



**May eternal life be granted to those members of our parish family who have passed from this life to the next ...**

Saturday, April 14

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

Sunday, April 15

†For Dick O’Hearn from Bob Shay

Saturday, April 21

†For Frances Scaglione from daughter, Luanne

†For John Vincent and Rosemary Cody, John Vincent Cody II Ed Cody and James Miller from Kathy Miller

Sunday, April 22

†For Walton Eddy and Sandy Carelli from Margaret Eddy

†For Jim Dupuis from wife, Judy

If you or someone you know are in need of prayer support or you are interested in being added to the list of those who pray, please call Peg Hopkins at 677-3907.

**We ask for your prayers for the following:** Rebecca Young, Barbara Rogan Badger, John Schauer, Cody Pulver, Toni Snell, Bernie Bourgeois, Doris Rogan, Leo DiPalma, Jen Coombs, Bill Carroll, Jean Fleming. Call the Parish Office to place someone on our list.

**Prayer List:** Ways to remember those in need of prayer are the Book of Intentions at the rear of the church or call Peg Hopkins (518-677-3907) to be added to our prayer chain. If you wish to place someone on prayer list, please call the parish office (518-677-2757) or email [parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org)

Please visit the Parish Website: [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org). You can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access our great Adult Faith Formation materials and more from there.

**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](mailto:pastoralcare@battenkillcatholic.org).

The Vigil returns to Holy Cross on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**Prayer for Union with God**

O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, your love for us is so immense that you gave us your Son to live and dine with us, indeed, to be one with us. Through your Son, we have come to know you, and to be united with you. As we continue to share in the Eucharist at the liturgy, bring us into union with you. Help us to be open to your Word in the Scriptures and to allow it to guide our lives as we seek to be perfected in Christ. We ask this 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.

**Presence of Christ**

If you have ever committed a wrong for which you were terribly ashamed, today’s First Reading may provide comfort. Peter seems to be chastising those who have gathered around him. And indeed, a large group has gathered in amazement, since Peter had just healed a lame man. After asking why the people stare in wonder, Peter confronts them about their role in Jesus’ death. But he is not sending a guilt-ridden message; he wants the people to know of God’s mercy. Even though they turned their backs on Jesus, God will forgive. God’s mercy is open to us, no matter the wrong we have done.

Peter knows well how Christ not only awaits us to come into union with him but is searching us out. It is reasonable to surmise that Peter would have been among the disciples to whom Jesus appeared, saying, “Peace be with you.” Two disciples had just announced how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Still, the disciples were startled to see Jesus. Without prompting, Jesus explains that he is the fulfillment of what has been written in the Scriptures.

Those in the room comprise the witnesses, but we are also witnesses. In the document “Disciples Called to Witness,” the bishops of the United States state that “it is through common human experiences that the Word of God is revealed to us.” Are you open to seeing God in the actions of the Holy Spirit in your life?

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

Wed, April 18 – 9:30 AM – Book Discussion, Parish House

**First Eucharist.** On Sunday, April 22, we will welcome Marlene Colon-Espinosa, Abigale Harding, and Olivia Tyrer to the Table of the Lord at the 11 am mass. Please join us for cake after mass to celebrate with the girls and their families.

**Construction Help:** On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will begin removal of sheetrock in the parish house to prepare the installation of the new accessible entrance and bathroom. Help is needed to demolish, remove debris and clean up the site. There is a pad on the kitchen counter to sign up. Please bring your own work gloves. We will begin at 9:00 AM.

**Book Discussion:** Our next selection is "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. At the age of 36, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. "When Breath Becomes Air" is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both. Our first meeting will be April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Parish House. Please read the Foreword and Prologue. Any questions please contact Mary Rosmus at [MaryRosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:MaryRosmus@battenkillcatholic.org).

**Parking:** The parking area in front of the church will be partially used during the work done in the parish house. Please do not use any of the open spaces if you are able to walk the short distance from the rear lot to the church. There are a few of us for whom walking is very difficult. Please allow them to use the few spaces available. Thank you.

Liturgical Role					
		Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server
4/14/18	4:00 PM	B. Shay	M. Dearstyne M. Rubino R. Pemrick		
4/15/18	11:00 AM	R. MacDougall	J. Dupuis T. Koon D. MacDougall	M. Winchester G. Browne	L. Winchester
4/21/18	4:00 PM	J. Peck	A. Dunigan P. Dunigan M. Dearstyne		
4/22/18	11:00 AM	P. Sica	M. Rosmus S. Sawyer S. Stiner	D. McMorris C. Aiken	E. Young
Counters:		Mon, April 16 -Rich and Mary Mon, April 23- Angie and Reta			

**FAITH FORMATION**

Sun, April 15 – 9:30 – Faith Formation  
 Mon, April 16 – 6:30 – 7:45 – Sacramental Prep  
 6:30 – 8:00 – Adult Bible Study  
 Sun, April 22 – 9:30 – Faith Formation  
 11:00 - First Eucharist  
 Mon, April 23 – 6:30 – 7:45 – Sacramental Prep  
 6:30 – 8:00 – Adult Bible Study  
 Sun, April 29 – 9:30 – Faith Formation  
 Mon, April 30 – 6:30 – 7:45 – Sacramental Prep  
 6:30 – 8:00 – Adult Bible Study

There will be no Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, April 22 because of First Eucharist.

**Adult Faith Website:** Earth Day, April 22, celebrates the natural beauty of our planet and reminds us of what we can do to keep it healthy. Care for God’s Creation is not just a catchy slogan. It is one of the major themes of Catholic Social teaching. Learn more on our "Justice" tab.

**THANK YOU.** We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your **CRS Rice Bowl** in the baskets at the doors of the church. It would be extremely helpful if you could please count the money and replace any change with cash or a check made out to St. Patrick’s Church.

**Spring Enrichment 2018, Companions along the Journey,** will be held at the College of Saint Rose from Wednesday, May 16 – Friday, May 18. The program’s overall schedule appeared in the March 8 issue of The Evangelist and is also available at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/catechistformation/spring-enrichment-2018>. Register online by April 20 for the best prices.

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, April 25 – Social meeting

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – April 8**

Offertory - \$1689.00  
 Candles - \$21.00  
 Easter - \$170.00  
 Easter Flowers - \$10.00  
 Holy Land - \$10.00  
 Living Faith - \$6.00  
 Cemetery - \$391.00

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