

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself to the greeters or to Jeff Peck after Mass. We want all to feel welcome in this house.

Pastoral Care – Please contact the parish office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized, homebound, or in need of assistance. We are anxious to help.

Face Masks etc ... - The covid infection rates in our community continue to increase. You are encouraged but not required to wear a face mask during our services and in other large groups. If you are eligible to receive a booster shot, please give serious consideration to doing so.

Dear Friends,

I was once asked in a course entitled "Theological Anthropology," what is the meaning and purpose of life? At the time, my first thoughts were, what time does this class end? Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this somber reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbor. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the

times of tall people and short character, steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce: of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom."

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

In Christ,
Jeff Peck



Confirmation: During the week, our Confirmation Candidates will be reflecting on the meaning of being anointed and set aside for God's service in today's world. Join them by reflecting on your own anointing in Baptism and Confirmation and examining your response to being set apart by that anointing. Please pray that our candidates may be strengthened by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to go out and bring the Good News of Jesus to those they meet.

Monday, August 15th, **The Feast of the Assumption** is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in Hoosick Falls for those who wish to observe the feast.

Mass Intentions		
8/7/22	8:15 AM	For the people of the parish
8/14/22	8:15 AM	For the people of the parish

Liturgical Roles	
Sunday, August 7 – 8:15 AM	
Lector:	Irene Bonin
Eucharistic Minister:	Donna Farringer
Sunday, August 14 – 8:15 AM	
Lector:	Lonnie Rasmussen
Eucharistic Minister:	Ed Harrington
Altar Rosary Cleaning:	August 7 – Lonnie, Patti August 14 – Marion, Sandy, Peggy

The food pantry is in need of donations – cereal, boxed rice or pasta dishes, canned meats like tuna and spam, soup. They could also use snack foods for kids. Your help is very appreciated.

MAY
**CHRIST'S
WORD**

**DWELL IN YOUR SOUL
WITH ALL ITS RICHES!**



Prayer List:

Please pray for the continued recovery of Paul, Cody Pulver, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Wiley Dearstyne, Lorraine Denick, Daniel W, A. Russell, Bernadette, Kate, Jean, Mary, John Schauer, Jeannette Davis, Steven MacNeil, Kathi McCauley, Laraine Luhmann, Clyde and Carolyn DeWeese, Kate Markowsky, Alexa, Will, Pete, Peter Allen Niles, Kate, Dan Dearstyne, Adam and April, Mary and Lorraine

Several members of our community and extended families are suffering from dementia and mental illness. Please keep them in your prayers in a special way.

Please call the rectory if you would like to include someone on the prayer

Stewardship of Treasure – July 31

Offertory - \$788.00
Second Collection - \$65.00
Miscellaneous - \$275.00
Mission collection - \$198.00

To balance our budget this year, our in-person offertory should average \$1,100.00 weekly.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please consider continuing to make regular donations during this period to ensure the parish's financial survival. You can mail your collection envelope to Box 357, Salem NY 12865 or leave it in the basket when the Church is open on Sunday mornings. Electronic giving is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations

Contacting Fr. Peter - Call the office at Immaculate Conception. 518 686 5064. Outside of office hours, leave a message including your name and number. If the need is urgent, please call or text Jeff Peck, 518 683 6461 or email, jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before mass at 7:45 AM on Sunday or by appointment. Please call St. Patrick's parish office at 518-677-2757 for an appointment

WINGS OF CARE of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross is a ministry of care for the elderly and homebound and is in great need of volunteers. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping (vacuuming, dusting, laundry) and transportation. If you have an hour to give, please contact St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757.