



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

Saturday, January 12

†For the people of the parish

Sunday, January 13

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Saturday, January 19

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

Sunday, January 20

†For Mary Austin from Ann Nolan

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: Bernie Bourgeois, Phil Sica, Olga Rogers, Doris Rogan, Barbara Rogan Badger, Leo DiPalma, Michael Duclos, Sarah Crepeau, Emily Strobel, Lorraine and Mike Denick, Lois Scheider, Mary Dailey, John Svitak, Maxine Wheeler, Renee Vandenberg, Selma Eckert, Melissa Gregory and for the repose of the soul of James Grifferty and the consolation of his family. 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, call Peg Hopkins (518-677-3907) to be added to our prayer chain or 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.

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.

The Baptism of the Lord - The Beloved Son

Father God,
you made known the Sonship of Jesus
at the moment of his baptism
and announced to all
that you were pleased with him.
Certain of your affirmation,
and living in the power of the Spirit,
Jesus would have the fervor to announce your kingdom:
compassion to forgive sins, heal the sick, and raise the dead;
and courage to face abandonment, betrayal, and death.
Awaken us from our indifference
to the total self-giving of Christ.
Change our passivity to passion
so we might have the fervor, compassion, and courage
to follow in his footsteps.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

2018 Tax Statements are available on the kitchen counter. Any statement not picked up this weekend will be mailed on Monday.

Walking the Way of Hope: A Retreat for Women's Christmas. Thanks to all who made the Epiphany retreat a great success by your attendance and willingness to share your journey of the past year and to "remember forward" into the year to come. A special thanks, too, for your help in cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Baptized and Sent Forth

. At Jesus' birth, the sky fills with angels singing his glory and a star to guide kings from a far-off land to adore and bring him precious gifts. After those marvelous events, Jesus spends thirty years leading a quiet life in Nazareth. In God's time, he comes on the scene while John is baptizing and insists that John baptize him. In that moment the Holy Trinity is revealed, as the Spirit of God descends on Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice from heaven claims Jesus as his beloved Son. Blessed by the Father and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus embarks on his public ministry. His mandate is to bring justice to the nations: to be "a light for the nations, / To open the eyes of the blind, / to bring out prisoners from confinement, / and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

At our Baptism, the Holy Trinity is present as God the Father frees us from sin and gives us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and we become a new creation clothed in Christ and enlightened by him. We are invited to participate in the very life of the Trinity! The rite of Baptism gives us our mandate: to "walk always as a child of the light." Talk with your family or a friend about what those words might mean for the baptized. What is the work of children of the light? Talk with God about what those words might mean in your life. What is the particular work to which God is calling you?

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 21 – Parish Office Closed
Wed, Jan 30 – 6:30 PM – Pastoral Council meeting

The Pastoral Council meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 PM.

If you are a Lector and haven't picked up your Lector Workbook, please see Jeff as soon as possible.

Liturgical Roles
<p>January 12 – 4:00 PM Lector: J. Peck Eucharistic Ministers: P. Dunigan, R. Pemrick, M. Rubino</p>
<p>January 13, 2018 – 11:00 AM Lector: M. Bell Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sawyer, S. Stiner, D. Darcy Greeters: D. DeSantis, D. McMorris Altar Server: E. Young</p>
<p>January 19, 2019 – 4:00 PM Lector: M. Dearstyne Eucharistic Ministers: B. Shay, A. Dunigan, P. Dunigan</p>
<p>January 20, 2019 – 11:00 AM Lector: R. MacDougall Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dupuis, D. MacDougall, F. Muhlig Greeters: J. Podolec, N. Dupuis Altar Server: T. Rossi</p>
<p>Counters: Monday, January 14 – Reta and Sandy Wednesday, January 23 – John and Roger</p>

Announcements to be included in the bulletin should be sent to parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org by 9:00 AM on Wednesday to be included in Sunday's bulletin.

College Planning Strategies Workshop - Jan 24th, 6:30-8:00 PM, Coila Church - with financial representative Bill Bufkins from Thrivent Financial titled "College Planning Strategies - Three things you never knew about college... and how it may save many families thousands!"

You will learn: the importance of incorporating a threefold approach to college planning: integrating academic, admissions, and financial strategies, how your child can stand out from the crowd when applying to college, the "magic of six" concept that makes it a financial necessity to apply to at least six different colleges, why ACT/SAT preparation courses can be more beneficial than applying for scholarships

The workshop is designed for all high school families with a special emphasis on those with sophomores and juniors. Students are welcomed, but not required, to attend along with their family.

FAITH FORMATION

Sun, Jan 13 – 9:30 – Faith Formation/Youth Ministry
Sun, Jan 20 – no classes
9:30 – Parent's meeting, First Eucharist
Sun, Jan 27 – 9:30 – Faith Formation/Youth Ministry

Adult Faith Website: Coming soon! Our new Winter/Spring theme will explore five key characteristics that form our **Catholic Identity:** a sense of sacramentality, a commitment to community, a respect for the dignity of human life and commitment to justice, a reverence for Tradition, and a disposition to faith and hope rather than despair.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – January 6

Offertory - \$1879.00
Candles - \$6.00
Christmas - \$225.00
Living Faith - \$2.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$22.00

Thank you for your continued generosity
The second collection next week is for
Snow Removal

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal: To date, the parish has raised in pledges and donations \$14,440.00 of our \$15,501.00 assessment. We still need \$1,061.00. Thanks to all who have been so generous thus far. If you have not made your pledge or donation, there are envelopes available in the church or you may make your donation online at www.thebishopsappeal.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.

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, January 22 – social meeting