

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,

You might remember the film, “Billy Elliot.” Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. He would tap dance through the alleyways surrounding the decrepit housing in which the families of miners lived. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: “What do you feel when you’re dancing?”

“I’ve got fire in my body.” And he got the scholarship because the panel realized that when Billy danced, he became “fully alive”: body and mind and spirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our body and mind and spirit. The Sadducees’ small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

When I minister to a dying person, I always bless their feet with the phrase, may you dance with the angels and saints in Paradise. Although as a dancer, I am a good singer, it is an image that calls to my mind the joyous love promised to us through salvation. It always introduces a sense of joy into a solemn moment. We all acknowledge an image of great joy and pleasure and the consolation it offers.

Let’s take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

In Christ,
Jeff Peck

The Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14 has been cancelled. We would like to reschedule it for Wednesday, November 20. Please let Jeff Peck know if you are able to attend.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday, November 25 at 7:00 PM at the Shushan UMC. Rev. Natalie Bowerman will be preaching.

The Thankfulness Journal: in addition to the book for prayer intentions, there is a new book to write down those things we wish to thank God for.

Poems, Prayers, and Parables - This Advent, on December 22 at 3:00 PM in the Day Chapel, we will have a celebration entitled "Poems, Prayers, and Parables. The evening will include storytelling, quiet prayer, and poetry to highlight the season.

Birthright asks all parishioners who still have Baby Bottles to please deposit them in the box by the church door. Even if the bottle is empty, please return it as we will need it for future fundraisers. Thank You.

Adult Faith Website: *The Breath of God.* Do you know the key themes of Catholic Social Teaching? Click on our Social Justice tab to watch a three minute overview video or a video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron, Jonathan Reyes, and Helen Alvaré discussing the dignity of the human person and our right to life.

Please check in the chapel to see the beautiful centennial wall hanging he ladies of Holy Cross made for our church’s 100th anniversary in 1988. Do you remember anyone who contributed their sewing/quilting skills to create this beautiful piece? We know a couple of ladies who did but need your help to identify others and the piece they contributed. There will be a paper on the piano to help find this out. Thank you for your help. The wall hanging will be on display for a long time

The Home Visitation Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for anyone interested in taking her home. Please contact Reta Pemrick (518-677-3500) or Mamie Dearstyne (518-677-7272) if you are interested.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wed, Nov 20 – 7:00 – Pastoral Council
Mon, Nov 25 – 7:00 – Thanksgiving Service, Shushan UMC
Sun, Dec 8 – 4:00 – Reconciliation Service



Prayer List:

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

Please pray for the continued recovery of Theresa Abel, Harriet Wescott, Fr. William Cahill, Tena Rioux, Paul, Olga Rogers, Cody Pulver, Bernie Bourgeois, Larry McCauley, Lorraine Denick, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Pam Markowsky, Jason Clapper, Wiley, Bruce and Liz Bowes, Tina Rowland

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.

A Coffee Hour is held on the first Sunday of the month.

The Salem Food Pantry is looking for cereals, snack bars, mac n cheese, canned meats, and toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. Thank you for your support of your local Food Pantry.

News from St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus

-Christmas magnets will be for sale from Nov 3 – Nov 10 for \$3.00 each. Please see John Lynch.

-Memorial Mass – Thurs, Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick’s Church. Rev. James Walsh celebrant

-Annual Dinner, Nov. 17th – 3:00 PM, Cambridge American Legion. Call Bob Shay for information and reservations (518-677-3954). Mike Russert, guest speaker

All are invited to these events.

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
11/10/19	8:30 AM	S. Wilk	R. Sheffield C. Farringer D. Farringer
11/17/19	8:30 AM	J. Solan	R. Sheffield L. Rasmussen D. Farringer
Altar Rosary Cleaning:		Nov 10-Joann, Carolyn Nov 17- Lonnie, Rosemary	

Mass Intentions

11/10/19	8:30 AM	For Doug Carrolan Req. by Tom and Don Eighmey
11/17/19	8:30 AM	For Francis Birka and Dickie DeWeese Req. by Clyde and Carolyn DeWeese

Stewardship of Treasure – November 3

Offertory - \$735.00
 Votives - \$45.00
 Energy - \$370.00
 Miscellaneous - \$80.00

The Second Collection this week is for
 The Repair and Improvement Fund

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 The Evangelist

We are running a deficit this year.
 Adding just \$1.00 a week to your offering
 would make a great difference.

Thank you for your generosity!

An **MS Support Group** meets at Proudfit Hall in Salem on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please call James Harmon if you have questions (518-791-4505).

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.

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