



Church of the Transfiguration

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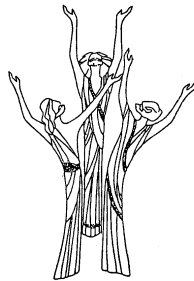
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EVENTS & PROGRAMS



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2011-12 CALENDAR

Details available by calling the office and in the bulletin prior to most events.

September

- 6 – CASE Training
- 11 – Catechist Workshop
- 13 – Destiny Begins
- 18 – Junior TYM
- 24 – Potluck & Family Activity Night
- 25 – CASE Training
- 26-29 – Classes Begin

October

- 2 – Junior TYM
- 10 – NO RE CLASS
- 11 – NO Destiny (Confirmation Night)
- 16 – Junior TYM
- 16 – 1st Reconciliation Info Mtg.
- 19 – 1st Reconciliation Info Mtg.
- 21 – Family Movie Night
- 30 – Junior TYM
- 30 – 1st Reconciliation Parent Session

November

- 2 – 1st Reconciliation Parent Session
- 6 – Junior TYM
- 12 – Potluck & Family Activity Night
- 13 – 1st Reconciliation Activity Day
- 20 – Junior TYM
- 21-24 – NO RE CLASSES or Destiny (Thanksgiving)

December

- 3 – FIRST RECONCILIATION
- 4 – Junior TYM
- 12 – Living Stations of the Nativity
- 18 – Junior TYM
- 26-29 – NO RE CLASSES or Destiny (Christmas)

January

- 8 – Junior TYM
- 13 – Family Movie Night
- 16 – NO CLASS (MLK Day)
- 22 – Catechist Workshop
- 22 – Junior TYM
- 24 – No Destiny (Exam Week)

February

- 5 – Junior TYM
- 5 – 1st Communion Info Mtg.
- 8 – 1st Communion Info Mtg.
- 17 – Family Movie Night
- 19 – Junior TYM
- 20-23 – NO RE CLASSES or Destiny (School Break)
- 24-26 – Search Retreat (high school)
- 26 – 1st Communion Parent Session
- 29 – 1st Communion Parent Session

March

- 4 – Junior TYM
- 10 – Potluck & Family Activity Night
- 18 – 1st Communion Activity Day
- 18 – Junior TYM
- 26-29 – Final Classes for Children's Program

April

- 1 – Junior TYM
- 6 – Living Stations of the Cross
- 10 – NO Destiny (School Break)
- 17 – 1st Communion Pot Luck
- 22 – Junior TYM
- 28-29 – First Communions

May

- 6 – Junior TYM
- 5-6 – First Communions
- 19-20 – First Communions
- 20 – Junior TYM
- Date TBD: *Strong Catholic Families*

June

- 1 – Family Movie Night
- 3 – Confirmation Info Mtg.
- 6 – Confirmation Info Mtg.
- 10 – Junior TYM
- 12 – Final Destiny End of Year Potluck
- 17 – Baccalaureate Mass

July

- 9-13 – Vacation Bible School

For Adult Formation Opportunities, please see the brochure or call the office.

WHO WHAT AND WHEN OF FORMATION

Family Events

Each month we will offer an opportunity for families to come together and learn / experience their faith. These programs range from movie nights to prayer services to dinner & an activity.



September 24 - Sat. 4:30 Mass and following
Potluck Supper & Activity Night
Theme: Faith in Everyday Life

October 21 - Fri. 6:30 pm
Movie Night & Discussion
Theme: Faith in Community

November 12 - Sat. 4:30 Mass and following
Potluck Supper & Activity Night
Theme: Intro to the New Roman Missal

December 12 - Mon. 7:00 pm
Living Stations of the Nativity
Led by Teens, for all ages

January 13 - Fri. 6:30 pm
Movie Night & Discussion
Theme: Living Our Faith in the World

February 17 - Fri. 6:30 pm
Movie Night & Discussion
Theme: Mardi Gras / Lent

March 10 - Sat. 4:30 Mass and following
Potluck Supper & Activity Night
Theme: Lent

April 6 - Fri. 7:00 pm
Living Stations of the Cross
Led by Teens, for all ages

May date TBD (weeknight)
Strong Catholic Families Strong Catholic Youth

June 1 - Fri. 6:30 pm
Movie Night & Discussion
Theme: Summer Sabbath

Formation Groupings

CHILDREN (K-6)

Formation classes are offered at either 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday or 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings (for grades 4-6) beginning the week of **September 19**. We use the series *Blest Are We*.

