



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

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

Saturday, April 28

†For Stanley Buck from the Russert Family  
†For Joanne Buck from the Russert Family

Sunday, April 29

†For Dick O'Hearn from the Dupuis Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of  
Jim and Gerry Dupuis from the Dupuis Family

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 and for the repose of the souls of Fran Button and Toni Snell and the consolation of their families. 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.

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

**Prayer for Unity**

Dear God,  
through your Son, the Good Shepherd,  
we have been comforted when weary  
guided when we have lost our way,  
and protected from those who seek to scatter the flock.  
We are grateful that the Shepherd's love is such  
that he laid down his life for us.

United now in Baptism,  
Help us to be one flock, one Body in Christ.  
May we always heed the Word of the Shepherd,  
listening to his voice when others seek to lead us astray.  
Grant that we may continue to follow his path,  
so that we may know you more deeply.  
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.

**An Intimate Relationship**

What could be more comforting than the images in today's Second Reading and Gospel? From the First Letter of John, we hear that we are children of God. We are not just disciples or followers, but children. We have an intimate relationship with our Creator. God provides only good things for his children and included in those good things is transformation. We are told at the end of this reading that we will be like God. We will be holy. We will be saints, and as saints we will see God. What could be better but to live with and see God?

The image from the Gospel resonates with us, even if we have never met a shepherd and know little about sheep. We know from this reading that the Good Shepherd would give up his life for the sheep, and that an intimacy born from love exists between the two. We might consider here that the work is not only the shepherd's. Knowing someone requires spending time. Have you left your relationship with God up to the Good Shepherd, or are you doing your part by spending time alone in quiet with God, perhaps for a few minutes after Mass? Or do you spend time alone with the Word of God to know Christ? How have you taken the time so that you can know Christ just as the Father knows him? Do you know the sound of the Good Shepherd's voice?

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

**First Eucharist:** Hands can represent giving, growing and unity. Throughout history, from cave walls to classrooms around the world, hand prints have been used as symbols of both individuality and community. Our First Eucharist hand print banners are a visual reminder that we are all Children of God and part of our Church. **Marlene Colon-Espinosa, Abigale Harding, and Olivia Tyrer** have added their unique hand prints to the growing community of hand prints made by First Communicants of years past. Theirs are on the altar, as they join us in offering the bread and wine, "the work of human hands," which will become the bread of life and our spiritual drink. Welcome Marlene, Abby, and Olivia to the Table of the Lord!

Please join us for cake after mass to celebrate with the girls and their families.

**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.

We are looking for additional counters to help count the collection on Monday mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Jeff or call the parish office.

Liturgical Role					
		Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server
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
4/28/18	4:00 PM	M. Dearstyne	B. Shay R. Pemrick M. Rubino		
4/29/18	11:00 AM	S. Sawyer	D. Darcy J. Dupuis T. Koon	R. Goff A. Goff	J. Mathers
Counters: Mon, April 23- Angie and Reta Mon, April 30 - John and Roger					

**FAITH FORMATION**

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.

**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).

**Knights of Columbus**

Tuesday, April 25 – Social meeting

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – April 15**

Offertory - \$1411.00  
Candles - \$16.00  
Easter - \$25.00  
Holy Land - \$3.00  
Living Faith - \$1.00  
Cemetery - \$105.00

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