

November 21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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



let our lives be full of both
thanks and Giving

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Church of the Transfiguration, are a vibrant Roman Catholic faith community committed to welcoming all. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, we care for each other and provide faith and spiritual formation and development for all ages. We live this out by advocating for peace, nonviolence, social justice, and providing opportunities for social ministry outreach.

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

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

Monday, November 22, 2021

*** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

T-6:45 am Mass: *Bill Chester* by *Judy & Charlie Newton*

10:00 am: Chair Yoga-PLC Gym

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Turkey drop off-PLC

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

*** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

SCS-9:00 am Mass: *The lonely rich and the lonely poor.*

9:00 am: Turkey Drive Delivery

4:30 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Parish Office is CLOSED-Thanksgiving Holiday

*** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66,

67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

T-6:45 am Mass: *In Thanksgiving for all we have*

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

SCS 7:00 pm Mass of Anticipation for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Thanksgiving Day

*** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

T-9:00 am Mass: *For the People of Transfiguration
 and St. Catherine's*

Friday, November 26, 2021

*** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Parish Office is CLOSED-Thanksgiving Holiday

No Service

Saturday, November 27, 2021

Christmas Basket Sign Ups-After Masses this weekend

*** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

T-4:00 pm Mass: *George Burgmaier* by

Kathleen & George Serbu

SCS-5:30 Mass: *Paul Shipkowski* by *Son, Jim Shipkowski*

Sunday, November 28, 2021

*** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

[1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

T-8:45 am Mass: *Pat Slimmer* by *Nancy & Charlie Zinn*

SCS- 10:45 Mass: *Kay Anderson* by *Ron Anderson*

9:45 to 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Church



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*We remember in our prayers this week, Margie Finn
 for the passing of her husband, Steve Finn.*



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

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Last Weekend—11/14/21	\$5,673	\$8,752	\$(3,079)
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	<u>\$352,921</u>	<u>\$338,485</u>	<u>\$14,436</u>

SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!
 Lord, how good it is for us to be here..."*

On a side note from Fr. Rob

I have been scammed several times in the past and it has happened again with parishioners at the Church of the Transfiguration.

Please know that I will personally contact you if I need assistance. I do not have a gmail account which the scammers use. I only have DOR email address.

Thank you for being there if I need you!

Bless You.



Dear Friends,

This coming Thursday will be our Thanksgiving Day! Last year we were in shutdown with the pandemic and this year we are freer to move about. Still, in our gratitude we want to be wise in our movements for our health and everyone else's.

We will have two liturgies to consider for everyone who is not out of town or traveling. Wednesday night, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving there will be mass at 7:00 PM at Saint Catherine of Siena. On Thanksgiving morning there will be a mass at the Church of the Transfiguration at 9 AM. Whatever mass you attend please bring some food that you will have on your table to be blessed. Many times folks bring rolls, bread or some pastry to be blessed. Some folks even bring something extra that could be given/shared with someone attending mass who may have not brought anything.

I do hope you will join us as we thank the Lord for all the blessings we have received. I think of the goodness of our wonderful communities coming together with the words of Saint Paul. In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." His sentiment is also in my heart and spirit for each and everyone of you.

Thanksgiving quickly rolls over into our first Sunday of Advent. Whew! And we know how quickly Advent will roll into the Christmas season!

Something for you to consider in this hectic/busy time of year is an offering from Dr. Sr. Barbara A. Moore, RSM.

Barbara will be offering four presentations for our Advent. All gatherings will be on Saturdays at 10 AM at Saint Catherine of Siena in the church. Her reflections will be taken from Luke's Gospel. On November 27th (Thanksgiving weekend and the beginning of Advent) Barb will look at Luke and his sources, context, importance and focus. On December 4th, she will speak about Zacharia, Elizabeth and Joseph exploring their similarities, differences, roles, the two annunciation and two birth stories! On December 11th the focus of the entire presentation will be on Mary, the wife of Joseph and the mother of Jesus. The final gathering, on December 18th will have us explore the importance and meaning of the Incarnation.



As many of you know, Barbara is well respected in her breaking open the Word of the Lord. I hope you can attend one, two, three or perhaps all four gatherings. These talks will be livestreamed as well. You can go to www.saintcath.org to participate.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day and I hope to see you in church!

Blessings,
Father Rob

Thank You Church Cleaners

We are blessed with the stewards who clean our worship spaces and other areas with a "Mr. Clean" sparkle! And of course we recognize all folks in all positions of life!

Mondays a dedicated group of souls cleans the Church of the Transfiguration which I am so, so grateful for their stewardship!

Saint Catherine of Siena has a seasonal group of stewardship who goes throughout the worship space and beyond to make it "Mr. Clean" sparkle as well.

