. It's easy for us to get so caught up with business that we don't stop and notice how God is moving in our lives. May the offerings below help you to open your eyes to see God in all things.

Playlist for Adults - Sacramental Spirituality

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/adult-formation-playlist>

Playlist for Teens - Finding God in All Things

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/teen-formation-playlist>

Playlist for Kids/Families - Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

<https://www.transfigurationpittsford.org/family-playlist---saint-joseph>



Faith Formation Update

September kicks off a new season in our formation offerings at Transfiguration. Bridges of Faith, our Family Catechesis program, focus on passing on the Catholic Faith to children by growing in their faith together as a family. We meet in small group gatherings monthly that reinforce weekly lessons are taught through video lessons and easy to navigate child handouts.

This month, we have our parent kick off meeting. During this we look at our online tools for the program, and materials. We will also go over all our safety protocols and families will have a chance to ask any questions. Registration is open now. Please join us upstairs in the education building, we have 2 times to choose from, Sunday, 9/19 @ 10 am. or 1 pm.

First Reconciliation Kick Off Parent Meeting

For family with a child who is ready to begin preparing for Reconciliation, the parent kick off meeting will be held at 10 am on next Sunday, September 12th in the Upper Level of the Education Building. The meeting is only intended for parents and guardians, and it is very important that you attend on your child's behalf. The meeting will last no more than an hour, and during this time you will receive more information about the content of the preparation program and receive all the materials.

Youth Ministry Fall Kick Off Dates

Confirmation Prep: Mandatory Opening Meeting for candidates AND Parents is Sunday Sept. 12 from 7-8:30 in the church. (Note: the registration deadline for Confirmation was August 15. If you have not yet registered, please call Anne Gallagher today).

Senior High Youth Group: Our weekly meetings begin Tuesday Sept. 14, 7-8:30 PM in the youth room.

Middle School Youth Group: Our first monthly meeting is coming up Sunday Sept. 26, 7-8:30 in the youth room.

***The Youth Ministry permission form can be found on our website.

***At this time, face masks must be worn for all indoor youth ministry programming, regardless of vaccination status, in compliance with the CDC, Pittsford Schools, and Diocesan guidance.

Please contact Anne Gallagher at 248-2427 x. 238 or anne.gallagher@dor.org with any questions about our Youth Ministry offerings.

<i>Liturgy Schedule</i>	9/11/2021	9/12/2021
	4:00 PM	8:45 AM
Coordinators	Mary Blasko/Ann Smith	Jim & Suzanne Ashmore
Greeters	Mike Goonan	Jill Frank
Greeters	Judy Goonan	Judy Herlihy
Usher	Dan Dey	Larry Filipski
Usher	Leo Finucane	Joe Maxwell
Lector	Mike Lutz	Andrea Tomanio
Commentator	Dan Dey	Devon Van Vechten
Bread 1	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Bread 2	Deacon	Deacon

Please note: If you have a conflict with your schedule, please try to find a sub and copy in. We understand that life happens and you are not able to serve as expected secure a sub

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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 3:00 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. Rob 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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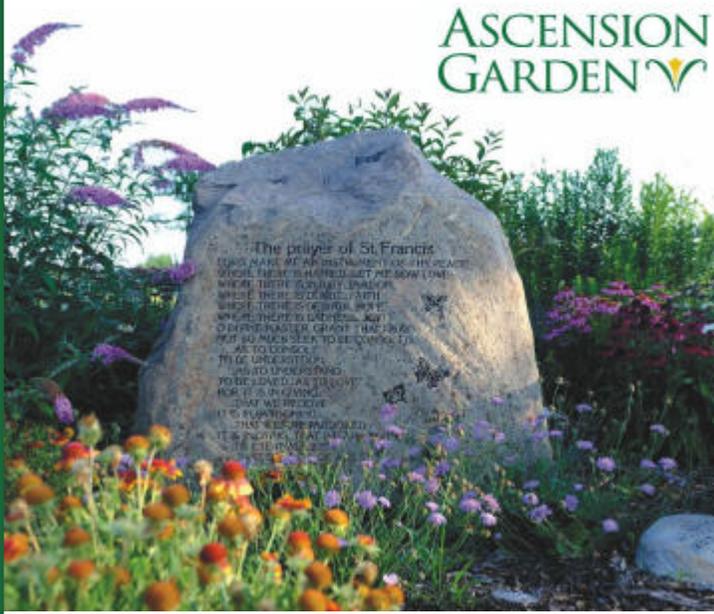
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