

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.

Third Sunday of Lent - Patience and Mercy

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you rescued your people and led them to a land of milk and honey. Throughout history, you have patiently allowed your people time to repent. May we be grateful for your mercy and regard this season of Lent as a time to be cultivated in your ways so that we may bear fruit in the future. We look to your Word to guide us on our journey as we seek to know your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Schedule

- Reconciliation**
Sun, March 31 - 4:00 PM – Holy Cross
- Stations of the Cross**, Thursday, April 4th, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick's
- Lenten Fish Fry** – Fridays – 4:30 – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's
- Lenten Luncheons** –
Thurs, March 28 – HUPC
Thurs, April 4 – Shushan Churches at UPC
Thurs, April 11 – First United Presbyterial Salem
- Holy Thursday** – April 18
5:00 PM dinner at St. Patrick's followed by Mass at 7:00 PM
- Good Friday** – April 19
5:00 PM at Holy Cross
- Easter Vigil** – Saturday, April 20
7:30 PM at Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls
8:00 PM at Notre Dame-Visitation, Schuylerville
- Easter Sunday** - 8:30 AM at Holy Cross
11:00 AM at St. Patrick's

Repentance

Today's Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

The word "repent" is usually equated with being sorry or seeking forgiveness. During Jesus' time on earth, people would understand repentance to mean a change of life, a total transformation. Change is difficult, even when it is small.

In today's Gospel, we hear a parable about a fig tree that has produced no fruit during three years. Now the time has run out, and the owner wants to cut the tree down. However, the gardener requests that he be allowed to care for the fig tree for one year, cultivating the ground and fertilizing it, so that it will bear fruit in the future.

During Lent, we pray and fast so that we can live out our life in Christ better. These forty days offer an opportunity to reexamine our lives and to seek what God desires of us. This is our chance to be fertilized and cultivated in God's ways so that we can bear fruit in the future. How are you making small changes in your life so that God can transform you? Are there habits of prayer or reading Scripture that you are trying to form? How can you integrate these habits into your life even after Lent? Take some time today to reflect on what in your life is in need of repentance. Remember, Lent will soon be half over.

Thank you to all who helped with the Lenten Luncheon.

St. Patrick's Lenten Fish Fry dinner at the church rectory from 4:30 - 7:00 PM on March 22, 29, April 5 and 12. The menu will include fish on a bun, choice of mac and cheese or french fries, cole slaw, homemade desserts and a drink. Eat in or take outs are available. The cost is \$11.00.

As of January 1, Very Reverend Joseph Busch, pastor of Our Lady of Annunciation in Queensbury and Sacred Heart in Lake George was appointed our Canonical Pastor replacing the Diocesan Vicar for Priests.

TRIPLE "A" SERVICES -LENTEN RECONCILIATION There will be a "Lenten Reconciliation Celebration," a *Triple A* prayer service of **Anointing, Adoration, and Absolution**, celebrated by Fr. Marty Fisher, on Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m., at St. Joseph's in Greenwich. The evening includes songs of praise, proclamation of the Gospel, Anointing, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Absolution of sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Lenten service is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reconciliation as we prepare to celebrate the glorious feast of Easter. Please join us. This will be Fr. Marty's last "Triple A" service before he leaves St. Joseph's and enters retirement.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Mon, March 25 – 6:30 – 8:00 – Bible Study, St. Patrick's
Sun, March 31 – 4:00 – Reconciliation Service
Sun, April 1 – coffee hour

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: Catholic Identity. Last week, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and eating corned beef and cabbage. Many of us know at least some of the legends associated with St. Patrick. Click on our Community tab for **10 things to know about the real St. Patrick**

The Coffee Hour will now be held on the first Sunday of the month.



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 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.



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
3/24/19	8:30 AM	L. Rasmussen	R. Sheffield D. Farringer C. Farringer
3/31/19	8:30 AM	M. Raffel	S. Wilk R. Sheffield L. Rasmussen
Altar Rosary Cleaning: March 24 – Joann, Carolyn March 31 -			

Mass Intentions

3/24/19	8:30 AM	For the people of the parish
3/31/19	8:30 AM	For the people of the parish

Stewardship of Treasure – March 17

Offertory - \$713.00
Votives - \$3.00
Energy Needs- \$461.00
Miscellaneous - \$38.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Second Collection today is for Repairs & Improvements
The Second Collection next week is for Catholic Relief Services

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!

Salem Area Churches First Friday Noontime Prayer Services please call Rev. Laura Mitchell 518-854-3729 for information
April 5 - Saint Paul's Episcopal, 32 E Broadway, Salem
May 3 - Shushan United Presbyterian, 730 CR 64, Shushan
June 7 - First United Presbyterian, 13 West Broadway, Salem

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