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April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

On Sunday, please:

1. **Contact tracing information will be gathered on site. It is no longer necessary to bring a completed form with you.**
2. Please bring your own mask and hand sanitizer.
3. Maintain social distance.
4. Remain masked for the entire mass, except for communion.
5. An usher will direct you to a seat and direct you to exit when mass is concluded.
6. Leave the property immediately upon exiting the church.
7. Bathrooms will be closed, except for serious health emergencies.

The obligation to attend mass on Sunday remains suspended.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only due to social distancing requirements. Please call St. Patrick's parish office at 518-677-2757 for an appointment.

The 4:00 PM Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Reservations will now be required for the 8:30 AM mass at Holy Cross in Salem. Please call 518-677-2757 to make a reservation. Leave your name, how many will be attending and please repeat your phone number twice. No reservations will be accepted after 11:45 on Friday morning. Masks will be required.

At St. Patrick's, we intend to be outside every Sunday for the 11:00 AM mass. Please bring your own chair and your mask. If inclement weather is predicted, we will send a notice on Flocknote and leave a message on the answering machine. Reservations for inside mass will be required. Please call 518-677-2757 by 11:45 on Friday morning.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 43

Weekly Scripture

Mon, April 19 – Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tues, April 20 – Acts 7:51 – 8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wed, April 21 – Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
Thurs, April 22 – Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Fri, April 23 – Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Sat, April 24 – Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69
Sun, April 25 – Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday mass on YouTube. Fr. Ed Kacerguis will be the celebrant with Maureen Cossey serving as music minister. Mass will be available at 10 AM on Sunday morning and later. It can be accessed at YouTube channel is named "St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich, NY" the link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies

Third Sunday of Easter - Resurrection

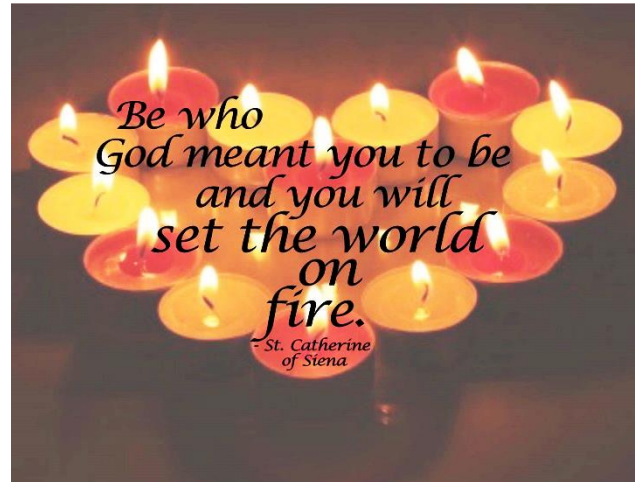
Loving Father,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and in that moment offered new life
to the whole world.
Creation was made anew in you.
Help us to see your work in the world
in the countless ways you transform every dark thing
and bring it into the light of your love.
Transform our hearts,
enlighten our minds,
and help us to hope in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Always Hope

Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. In Jesus, the Scripture texts about the suffering messiah are fulfilled. The people expected a different kind of messiah, a ruler who would overthrow the Romans, so many were not sure what to make of Jesus. After his death, many were no longer interested in him. Yet his disciples continued to proclaim his death and resurrection.

It is interesting that the disciples continued to emphasize Jesus' death. In today's world, people are uncomfortable with suffering and prefer that others overcome theirs quickly. An individual who has undergone a difficult experience might be told to "get over it" as quickly as possible. They might begin to understand that others do not want to share in their pain, leaving them to process the grief and deal with their troubles in isolation. When suffering is something to get over and forget about, it has no possibility of being redeemed. No chance for hope is offered.

The Church has a tremendous gift to offer our culture. She offers the knowledge that suffering does not have the last word—that pain and death, and any darkness can be transformed. That suffering can be transformed does not diminish the pain. Imagine the terrible pain Jesus experienced on the cross. Nothing about that was okay. But we believe that pain can be transformed. That is the essence of resurrection. When we unite our sufferings to Jesus, when we invite him into them with us, we realize the possibility of resurrections in our lives. Always there is hope.



Set the World on Fire like Catherine of Siena. April 29 is the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena, a fourteenth-century Italian mystic, prophet, and activist. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed Catherine one of the first women Doctors of the Church. On **April 27, 7-8:30 pm**, we will share the words and works of Catherine of Sienna to tell her story. Like Catherine, we are called to be mystics, prophets, and activists who love and serve our neighbors, advocate for justice, challenge abuses of power by church and civil authorities, and work for reform, reconciliation, and healing. To join us on Zoom, contact maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org. There is one upcoming session in the **Drink from the Well** series: May 25, Trust All Shall be Well with Julian of Norwich. The cost is \$12 per session.



Please continue to pray for our parish community as we take these first, difficult and uncomfortable steps toward gathering again. Please pray for the continued recovery of Theresa Abel, Paul, Cody Pulver, Bernie Bourgeois, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Pam Markowsky, Jason Clapper, Wiley Dearstyne, Theresa Kautz, Dena Veith, Lorraine Denick, Michael Carney, Dorothy Sokol, Daniel W, A. Russell, Bernadette, Ed and Kate, Jean, Fr. Lucian Beltzner, Mary

Mass intention

***~April 18 – for Ellen and Douglas Carrolan
Requested by Bernie Bourgeois
~April 25 – for Doris Donahue
Requested by Anna M. Grom***

Cards and letters may be sent to Sr. Gussie at:
Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess CSJ
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Cards and letters may be sent to Fr. Lucian Beltzner at St. Joseph's Priory, 416 Third Street, Troy, NY 12180

Diocesan Appeal

This year has put a strain on diocesan finances. We are not out of line with what many parishes have raised but the Diocese will have a great deal of difficulty functioning with its income so drastically reduced. If you are able to make any donation to the Appeal, it would be very helpful in enabling the Diocese to continue its work. Donations may be made by responding to the mailing you received, by going online at donate.thediocesanappeal.org, or by requesting one of the Appeal envelopes.

**Offertory for the last week: \$1837.00
Miscellaneous – \$620.00**

Thank you for being so generous in this difficult time.

Please consider continuing to make regular donations during this period to ensure the parish's financial survival. You can mail your collection envelope to Box 357, Salem NY 12865 or leave it in the basket when the Church is open on Sunday mornings. I have also arranged for electronic giving which is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations

The 2021 Offering envelopes are available inside the rear door of the rectory. The outside door is unlocked.

For information and great resources check our web site www.battenkillcatholic.org and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page.

Communications If you think someone is especially isolated or lonely, please let us know by email, text, or call. If you know someone who does not use email or is not receiving our Flocknotes, please forward contact information to us at parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org.

Contact Information

Office telephones are checked a few times a week, but the outgoing message is changed as we receive new information.

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