

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.

The Baptism of the Lord - The Beloved Son

Father God,
you made known the Sonship of Jesus at the moment of his baptism and announced to all that you were pleased with him. Certain of your affirmation, and living in the power of the Spirit, Jesus would have the fervor to announce your kingdom: compassion to forgive sins, heal the sick, and raise the dead; and courage to face abandonment, betrayal, and death. Awaken us from our indifference to the total self-giving of Christ. Change our passivity to passion so we might have the fervor, compassion, and courage to follow in his footsteps.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

2018 Tax Statements are available at the rear of the church. Any statement not picked up this weekend will be mailed on Monday.

Pastoral Council members – I would like to reschedule the Pastoral Council for Wednesday, January 16th. Please let me know whether you are able to attend. Thank you.

If you are a Lector and haven't picked up your Lector Workbook, please see Jeff as soon as possible.

Walking the Way of Hope: A Retreat for Women's Christmas. Thanks to all who made the Epiphany retreat a great success by your attendance and willingness to share your journey of the past year and to "remember forward" into the year to come. A special thanks, too, for your help in cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Baptized and Sent Forth

. At Jesus' birth, the sky fills with angels singing his glory and a star to guide kings from a far-off land to adore and bring him precious gifts. After those marvelous events, Jesus spends thirty years leading a quiet life in Nazareth. In God's time, he comes on the scene while John is baptizing and insists that John baptize him. In that moment the Holy Trinity is revealed, as the Spirit of God descends on Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice from heaven claims Jesus as his beloved Son. Blessed by the Father and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus embarks on his public ministry. His mandate is to bring justice to the nations: to be "a light for the nations, / To open the eyes of the blind, / to bring out prisoners from confinement, / and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

At our Baptism, the Holy Trinity is present as God the Father frees us from sin and gives us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and we become a new creation clothed in Christ and enlightened by him. We are invited to participate in the very life of the Trinity! The rite of Baptism gives us our mandate: to "walk always as a child of the light." Talk with your family or a friend about what those words might mean for the baptized. What is the work of children of the light? Talk with God about what those words might mean in your life. What is the particular work to which God is calling you?

College Planning Strategies Workshop - Jan 24th, 6:30-8:00 PM, Coila Church, Cambridge - A workshop with financial representative Bill Bufkins from Thrivent Financial titled "College Planning Strategies - Three things you never knew about college... and how it may save many families thousands!"

You will learn:

- the importance of incorporating a threefold approach to college planning: integrating academic, admissions, and financial strategies
- how your child can stand out from the crowd when applying to college
- the "magic of six" concept that makes it a financial necessity to apply to at least six different colleges
- why ACT/SAT preparation courses can be more beneficial than applying for scholarships

The workshop will run from 6:30-8:00pm, with time to ask questions and refreshments to follow. The workshop is designed for all high school families with a special emphasis on those with sophomores and juniors. Students are welcomed, but not required, to attend along with their parents, grandparents, or others that support the student's academic goals.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun, Jan 13 – Coffee Hour
Wed, Jan 16 – 7:00 – Pastoral Council meeting

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

Adult Faith Website: Coming soon! Our new Winter/Spring theme will explore five key characteristics that form our **Catholic Identity**: a sense of sacramentality, a commitment to community, a respect for the dignity of human life and commitment to justice, a reverence for Tradition, and a disposition to faith and hope rather than despair.



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. 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.

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!

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.

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
1/13/19	8:30 AM	R. Boyd	D. Farringer C. Farringer R. Sheffield
1/20/19	8:30 AM	S. Wilk	S. Wilk L. Rasmussen C. Farringer
Altar Rosary Cleaning:		January 13 – Pat, Roseann, Margaret January 20 – Joann, Carolyn	

Mass Intentions

1/13/19	8:30 AM	For Joseph Zerilli Req. by daughter, Donna Farringer
1/20/19	8:30 AM	For John Fortier Req. by the family

Stewardship of Treasure

January 6

Offertory - \$983.00

Energy - \$302.00

Miscellaneous - \$260.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Second Collection today is for The Repair & Improvement Fund
The second collection next week is for Insurance

Please visit our parish website: 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

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