

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself to the greeters. 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.

In the spirit of love and care for those vulnerable in our community, please isolate yourself if you are ill. Masking is optional but encouraged indoors.

When we experience any major event in our lives, we do so in some way with food. Birthdays, graduations, homecomings, holidays and even deaths are all events at which we nourish ourselves. We are rarely alone during these moments. The Eucharist, received at our liturgies, is a gift with nourishes us, through our encounter with Christ and through the participation of the community around us. We do not celebrate the Eucharist alone.

Today on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we have our attention directed to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Belgian theologian Father Edward Schillebeeckx wrote that all sacraments are encounters with Christ. In the Eucharist we encounter Christ in a most intimate way just as we encounter those who we share the major events in our life. We come to the Lord's Table together with a shared purpose. Fr. Severine Yagaza, a priest of our diocese, wrote *Come to the Feast: An Invitation to Eucharistic Transformation* (Continuum, 1997). In this work, he describes the Eucharist and the Mass as a gift – an extraordinary, overwhelming gift that is God's self. Our Sunday liturgies are called celebrations for a reason! It is usual that participants in a celebration bring gifts, in our Sunday celebrations we both receive the gift and are gift to one another.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, "while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete." By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity, and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

The Annual End of Year Trustee Meetings will be held in the parish house at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, June 13. Father Busch will join us. Trustees and Finance Committee chairs are asked to attend. Meetings will be held back-to-back as follows:

- 4 pm - St. Patrick's
- 4:45 pm - Holy Cross
- 5:30 pm - Immaculate Conception



Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith: The Eucharist. This summer we will focus on The Eucharist as "the source and summit of our Christian lives."

Many resources are available on our Learning Center website. Among them is Bishop Barron's six-part video series *The Mass*, which is now [streaming online for free](#) for a limited time! Walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm; how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church; and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Altar Rosary members would like to thank all who have attended the monthly coffee hours. We encourage others to come and have a "cup". Enjoy a "sweet" from your neighbor, share your own "sweet" or just come for the coffee and fellowship the first Sunday of each month.

Mass Intentions		
6/11/23	8:15 AM	For the people of the parish
6/18/23	8:15 AM	For Gyula Varosy Req. by Pat and Jack Isgro

Liturgical Roles	
Sunday, June 11, 2023	
Lector:	John Solan
Eucharistic Minister:	Ed Harrington
Greeter:	Brian Keel
Sunday, June 18, 2023	
Lector:	Scott Wilk
Eucharistic Minister:	Roseann Harrington
Greeter:	Brian Keel
Altar Rosary Cleaning:	June 11 – Joann, Donna, Carolyn June 18 – Lonnie, Patti

**Dominican Retreat & Conference Center
"Solitude on a busy highway"**

The Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna, New York offers retreats for women and men, workshops and presentations to enhance your spiritual life and growth. The theme for this year's Women's Theme Retreats is "Make my joy complete." There are two remaining weekends in the series. This summer, their popular "Dinner Party with the Saints" is back, with a whole new guest list: In honor of their 75th anniversary, they will welcome St. Dominic and friends to the table. Bible studies, a book club, prayer experiences, afternoons and evenings of reflection on many topics are among the programs offered. Most are available in person and on Zoom or Facebook Live. The center offers retreats for persons in 12 step programs on topics of alcoholism, abuse, and eating issues. The Windmill, a private hermitage, is available for private individual retreats. Find information on their website: <https://www.dslcny.org/home.html>

Prayer List:



We ask for your prayers for the following: Margaret Dome, Elizabeth Shaw, Sandy VanGuilder, Dan Dearstyne, Jeffrey Driscoll, Andrew Picone, Mike Perry, Steven Rioux

If you wish to place someone on our bulletin prayer list, please call the St. Patrick's parish office (518-677-2757) or email parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact us each month if you would like a name to continue to be included.

Stewardship of Treasure – June 4, 2023

Offertory - \$1300.00
Votive - \$3.00
Second collection - \$276.00

To balance our budget this year, our in-person offertory should average \$1,400.00 weekly.

Thank you for your generosity!

Your financial support is crucial to the work of our church. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church is able to keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing lifegiving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our parish walls. Please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly, monthly, or annual contribution. Your increased support will allow us to continue to sustain and grow our ministries. You can leave your donation after Sunday mass or send it to Box 357, Salem NY 12865. Electronic giving is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations.

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

Contacting Fr. Peter - Call the office at Immaculate Conception. 518 686 5064. Outside of office hours, leave a message including your name and number.

The food pantry is in need of donations. They are in need of pasta, cereal, paper towels and toilet paper. Your help is very much appreciated.