

**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.**

Dear friends,

God calls ordinary people to discipleship and mission - Simon Peter, you, me. We are minding our own business, exhausted after a particularly discouraging day or night of work, looking forward to going home and getting some sleep, when Jesus comes along, enters into our utterly normal, mundane lives and changes everything.

When Jesus calls, Peter is hesitant and thinks that what Jesus asks of him is both unnecessary and too demanding. Nevertheless, Peter responds, and he discovers that life has a surprise in store for him. Amazed by the power of God displayed in the abundant catch of fish, Simon is acutely aware of his unworthiness.

Throughout Scripture we see that human sin, failure, and inadequacy are no obstacles to God's call. God calls imperfect people to do God's work, people who are aware of their unworthiness and are often doubting and resistant to God's call. God doesn't wait for them to shape up. God calls them as they are and then begins to shape them into faithful servants. How often do we resist Jesus' call because what he is asking us to do seems too crazy, too inconvenient, too impractical? How often do we avoid putting out into the deep waters of following and bearing witness to Jesus because we are convinced that we will not see any results?

We all are called by virtue of our baptism to participate in Jesus' mission - to reorient our priorities to align with God's priorities, to use the gifts God has given us in service to others, to share the good news of Christ in word and action. Jesus' mission does not wait until we think we are ready. We are called right now -- even in spite of our frailty, failures, and doubts, even in the midst of our ordinary, busy, complicated lives. Jesus' word to Simon Peter is also a word to us: "Do not be afraid."

In Christ,  
Mary Rosmus

The Pastoral Council meeting schedule for Thursday, February 14 has been cancelled.

**Confirmation Preparation for Holy Cross and St. Patrick's** will begin after Easter. There will be a preliminary meeting at noon at St. Patrick's on Sunday, March 3, for candidates and parents. Brochures explaining eligibility and the preparation process are available in the foyer and the back of the church.

**Adult Bible Study: Psalms II.** This winter, our adult bible study groups in both parishes will focus on a selection of twenty-eight psalms which are particularly well suited to the season of Lent. Groups meet Mondays, 6:30 - 8 pm at St. Patrick's Parish House beginning February 25, and Tuesdays, 7- 8:30 pm at Holy Cross Chapel beginning February 26. More information is available on the Scripture tab of our Adult Faith Website. Whether you are continuing your study of the psalms from the fall or joining for the first time, please register online or sign up in the foyer of the church by February 17.

**Welcoming the Stranger** – Sun, Feb 10 at 2:00 PM at Shushan United Presbyterian Church. Maxine Stein, President and CEO of Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts, will give an overview of the current refugee situation and will share the history of HIAS and its role in refugee resettlement in this country and around the world.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks** is seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of youth in **Salem**. Visit or call Big Brothers Big Sisters, 14 W. Notre Dame St., Glens Falls, 518-798-1010, or [megan@bbssadk.org](mailto:megan@bbssadk.org).

**Camp Breakaway.** Catholic camp experience with programs for Middle School, High School, and Music Experience (June 26- 30th). Early Bird registration until April 1, \$275. For more information contact Mary Rosmus or Kim Gariepy.

**Breathe: A Weekend Retreat for Catholic Women**, June 1 & 2, Wiawaka Holiday House on Lake George. Retreat Master: Mary Romus. The Breathe retreat is an invitation to do just that, breathe. Step back from the daily rhythms of life and reorient to the rhythms of Jesus on the beautiful grounds of Wiawaka. Enjoy a weekend filled with friendship, reflection, prayer, music, crafts, delicious food. Whether you are craving fellowship or quiet time, you can tailor this retreat to whatever will bring you peace. Early Bird registration \$145 until March 31. Registration forms are in the foyer. Space is limited! For more information or to register online: <https://olagby.wixsite.com/breathe>.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun, Feb 10 – Coffee Hour  
Tues, Feb 12 – 11:00 – Altar Rosary meeting  
Thurs, Feb 14 – 7:00 – NO Pastoral Council meeting

**Adult Faith Website: Catholic Identity.** Watch the excellent lecture, *Catholics: Why We Are a Sacramental People* with Fr. Michael Himes, on our Sacramentality tab

Announcements to be included in the bulletin should be sent to [parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org) by 9:00 AM on Wednesday to be included in Sunday's bulletin.



**Prayer List:**

Please remember those who are unable to join us on Sunday: Jane Thomas, Betty Mason

Please pray for the continued recovery of Theresa Abel, Harriet Wescott, Fr. William Cahill, Tena Rioux, Paul, Olga Rogers, Victor Urbielewicz, Cody Pulver, Bernie Bourgeois, Larry McCauley, Lorraine and Mike Denick, Baby Owen, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Jeff Peck.

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 list.

**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 Sister Augusta Ann Burgess, CSJ at 677-2757 or at [pastoralcare@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralcare@battenkillcatholic.org).



**Inclement Weather:** If school in Salem is delayed or closed, all parish activities are cancelled for the day and evening. If you are ill, please respect the other members of our community and stay home from mass and parish activities.

Lay Liturgical Ministers			
		Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
2/10/19	8:30 AM	J. Solan	R. Boyd D. Farringer C. Farringer
2/17/19	8:30 AM	M. Raffel	L. Rasmussen R. Sheffield D. Farringer
Altar Rosary Cleaning: February 10 – Cynthia, Kay, M. Dome February 17 -Pat, Roseann, Margaret			

Mass Intentions		
2/10/19	8:30 AM	For the people of the parish
2/17/19	8:30 AM	For the people of the parish

Stewardship of Treasure – February 3
<p>Offerory - \$1128.00 Second Collection - \$231.00 Miscellaneous - \$146.00</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</p> <p>The Second Collection <u>today</u> is for Religious Education</p>

**Salem Food Pantry** is in need of the following items. Soups, canned tuna and chicken, canned pasta like ravioli, and cereal and Mac "N Cheese. Personal care items are also always a welcome item. Thanks for your continued support of your Salem Food Pantry!

Please visit our parish website: [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org)  
You can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday liturgy, access our great Adult Faith Formation materials and more from there. Don't forget to like BattenkillCatholic on Facebook

<p>Altar Rosary Society meets 2nd Tuesday of each month Church Hall - 11AM Come join us - Pat @ 854-7247</p>
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