



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

Saturday, February 17

†For Frances Scaglione from daughter, Luanne

Sunday, February 18

†For Fred Peters from Peg Hopkins

†For the Buckholtz and Torkelson families from the family

Saturday, February 24

†For the people of the parish

Sunday, February 25

†For the people of the parish

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, Sandy Buckholtz, Barbara Rogan Badger, John Schauer, Cody Pulver, Toni Snell, Dick O’Hearn, Bernie Bourgeois. 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).

**Inclement Weather:** If school in Cambridge is delayed or closed, all parish activities are cancelled for the day and evening. If you are ill, please respect the other members of our community and stay home from mass and parish activities.

First Sunday of Lent - A Prayer to Be Open to the Spirit

Father of all creation,  
You set a bow in the skies as a sign of the covenant  
that you made with every living being.  
Never again would a flood purify the earth  
by destroying all of its creatures.  
In your mercy, you sent your Son to save us from our sins.  
Through our Lord’s Death and Resurrection, we have been  
redeemed.  
Now, in the waters of Baptism, we are cleansed, become your  
children,  
and are granted a new life with you.  
Open us to the Spirit during this Lent  
that we may seek to deepen our lives in you.  
As we prepare to live out our baptismal call,  
may we heed your words to repent and believe in the Gospel.  
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.

WE PRAY LENT

We follow the Cross of Jesus, built from the very foundation  
beams of our Church, as we begin our Lenten liturgies of  
conversion. Purples signify our yearnings for a change of heart,  
becoming Christ’s People of reconciling love. Pussy willows  
remind us of a new springtime of faith. Our bells are stilled; one  
water font gathers us as one people of the Creed. In the name  
of God we are assured of boundless mercy as we sing the  
ancient Greek of our early Church: “Kyrie eleison, Christe  
eleison, Kyrie eleison”. We listen intently to the living Word of  
God. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 80:  
“Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come.  
Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.” Our  
Gospel Alleluia is silenced until its joyful strains return at Easter.  
We gather around the Lord’s Table as our lives are transformed  
into the Body and Blood of Christ. We sing this mystery: “We  
proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.” Our Communion unites us as a sacred  
people of mission. We remember that “We are called, we are  
chosen. We are Christ for one another. We are harvest and  
hunger. We are question and creed. We are promised into  
tomorrow.” We are sent out in reflective silence, filled with faith,  
awe, and love as People of the Cross, Disciples of Christ.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** The Lenten Fish Fry will be held each Friday  
during Lent beginning Friday, February 16 from 4:30 – 7:00.  
This year it will be held at Embury Methodist Church. Please  
sign up on the table in the back of the church if you can help.  
Any questions, please call Rich MacDougall (677-2457).

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 19 – parish office closed  
Wed, Feb 21 – 9:30 – Book Discussion  
6:30 – Pastoral Council meeting  
Fri, Feb 16 – Fish Fry  
Fri, Feb 23 – Fish Fry

Liturgical Role

		Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server
2/17/18	4:00 PM	J. Peck	B. Shay A. Dunigan P. Dunigan		
2/18/18	11:00 AM	R. MacDougall	M. Rosmus S. Sawyer S. Stiner	D. DeSantis D. Mathers	L. Winchester
2/24/18	4:00 PM	M. Dearstyne	R. Pemrick M. Rubino		
2/25/18	11:00 AM	P. Sica	D. Darcy J. Dupuis T. Koon	N. Dupuis J. Podolec	E. Young

Counters: Wed, Feb 21 - Angie and Reta  
Mon, Feb. 26 – John and Roger

Lenten Schedule

**Stations of the Cross for Children and Families –**  
Sunday, March 18 at 9:30 AM.  
**Reconciliation Services –**  
Monday, March 5 – 6:00 PM – Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, March 11 – 3:00 PM - Holy Cross  
Monday, March 19 – 6:30 PM – St. Patrick’s  
**Lenten Fish Fry –** Fridays – 4:30 – 7:00 PM at Embury Methodist Church  
**St. Patrick’s Day dinner –** Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.  
**Lenten Luncheons –** Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon at Embury Methodist Church (St. Patrick’s hosting on February 27)  
**Holy Thursday –** March 29  
5:00 PM at Holy Cross (dinner following)  
**Good Friday –** March 30  
5:00 PM at St. Patrick’s  
**Easter Vigil** at Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls - 7:30 PM  
St. Joseph’s, Greenwich – 8:00 PM  
**Easter Sunday –** 8:30 AM at Holy Cross  
11:00 AM at St. Patrick’s

FAITH FORMATION

Sun, Feb 18 and 25 - no class  
Mon, Feb 26 – Adult Bible Study

**Adult Faith Website: Women in the Life of the Church.** You will find many Lenten resources on the "Lent" tab, including an online retreat featuring the Women of the Passion.

**Adult Bible Study** resumes on February 26 at St. Patrick's and on February 27 at Holy Cross. Please be prepared to discuss Lesson 8—John 13:1–14:14. (A detailed schedule may be found on the Programs tab of our Adult Faith Website.) The second part of John's Gospel begins with Jesus' washing the disciple's feet at the Last Supper. Its central theme is how Jesus is glorified through his Passion, death and Resurrection. This Lenten study is an excellent time to join our study group.

**Book Discussion:** Our next book will be *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. It is the first of twenty medieval murder mysteries featuring Brother Cadfael, a Benedictine monk. The book is readily available in soft cover. Our first meeting will be February 21, 2018 at 9:30 in the parish house. Subsequent meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome.

**ENCOUNTER LENT:** Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl - and other Lenten resources - from the kitchen counter this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

**Help Needed:** We are planning a special **Stations of the Cross for Children and Families** on Sunday, March 18, at 9:30 am. We need donations of egg cartons - preferably those that contain 15 - 18 eggs. We would also like to have parishioners who are willing to read and/or man a "station." For details, contact Mary Rosmus.

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 27 – Social Meeting

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – February 11

Offertory - \$1142.00  
Candles - \$16.00  
Church heating - \$227.00

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