



Parish of the Transfiguration

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Altar Servers	Tom & Robin Maloney	644-7604
Finance Committee	Eva Martel	
Pastoral Council	Claire Janelle	625-9379

Parish Outreach & Activities

Food Pantry & Outreach	(volunteers on call)	628-6859
Parish Nurse		663-8002
Social Committee		623-4715
Women's Club	Mari DeBlois	703-7502
	Denise Venne	627-2465
Men's Group	John Loveday	623-6012

Our Mission Statement

The Parish of the Transfiguration is a welcoming community of faith in the Roman Catholic tradition that serves the greater Manchester area.

Our mission is to promote spiritual growth as the Body of Christ by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the Sacraments and transforming our faith into action and outreach.

As God further revealed Himself in the Transfiguration, we ask Him to help us make His presence known to all of God's children. We commit ourselves to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and witnesses to the Gospel.

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Sacramental

Daily Eucharist

Mon. thru Thur. 8:00 AM celebrated in Mother Rivier Chapel. Entrance at 107 Alsace St.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are Saturdays at 3:00 PM and also by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to register for the two instructional sessions (catechesis). Baptism is celebrated on the first full weekend of the month during Mass. Parents must be registered and practicing parishioners.

Marriages

Arranged by calling the Parish Office at least six months in advance to set up a meeting. At least one party should be registered and a practicing parishioner.

Mother Rivier Chapel

Open daily - 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, entrance at 107 Alsace St.

Priests in Residence

Rev. Bruce Collard

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9TH & 10TH

TAKE NOTICE

If you plan on attending services in the church, please for the safety of all our parishioners **wear a mask** throughout all of the church services.

Mass Intentions

Sat 9 4:00 PM	VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Daniel Pinard (Georgette & Maurice Tremblay)
Sun 10 8:30	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Ron Cloutier (Roger & Diane Desmarais) Rose Leal (Steve & Denise Paradis)
10:30	Muriel Boutilier (family)
Mon 11 8:00	WEEKDAY Yvonne Petit (Christine Kusser)
Tues 12 8:00	WEEKDAY Aurore & Euclide Gilbert Family
Wed 13 8:00	WEEKDAY Jeannine Labore (her sister Rita)
Thurs 14 8:00	WEEKDAY Our Parishioners
Fri 15 8:00	WEEKDAY NO MASS
Sat 16 4:00 PM	VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Doris Savoie (Pauline Gagnon)
Sun 17 8:30	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ron Cloutier (wife Lorraine)
10:30	Maria Bui Thi Tha (family) Toma Dinh Tiet Cuong (family)

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church this week is burning in remembrance of Gerard Fredette by Connie Marcotte.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel this week is burning in remembrance of Moe, Andy, Ron Pichette by Fran Pichette.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING BEFORE DECIDING TO COME TO CHURCH THIS WEEKEND

Are you experiencing any one of these symptoms: fever, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, or a change in your sense of taste or smell?

1. How about whole body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue?
2. Have you been in close contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days? (This excludes health workers who wore appropriate PPE.)
3. Have you travelled in the past 14 days outside of the United States, by cruise ship, or within the United States but outside of New Hampshire, Vermont, or Maine via use of bus, plane, or train?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions please consider staying away from church this weekend. Be considerate of other parishioners who are there with you from having to be quarantine for 14 days.

PLEASE NOTE

STREAMING OF WEEKEND MASSES

This is particularly important for those who are unable to come to church or do not feel comfortable to coming to church at this time. We are continuing to livestream both the Saturday evening and the Sunday morning Masses on Facebook. If livestream should not be possible, it will be posted as a YouTube video later that evening



A NOTE FROM FR. JOHN

A Christmas card was found in the collection addressed to me with a gift inside. The sender did not sign the card! I hope that you see this bulletin entry so I am able to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas and Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42 (65)

WEEKLY OFFERING SUMMARY

**Needed to meet our weekly budgeted expenses:
\$5385.00**

<i>Weekend of</i>	<i>12/27/2020</i>
Offertory	\$ 2,041.80
E-Giving	563.16
Christmas	3,340.00
Ret. Religious	35.00
Utilities & Fuel	65.00
Solemnity Mary	242.00
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<i>Weekend of</i>	<i>01/03/2021</i>
Offertory	3,576.75
E-Giving	992.16
Christmas	700.00
Seminarians	50.00
Utilities & Fuel	100.00
Solemnity Mary	617.50

**GOSPEL
MEDITATION**
Mark 1:7-11

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

— Mk. 1:7-8



Saint of the Week

Saint Margaret Bourgeoys

1620-1700

Feast Day – January 12

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.

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Let us remember our relatives and friends who died this week in the past 15 years.

Donald Burleigh	01/11/10
Suzanne Marchand	01/12/18
Claudette Veilleux	01/12/10
Roselle Roy	01/13/08
Howard Buchloz	01/13/08
George Couture	01/14/12
Cecile Therrien	01/14/07
Robert Raiche	01/15/07
Daniel Boisvert	01/15/07
Arthur Turgeon	01/16/08

**PRAYER CIRCLE OF
PARISHIONERS**

(Please, anyone can send a request via the parish email:

office.transfiguration@comast.net)

- For Claire & Gail who are in need of prayers for a speedy recovery from their health issues.
- Donna Shippey and Connie Beyer for a speedy recovery from their diagnosis of lung cancer
- A friend who is having difficulty recuperating from an automobile accident. May the Lord give her the strength and stamina to heal and be united with her family once again.

SPECIAL REQUEST

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

Manchester, NH

OK, Megabucks has bigger prizes .

The Irish Sweepstakes is more famous. But you've got pretty good odds -- and you'll help out your neighbors -- if you pick up a **2021 Saint Raphael Parish Prize Calendar**. With 64 chances, each week and every month, you can win decent money prizes and all kinds of valuable goods and services, for a mere \$25. You get some great photos, as well as all the civic holidays and Church holy days. Great for Christmas gifts, stocking-stuffers, birthdays and other occasions! **Call rectory office at 603.623.2604** to reserve your prize calendars now! Check or cash, please.

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "**Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,**" a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.



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