Last Saturday, Laurie Cook, Binnie Duval, Bob Goldbach, Bill Hulbert, Sharon Hurley, Marilyn Littlejohn, Charlene Merrill, John Nieznanski, Ruth Perrin, Nancy Pool, Joan Wallance, Yvonne Wambach, Kelly Wise, Liam Wise, Chris Monaghan, Jan Cleveland



and Jim Cleveland went from ceilings to floor, from rafters to cracks and croonies "so to speak" to make Saint Catherine's shine.

Again, God bless our stewards who are generous with their time!!!

Last week I mentioned our garden ministries who would like some

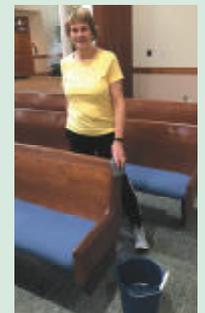
added help. I heard this past weekend at Transfiguration with our garlic sale that every year there is an invitation to help in our community garden. No one has ever offered to help. Interesting. No one?

Just some thoughts and much gratitude!

AS I often say, when you see these stewards who care for our environment and beyond, please thank them.

Peace & Blessings to all of you.

Fr. Rob



Our 2021/2022 CMA Responsibility is \$205,642

Our progress as of 11/15 is 188 donors, \$84,575.00 Pledged, 41.13% of our goal. We thank those who have already given generously and ask all to pray fully consider making your donation soon.

Thank You

All Women in the Parish are invited to make Christmas Wreaths!

TUESDAY, December 7th
at 6:00 pm in the PLC Gym
Registration is vital
We are limited to 40!

Fresh evergreen wreaths along with various ribbons & embellishments will be provided for each to decorate and take home to enjoy.

\$15.00 materials fee.

Registration is required.

To register online:

[https://](https://transfigurationpittsford.weshareonline.org/)

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Before Friday November 26th.

Hope that you can join us for an evening amongst friends.



Crowded With Gratitude

Lord God,

Our hearts are crowded with gratitude as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving. We have come to this our feasting table with great joy and eagerness, for we are truly grateful to you, our God, for all that we have been given. We pause now and, in silent prayer, do thank you for the great generosity of Your gifts.



We also thank one another for gifts - especially for the gifts of love and affection that we have freely shared.

We are thankful for all who are present at this our feast as well as for all those who have labored in love in order to bring this dinner to our table.

May You, our God, bless this Thanksgiving feast and all of us who shall share it in your holy name.



CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



Please prayerfully consider sponsorship of one of 190 families registered in our Christmas Basket program with a holiday meal and small gifts. Sponsorship **begins on Thanksgiving weekend**, 11/27-28 through the weekend of 12/11-12 after all Masses. If you aren't able to attend Mass and would like to sponsor a family, contact Margie to be matched by email or phone. Financial support is always welcome to assist us in purchasing items for those families sponsored by the parish.

Our first session to organize our baskets begins with Pre-Assembly on Tuesday, 12/7 at 9AM and Assembly on Wednesday, 12/8 at 9AM in our Parish Life Center.

If needed, a second session begins with Pre-Assembly on Friday, 12/17 at 9AM and Wrapping/Assembly on Saturday, 12/18.

Basket delivery takes place on Monday morning, 12/20, by appointed times.

If you can help, we welcome your hands. Please contact Margie at Margie.Benza@dor.org or 248-2427 x244. Thank

Unwanted Computers and Tablets Needed For Afghan Refugees

As part of Catholic Family Center's Afghan refugee resettlement program, *Keeping Our Promise* tries to ensure that every family has one laptop computer or I-pad. Tablets are given to children who do not receive one from school. The supply of available laptops is now very low.

Tech volunteer, Gordon Metz, will ready your unwanted laptop for a refugee family. If possible, please delete pertinent information prior to donation.

Please bring donations to the Gathering Area at Transfiguration on this weekend 11/20-21 or contact

- ♦ Rosemarie Burke (burkerm2@gmail.com)
- ♦ Janice Powoski (jpowalski@yahoo.com)



The Problem of Plastic

Choose one thing to do to decrease use of plastic: Avoid prepackaged foods and produce wrapped in plastic. Use mesh cloth bags for produce. Use beeswax wrap, which can be washed or those old fashioned stretchy silicone covers.

More things to consider!

Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive provides food for the many hungry and marginalized in our local area. Please consider offering both frozen and roasted turkeys as well as aluminum pans.

All roasted turkeys must be cooked, sliced, cooled and frozen by the individual donors. Please prepare turkeys as follows: Select a 14 – 20 pound turkey; Prepare according to label and roast **without** stuffing; Package **cooled, sliced** meat, drumsticks, and wings in zipper locked bags and freeze completely. Please **do not** include gravy.

This year we are acquiring the trimmings direct bulk purchase (canned gravy, cranberry sauce, etc) boxed stuffing mixes, boxed instant mashed potato, cake mixes, canned frosting, through direct bulk purchase. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated in allowing our direct bulk purchase of these items.

Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection basket after Mass or mailed to the parish office. Please note "Thanksgiving Turkey Drive" in the memo box.

If you have any questions please contact Denise Nunziato at dnunziat@rochester.rr.com. Identify your preference of a frozen or roasted turkey and the number to be donated. Our target number is 30 roasted and 110 frozen turkeys.

Drop off is Monday, 11/22 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the Parish Life Center. Drive up to the PLC on Monday evening with your donations and volunteers will be there to assist you at the curb.

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver the food to the agencies at approximately 9:00AM on Tuesday morning, 11/23. Directions will be provided and the buddy system is encouraged. If you are able to volunteer, please email Kathy Kyhos at kkyhos@frontiernet.net.

The agencies served include Bethany House, House of Mercy, Dimitri House, St Andrew's Food Cupboard, Sister Regis, Pittsford Food Cupboard, Eastern Service Workers and local families. Your kind donations offer many a delicious hot meal and the opportunity to share it with others.

Questions, please contact Denise Nunziato at dnunziat@rochester.rr.com or Kathy Kyhos at kkyhos@frontiernet.net.



Winter Clothing Needed

The parish will be collecting new and gently used warm winter clothing for men and women. Coats, vests, boots, hats, mittens, gloves and wool socks will be collected through 11/22.

Look for the boxes marked "Winter Collection" in the Gathering Area. Questions, please contact Margie Benza at the parish office or Margie.Benza@dor.org. Thank you!



Formation

Formation reminders

***Senior High Youth Group** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 in the youth room (lower level of the Education Building). *There's NO meeting Thanksgiving week 11/23.*

***Confirmation:** Our next meeting is Sunday 12/5 from 7-8:30 in the upper level of the Education Building. Make sure to complete your online assignment on the Sacraments of Service BEFORE our meeting. *Also, remember that each candidate must also attend at least 4 youth group meetings over the course of the year!*

***Middle School Youth Group:** Meets next on Sunday 12/12. I'll post the December at-home work next week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are seeking energetic volunteers to assist with leading Children's Liturgy of the Word at our weekend 8:45 am Mass.

When the children are dismissed, you will lead

them in the readings and the discussion. No need to worry about creating discussion questions--they will be provided for you, along with answers for each of them. We also provide training and lots of interactive materials to help you engage our youngest members of the Church.

If you are interested in learning more about how to volunteer with Children's Liturgy of the Word, fill out the contact form found here:

<https://forms.gle/541LZDNSbjiJVnzU8>



Liturgy Schedule	11/27	11/28
	4:00 PM	8:45 AM
Coordinators	Nancy & Rick Wahl	Lori & Koen Goorman
Greeters	Mary Blasko	Lauren & Fred Burruto
Greeters	Rose Volker	
Usher	Ed Stendardi	Devon VanVechten
Usher	Tom Wojick	SUB
Commentator	Pat Kehoe	Joe Maxwell
Lector	John Conley	Sarah Pickhardt
Bread 1	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob

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

Pastoral Council

Members-at-Large: Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gangemi, Gerry Gacchio, Mike Goonan, (Moderator & Trustee), Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Mike Lutz, 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

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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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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 3:00 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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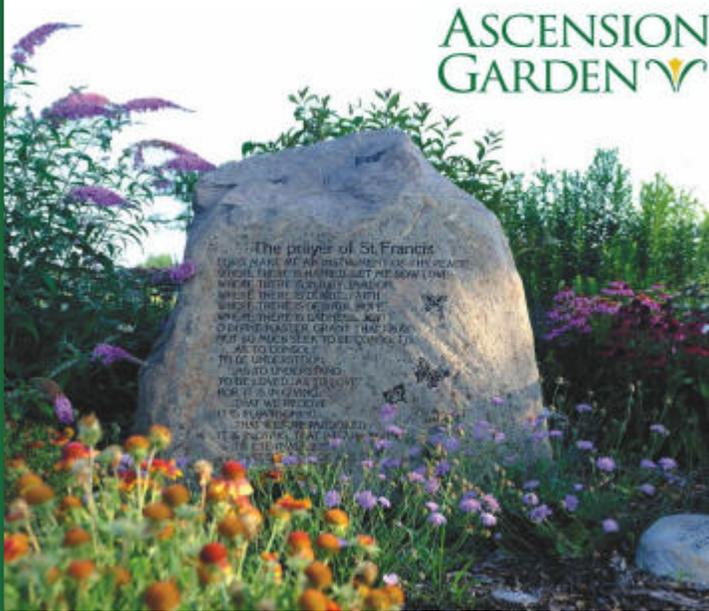
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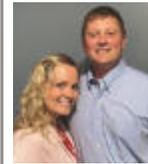
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