Classes are one hour in the Education Center. We do not have classes when Pittsford schools are closed or canceled. Please come into the lower-level entrance to drop-off and pick up your children.

Contact Don at 248-2467 or TransfigurationCF@gmail.com for more information.



THE EDUCATION CENTER:
SITE OF THE CHILDREN'S
FORMATION.

HOME-BASED FORMATION (K-6)

In order to best serve the needs of the community, we offer a home-based formation experience. Children still complete the required lessons. Families interested in Home-Based Formation should contact the formation office for further details. Home-Based Formation begins in the fall and follows the same schedule as the weekly Children's Formation program.

Cost for Home-Based Formation is \$50 – the cost of materials.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8)

Our Junior High Youth Group **JUNIOR TYM**, meets about twice a month on Sundays between the two Mass times (10:15-11:15) in the youth room in the PLC.

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

Our Senior High Youth Group **DESTINY**, meets most Tuesday nights during the school year from 7-8:30 in the youth room in the PLC.

FAMILY EVENTS

In addition to our youth programs, we offer monthly family activities such as movie nights, potluck suppers, and activity nights designed to help your family have fun and grow in faith together.

YOUTH MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENTS

Teens have many additional opportunities to deepen their faith, such as leading Living Stations of the Nativity and the Cross and our annual Search Retreat (**Save the Date — FEB. 24-26**). All youth ministry

programs strive to help teens use their head, heart, and hands to connect with God and God's people in fun and meaningful ways.

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental Preparation is separate from parish Religious Education and Catholic Schools. Enrollment in Religious Education or Catholic Schools does not necessitate or automatically enroll a child in Sacramental Preparation.

Schedules for Sacramental Preparation are on the calendar in this brochure.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion is traditionally celebrated in the spring. Preparation begins in February.

The preparation process is primarily done at home with the parents. Parents gather to gain important information and the group will gather to reinforce the lessons from home. Celebration of the Sacrament is done during Sunday Mass at the end of April and in May so children can celebrate with their larger parish family.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation is traditionally celebrated in the fall/winter. Preparation begins in mid-October with the celebration in early Advent.

The preparation process is primarily done at home with the parents. We will gather as a group for an activity day where we will reinforce the lessons from home while having fun. There is also an adult session for the parents to look at how the Sacrament is viewed differently from when we were growing up.

Celebration of the Sacrament is done during the Advent season as we prepare for Christmas.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is traditionally celebrated in the fall of the candidate's 9th grade year. Preparation begins in late Spring (8th grade) and continues through the summer with the celebration in October (date to be set by the Diocese). However, as a readiness-based Sacrament, age alone is not a reason to pursue full initiation.

Candidates gather to further their understanding of the Church, their faith and the sacrament. Because this journey is not made alone, sponsors and/or parents join the candidates at the sessions.

After the preparation process we will gather with the Bishop at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacrament. Going to the Mother Church is symbolic of the candidates' initiation into something larger than themselves, and larger than just Transfiguration.

Full Confirmation Preparation Schedule will be available Spring 2012.

Living Discipleship

A vital part of formation as a Christian is understanding the role of service in our lives. A true Christian is a follower of Christ, and Jesus asked us to love one another and to serve one another. Service is not something Christians do because it is required by an organization, but because we are called to use our gifts from God.

To help with this task, the parish offers many opportunities for service and ministry. To learn about these ministries or to get involved, call the parish office at 248-2427 or see our webpage: www.transfigurationpittsford.org.

Adult Formation

Faith Formation is a life-long process. To help foster that commitment, the parish offers a variety of adult opportunities. Please see the adult formation booklet for more information and offerings.

Closing & Cancellations

Children's Formation follows the Pittsford School calendar. If Pittsford is canceled or closed, so are we. For any parish event or program cancellation, please watch Time Warner Cable channels 9 (YNN), 10 (WHEC) or 13 (WHAM) and respective websites.