

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
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**July 5, 2020**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**To accommodate reopening preparations and sanitizing requirements the church will no longer be open other than for Sunday mass.**

Mass will be celebrated outside as often as possible. A decision based on the weather forecast will be made on Thursday morning and announced on the Cluster Facebook page and via Flocknote.

If we are inside on Sunday, please call **518 677 2757** or email the parish office between 8:30AM and 12:00PM on Friday morning to be included in the number permitted to enter the church on Sunday. If we have reached the maximum permitted number, bring a chair to sit outside, a minister will bring communion to you. Please use the area between the rectory and the church. An usher will assist in getting you settled and ensure you receive communion.

On Sunday:

Please:

1. Bring a completed Health/ Contact Form with you. A form is attached to this newsletter. (We will provide a copy if you don't have one)
2. Arrive 1/2 hour early.
3. Please bring your own mask and hand sanitizer.
4. Maintain social distance.
5. Remain masked for the entire mass, except for communion.

6. An usher will direct you to a seat and direct you to exit when mass is concluded.
7. Leave the property immediately upon exiting the church.
8. Bathrooms will be closed, except for serious health emergencies.
9. Bring a lawn chair if we are outside.

**Please consider this:**

There is no obligation to come to mass. There is no expectation that you attend. Uneasy about coming, find the requirements the state and the diocese have given us to operate under too confusing or offensive, stay home. Most importantly, those who are older, have medical conditions, or are frail are strongly urged to stay home. There are ample opportunities online and on television to view mass. Masses within our cluster are available online and information is included in this newsletter.

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**There is still a need for volunteers:**

We will need to disinfect the church after each Mass. The cleaning requirements will mean, in the short term, that the churches will only be open for mass on Sunday. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP GREET/USHER AND TO HELP DISINFECT THE CHURCH EACH WEEK.** Please email me or call if you are willing to help. Once we have sufficient cleaners, the Saturday vigil can begin.

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, Fr. William Cahill, Tena Rioux, Paul, Olga Rogers, Cody Pulver, Bernie Bourgeois, Larry McCauley, R. Wescott, Christine Tomlinson, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Pam Markowsky, Jason Clapper, Wiley Dearstyne, Theresa Kautz, Dena Veith, Lorraine Denick, Michael Carney, Dorothy Sokol.

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](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies)

**E-giving received: \$220.00**  
**Offertory for the last week: \$987.00**  
**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.battkenkillcatholic.org/donations](http://www.battkenkillcatholic.org/donations).

For information and great resources check our web site [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org) and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page

#### **Communications:**

We would ask your help in two ways. First, 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](mailto:parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org)

#### **Weekly Scripture**

**Mon, July 6 – Hos 2:16,17c-18, 21-22, Mt 9:18-26**

**Tues, July 7 – Hos 8:4-7,11-13, Mt 9:32-38**

**Wed, July 8 – Hos 10:1-3, 7-8,12, Mt10:1-7**

**Thurs, July 9 – Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9, Mt 10:7-15**

**Fri, July 10 – Hos14:2-10, Mt10-16-23**

**Sat, July 11 –Isaiah 6:1-8, Mt 10:24-33**

**Sun, July 12 – Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 12:1-23**

#### **Contact Information**

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

Holy Cross 518 854 7626

St. Patrick's 518 677 2757

Email – for both parishes:

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns:

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Sr. Gussie Please call St. Patrick's or use the parish email address

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## Contact Log

Bring this form with you and leave it in the basket as you reach the church entrance. Please print.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your answers below.** If you reply YES to any of the questions below, STAY HOME or RETURN HOME. You will need to contact your healthcare provider for assessment and testing.

Do you have a fever (temperature over 100.3 F) without having taken any fever reducing medication?

Yes    No

Loss of Smell or Taste?            Yes    No

Muscle Aches?                      Yes    No

Sore Throat?                        Yes    No

Cough?                                Yes    No

Shortness of Breath?            Yes    No

Chills?                                 Yes    No

Have you experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms such as Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite?

Yes    No

Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19?            Yes    No

Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by medical professional or a local public health official?

Yes    No

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