

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.

Face Masks etc ... - The covid infection rates in our community continue to increase. You are encouraged but not required to wear a face mask during our services and in other large groups. If you are eligible to receive a booster shot, please give serious consideration to doing so.

Dear friends,
If we do not know what tools we have, we cannot use them to make happen what we want to occur. This bit of wisdom from pop psychology would most likely have been recognized by Jesus. He continually tells us that we have the tools needed to live in the kingdom of God. The things that we need are here and available but in many cases we are unable or unwilling to access them. Our own faith, as minimal as we might consider it to be, can uproot old and destructive patterns of behavior and replace them with caring and reconciled relationships.

When the disciples confront new situations and are asked to respond out of their personal resources, they immediately sense they lack what they need and look outside themselves for help. Jesus does not honor this instinctive move. Instead, he directs them inside and asks them to reappraise what they might bring to the situation. Jesus sees more in his followers than they see in themselves and he is continually urging them to reconsider who they are and what they can do. The message of our Gospel today is that we need to be aware that we possess all that we need to bring about the kingdom of God. The powerful imagery of today's gospel shows us that we don't need more but rather we just need confidence in the gifts that we have and in what we can do. We are not called to heroic effort but rather simply to serve as usual

In Christ,
Jeff Peck

Holy Cross Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 3rd in the Day Chapel at 6:30PM.

Jeff Peck's last day in the parish will be Sunday, October 23rd.

Weekday mass will resume the week of October 25th.

We will be changing to permanent hymnals this Advent. You have the opportunity to dedicate one or more hymnals to loved ones with a bookplate that will be placed inside each hymnal. The forms will be available in the church next weekend. We are asking for a donation of \$15.00 per hymnal.

Adopt-A-Soldier – The CDA has placed a basket near the door for our Adopt-A-Soldier donations which provide support to soldiers worldwide. The basket will be available until November 1st. A list of suggested items is available in the church.

The food pantry is in need of donations – cereal, boxed rice or pasta dishes, canned meats like tuna and spam, soup. They could also use snack foods for kids. Your help is very appreciated

Birthright Baby Bottle Boomerang In celebration of Respect Life Month, Birthright of the Capital District, located in Ballston Spa, will conduct its annual Baby Bottle Boomerang after all masses on October 1 & 2. Birthright offers hope, encouragement, and compassion to pregnant women in difficult situations, as well as formula, diapers, clothes, and layettes with newborn necessities. Baby bottles will be distributed for you to take home and fill with coins, cash, or a check. Bottles should be brought back to church the following weekend and placed in the designated Birthright box. Your gift can be made in honor of a special person, whose name and address you list on the insert in the bottle. Birthright will then mail a card to the person being honored. Thank you for your continued support.



- Oct 2 – 9:15-10:30 – Family Faith Formation – “Who is Jesus?”
- Oct 6 – 9-10:30 – A Well-Built Faith discussion group Chapters 7-8
- Oct 13 – 9-10:30 – A Well-Built Faith discussion group Chapters 9-11
- Oct 16 – 9:15 – 10:30 – 1st Reconciliation Prep
- Oct 20 – 9 – 10:30 - A Well-Built Faith discussion group Chapters 12-15
- Oct 23 – 9:15-10:30 – 1st Reconciliation Prep
- Oct 27 – 9 – 10:30 – A Well-Built Faith discussion group Chapters 16-18, conclusion
- Oct 30 – 9:15-10:30 – Family Faith Formation – “Friends of Jesus”

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE: The 50th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

Contacting Fr. Peter - Call the office at Immaculate Conception. 518 686 5064. Outside of office hours, leave a message including your name and number. If the need is urgent, please call or text Jeff Peck, 518 683 6461 or email, jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

Mass Intentions		
10/2/22	8:15 AM	For the people of the parish
10/9/22	8:15 AM	For the people of the parish

Liturgical Roles	
Sunday, October 2 – 8:15 AM	
Lector: Donna Farringer	
Eucharistic Minister: Ed Harrington	
Greeter: Brian Keel	
Sunday, October 9 – 8:15 AM	
Lector: John Solan	
Eucharistic Minister: Roseann Harrington	
Greeter: Brian Keel	
Altar Rosary Cleaning: October 2 – Pat, Roseann, Margaret W. October 9 – Joann, Carolyn, Donna	

Prayer List:
Please pray for the continued recovery of Paul, Cody Pulver, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Wiley Dearstyne, Lorraine Denick, Daniel W, A. Russell, Bernadette, Kate, Jean, Mary, John Schauer, Jeannette Davis, Steven MacNeil, Kathi McCauley, Laraine Luhmann, Clyde and Carolyn DeWeese, Kate Markowsky, Alexa, Will, Pete, Peter Allen Niles, Kate, Dan Dearstyne, Adam and April, Mary and Lorraine and for the repose of the soul of Gail Vogel and the consolation of her family.

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

Stewardship of Treasure – September 25

Offertory - \$1418.00
Second Collection - \$20.00
Miscellaneous - \$40.00

To balance our budget this year, our in-person offertory should average \$1,100.00 weekly.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please consider continuing to make regular donations to ensure the parish's financial survival. 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.