



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

Sunday, August 7

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

†For Shirley Thompson from husband, Frank

Sunday, August 14

†For the people of the parish

We ask for your prayers for the following:

Emily Strobel, Selma Eckert, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Cody Pulver, Kim C. Passalug, Betsy Fleming, Phil Drago, George Richard, Wiley Dearstyne, Laurie Pawlik, Dan Walsh, Michael Carney, Fran Carlson, A. Russell, Bernadette, Kate, Amy and Rick, Don Cummings, Veronica Piekarz, John Schauer, Peg Hopkins, Mike Russert, Margaret Eddy, Marie Buckholtz, Peter Allen Niles, Mike Jaworski, Dan Dearstyne, Jennifer Wright. Call the office to place someone on our list.

Prayer List: If you wish to place someone on bulletin prayer list, please call the parish office (518-677-2757) or email parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org

Please visit the Parish Website: 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 11:30 AM mass or by appointment. Please call St. Patrick's parish office at 518-677-2757 for an appointment

Daily mass will be cancelled if there is a funeral scheduled for that day.

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

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,

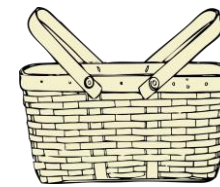
I was once asked in a course entitled "Theological Anthropology," what is the meaning and purpose of life? At the time, my first thoughts were, what time does this class end? Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this somber reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbor. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the times of tall people and short character, steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce: of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom."

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

In Christ,
Jeff Peck



Thank you to Dawn MacDougall and her crew for a wonderful church picnic last Sunday. About 30 parishioners attended and everyone had a fun time.

Monday, August 15th, **The Feast of the Assumption** is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in Hoosick Falls for those who wish to observe the feast.

Liturgical Roles	
Sunday, August 7 – 11:30 AM	
Lector:	Sue Sawyer
Eucharistic Minister:	Reta Pemrick
Sunday, August 14 – 11:30 AM	
Lector:	Mollie Bell
Eucharistic Minister:	Susan Preece

MAY
**CHRIST'S
WORD**

**DWELL IN YOUR SOUL
WITH ALL ITS RICHES!**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – July 31, 2022

Offertory – \$930.00
Mission Appeal - \$146.00
Peter's Pence - \$135.00

To balance our budget this year, our in-person offertory should average \$1,200.00 weekly.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please continue to make regular donations. If you use envelopes, please drop it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish house. Electronic giving is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations

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 St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757

Dear God, we pray fervently for the people of Ukraine. The situation they now face is not a new one. The name Ukraine translates to "borderland," and this nation has been viewed for centuries as just that - a bordering land waiting to be conquered. This nation and its people have seen struggles with Russia for a century, and over 13,000 have already died in the small-scale war that has been raging in the southwestern area of Ukraine since 2014. They are a resilient people who live in a volatile area of the world that has seen regular war and upheaval. Yet Jesus walked the earth in a similar part of the world, plagued by oppression and a ruthless empire. Your word promises in Isaiah 26:3 that, "you keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." We ask that the people of Ukraine may be safe, secure, and that they would know not only peace of earth but your true and unwavering peace.