

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.

Prayer for Discernment

Father,
you have loved us into existence.
When we love one another,
you remain in us.
May we always seek to be rooted in love
and so to remain in you.

You have consecrated us to you.
As we seek to do the work of Christ in the world,
help us to rely on you as we discern our gifts
and leadership in our communities.
You know our hearts and our needs,
guide us to put our trust in you and in your Word.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We have been nurtured by many women in our lives, mothers, aunts, even siblings. There are other women who have made our lives wonder-filled. I am particularly grateful to Sr. Mary Xavier, R.S.M. and all the women of religious who, like her, educated me. I am especially fond of Sr. Mary Kenan McGowan who mentored me. Happy Mother's Day to all the women who have nourished and enriched our lives.

The Pastoral Council meeting has been postponed until Thursday, June 14th.

Pastoral Council News: At its last meeting, the Council continued its discussion concerning installation of a security system in the church, approved the final design and wording of signage for the church and cemetery and additional discussion concerning painting part of the steeple. Kim Gariepy reported that there would be one child receiving First Communion. Jeff Peck explained the changes to NYS regulations regarding payment of employees would increase payroll costs for the parish.

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal has begun - Through this important Appeal, we follow the example of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of Albany. By joining together in stewardship, we proclaim our unity to all; thereby letting those who need us the most know that they are an important part of our Catholic family. Please be as generous as you possibly can in responding to the Bishop's Appeal.

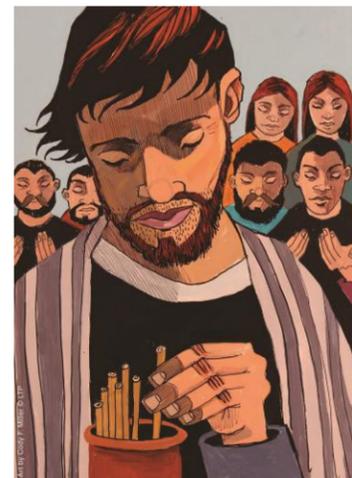
Discernment

There is a distinction between ministry and community leadership, even liturgical ministry. This point is clarified in Acts. Matthias did not put himself forward for appointment to leadership, but the community discerned his call by God and confirmed it through prayer. Is the approach to ministry in our parishes simply a call for any and all volunteers, or is it a process of communal discernment about who has been called by God for a specific work or role?

Today's Psalm proclaims the incomparable vastness of God's love: greater than the distance between earth and sky, or east and west. These "distances" stretch us; challenging us to seek to comprehend the tender love of God.

That love is such, we hear in the Second Reading, that God remains in us when we love one another and acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God. All it takes to remain in God is to remain in love. It sounds simple, but most of us find that we step in and out of love during the week.

It is consoling to hear, though, of Christ praying for his followers as he does in today's Gospel. Jesus prays that his followers be kept as one, protected from the evil one, and be consecrated in the truth. These followers do not belong to the world but still live in the world. Do you find it difficult to live out your faith in a world uninterested in God? Is it difficult to be in this world but belong to God?



MEETING SCHEDULE

Sat, May 12 – Anointing of the Sick after 4:30 Mass
Sun, May 13 – Coffee Hour

Prayer List:



Please remember those who are unable to join us on Sunday: Jane Thomas, Betty Donovan, 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, Jean Fleming. 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 News-- Food Pantry is in need toothpaste, toothbrushes, soup, canned meat, shampoo, cereal, mac & cheese and other canned goods.

There will be a **coffee hour** on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Adult Faith Website: For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. Learn more on the "Season," "Women's Work," and "Prayer" pages of our **Adult Faith Website**, currently dedicated to *Women in the Life of the Church*.

Our **Book Discussion Group** is reading *When Breath Becomes Air* By Paul Kalanithi. The next meeting will be May 30th at 9:30 AM.

May 30 - Read to bottom of page 166.
June 13 - Read to the end.

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.

Lay Liturgical Ministers

		Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5/12/18	4:30 PM	R. Boyd	E. Harrington R. Harrington
5/13/18	8:30 AM	J. Solan	S. Wilk D. Farringer C. Farringer
5/19/18	4:30 PM	M. Dearstyne	B. Shay R. Boyd
5/20/18	8:30 AM	C. Raffel	R. Sheffield L. Rasmussen P. Leonard
Altar Rosary Cleaning:		May 13 – Pat, Roseanne, Margaret May 20 -Joann, Carolyn	

Mass Intentions

5/12/18	4:30 PM	For the people of the parish
5/13/18	8:30 AM	For Jane Zerilli Req. by Donna and Chuck Farringer
5/19/18	4:30 PM	For the people of the parish
5/20/18	8:30 AM	For Frances Button Req. by William Cormier

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory - \$1289.00
Cemetery - \$470.00
Votives - \$23.00
Miscellaneous - \$222.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Rosary Society
meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
Church Hall - 11AM
Come join us - Pat @ 854-724

Men's Group News
Interested in joining – call Peter Dunigan at 854-9217

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