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Transfiguration Church Celebrates Two Firsts

It was a weekend for celebrations at Father Gerald Appelby's parish, the new Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford.

The parish family gathered for the first official time to celebrate the Eucharist last weekend, and in the process, it welcomed its first infant member, Paul James Knittle.

The first four Masses were celebrated last weekend in a barn at Clover Street and Stone Road, with a total attendance of 630. Paul James was baptized at the 10 a.m. Mass Sunday.

The godparents are Beth and Michael Knittle and the baptism was administered by Deacon Tony Marini. The baptismal gown is three generations old, having been made about 1900 by Knittle's grandmother for her eight children. The infant is the son of William and Diane Knittle, founding members of the parish. Paul James is their fifth child. The others are Elizabeth, 15, a sophomore at Our Lady of Mercy High School; Michael, 13, an eighth grader at St. Louis in Pittsford; Peter, five, a kindergartner at St. Louis, and Mary Clare, three.

The baptism rites were made even more festive by the music provided by Michelle Driscoll and Mary Matteson, and by the hanging of banners made by Mrs. Knittle and Sandy D'amico.

Masses for the new parish will be celebrated at "The Barn," the designation used in the parish bulletin, on weekends and holy days. Weekday Masses are scheduled at 6:45 a.m., Monday

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Deacon Marini officiates at baptism.

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