

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of The Lord



CHURCH *of the* TRANSFIGURATION

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

HAPPY

New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

Phil 4:4

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.

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

Monday, January 3, 2022

*** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

T-6:45 am Mass: *Grace & Art Roberts Sr.*

by the Roberts Family

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

*** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

SCS-9:00 am Mass: *Debbie Alloco*

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

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

*** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

T-6:45 am Mass: *Vin Latus by The Haley Family*

Thursday, January 6, 2022

*** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

SCS -9:00 am Mass: *Diane Kannell*

7:00 pm: Just Faith PLC Dbl. Room

Friday, January 7, 2022

*** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Mass of Anticipation at St. Catherine's of Siena

SCS-5:00 pm: *Margaret Crane by Phyllis Hagen*

George Burgmaier by Judy & Charlie Newton

Saturday, January 8, 2022

*** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

4:00 pm Mass: *Marcella & Reginald Bold by the Bold Family*

5:30 pm Mass: *Andrew Bessette by Deacon Jim & Josephine Carra*

Sunday, January 9, 2022

*** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

T-8:45 am Mass: *Eva Kessler by Margie & Ray Benza*

SCS- 10:45 Mass: **Barbara Skrypczak by*

James & Mary Campbell

**Jay Rusalem by Karen & Tony Jovenitti*

Offering Envelopes



PLEASE.....PLEASE

Your Offering Envelopes for 2022 are in. Please pick yours up in the Gathering Area. It is costly to mail these out.

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- ◆ **Weekly envelopes** – if you are currently giving this way and want to continue to do so, thank you. If you want to switch to electronic giving (see options below), please let Rose Volker know so we do not go through the expense of ordering your envelopes this Fall.
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- ◆ **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** – you can elect to give on a recurring monthly basis via EFT (funds move directly from your bank account to ours). Please contact Laura Cutter to get this started.
- ◆ **Donor Advised Funds and other Charitable Giving** - you can give from your Donor Advised Fund or from an IRA distribution by working with your fund/IRA holder's processes. Many parishioners have found this is a way to support the church and still get a tax break.

Please contact Maureen O'Connor or Laura Cutter if you would like more information.

	AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR WEB SITE		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
As of —12/20/21	\$8,656	\$8,752	\$(96)
EFT—12/15/21	\$14,030	\$14,560	\$(530)
Christmas—12/20/21	\$18,120	\$50,000	\$(31,880)
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	<u>\$459,423</u>	<u>\$484,904</u>	<u>\$(25,481)</u>

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Your end of the year 2021 financial statements will be mailed to you by the end of January.





Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2022!!! Can you believe it?!

We have all shared many paths these past two years that we never thought we would. But, here we are and for the most part we are doing well and surviving. I think of all the people who have had bigger crosses to bear than

ourselves. Covid took many lives, our health care workers continue to be overwhelmed and stressed by personal decisions that have taxed our health care institutions. Our sisters and brothers who faced tornadoes that took loved ones lives and their entire homes were left with nothing. Violence that continues to escalate on our city streets. People, still moving fleeing oppression and political unrest, like Mary and Joseph, are being called out of their homeland. And, we have our own personal stories too as we enter this New Year of 2022. Perhaps, we should all count our blessings and acknowledge where the Lord has generously gifted us and asks us to be Him now for one another and certainly be Him for those not as fortunate as ourselves. It is a New Year and let us pray for one with hope, peace, joy, love and anticipation of our blessed faith moving forward.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed and are continuing to enjoy these blessed Christmas days. We have twelve days of Christmas to acknowledge all the Lord wishes to provide us with in our journey. Did you ever know the meaning behind the Twelve Days of Christmas? Google it and see the richness of who we are as Christians called to live the life of Jesus Christ.

I want to thank everyone who shared Christmas cards, gifts and joys with me and our two parish staffs. I am very appreciative of all your goodness.

Particularly, I want to thank all of you who prepared our church environments for Advent and Christmas! God bless your labors of love. And, I thank sincerely all of you who participated in giving gifts to our sisters and brothers during this time of year. Your spirit of stewardship is overwhelming and a visible reminder of what Christian love is about.

So, we go forward with one another. God bless us all that we may continue to support one another with our love, prayer and faith in Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year,
Father Rob



Transfiguration's Christmas Basket Ministry

Consult not your fears,
but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern not yourself with what you tried
and failed in,
but what it is still possible to do.
Now is the time to put aside past
and present setbacks and failures
and look with confidence
to the new day called tomorrow.

Pope John XXIII



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

Our progress as of 12/23/21 is 296 donors, \$148,780.00 Pledged, 72.35% of our goal. We thank those who have already given generously and ask all to pray fully consider making your donation soon.

Thank You to all who have already made their pledge. Christmas Blessings to all and Peace in the New Year!



St. Catherine's Arts & Environment Ministry



Christmas Basket Program Gratitude

As we journeyed through the Christmas Basket season in the midst of Covid, we have again stepped out of our usual planning in the uncertainty of the pandemic. As last year, knowing the Spirit would take reins in providing for those who came into our path. God indeed has been shedding the light; opening new doors and creating a beautiful gift of service to others through all of you.

I am truly in awe of your response to our program. Your generosity and kindness in sponsorship, financial care, ongoing, selfless volunteering and most important, loving others as God has loved you. With gentleness, tenderness, flexibility and sacrifice.

Our brothers and sisters we serve will celebrate Christmas with their loved ones and friends joined around their tables in celebration. Our hope has been to spread God's love in the midst of uncertainty, fear and anxiety. Thank you for sharing in that hope and certainty for all of us and answering that call to serve the one hundred eighty eight families with a joyful heart.

With deep gratitude and blessings in the New Year full of hope!
Margie Benza



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi

Happy New Year. Live Christmas trees can be recycled at Tinker Nature Park during the month of January. Drive into parking lot and leave them behind the barn. Park is open from sunrise to sunset. Remove all ornaments. No plastic. Mulch will be used on the trails.

Tinker Nature Park
1525 Calkins Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534



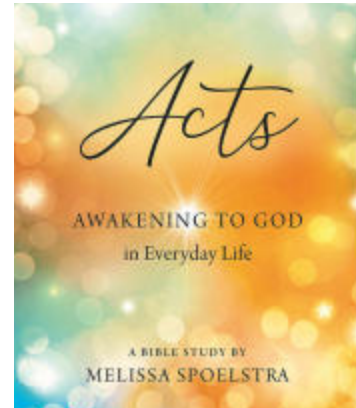
**Women's Bible Study at Transfiguration
Tuesdays—12:30pm to 2:00pm
January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15
Registration required by January 1.
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Acts: Awakening to God in Our Everyday Lives is a six-week Study of the Book of Acts by Melissa Spoelstra. You will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth & growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, & direction.

To register and pay online, go to:

<https://transfigurationpittsford.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/6weekwbsJanFeb>

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



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

Liturgy Schedule	1/8/2022	1/9/2022
	4:00 PM	8:45 AM
Coordinators	M. Blasko/A. Smith	Goorman
Greeters	Newton	T Seeler
Greeters		
Usher	D. Dey /L. Finucane	Filipski/ VanVechten
Commentator	M. Blasko	A. Maxwell
Lector	D.Pritchard	K.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

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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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 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.

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