



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

Saturday, January 13

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

Sunday, January 14

†For Adrienne Grifferty from Mark and Roma Walsh

Saturday, January 20

†For Frances Scaglione from daughter Luanne

Sunday, January 21

†For Ray Vogel from Don Cummings

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Mary Cobb
from the 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, Sandy Buckholtz, Barbara Rogan Badger, John Schauer, Cody Pulver and for the repose of the soul of Margaret Felmy and the consolation of her 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 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

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.

Dear Friends,

What's in a name? A lot, if it is God who confers the name. What is the name which God the Creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and me? It is "Adam".

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathes into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being, "Adam", a name which means "earth creature".

So, there is something of the Divine breathed into each one of us, but the name "Adam" is a reminder to stay grounded in our earthiness.

We are stardust, earth creatures, loved into existence as human beings filled with the Breath of God. We are loved into existence, for what or for whom?

Each one of us has a unique and irreplaceable role in the unfolding history of the universe. And there is a name which sounds that role, which the Creator desires each one of us to fulfill.

Jesus of Nazareth knew the power of naming in relation to vocation and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative. We read: "[Jesus] looked at him and said: 'You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas.'" "Cephas" is the Hebrew word for rock which in Greek is "Petros", which in English is "Peter".

At one level, Jesus may be having fun at Simon's expense. Here is a man of such violent mood changes, that he is like shifting sand. So, Jesus thinks of the polar opposite, rock solid, and nicknames him, "Rocky"! Jesus would play on that nickname: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church." (Matt 16:18)

This disciple is to be the solid, secure, rock-like foundation on which the Christian community will be constructed by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus knew the deep-down name of this man, "Peter", and pronounced that name which in fact identified his future role. This tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name "Francis" which indicates that he believes that God chose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

We have another name. We read in the Book of Revelation: "The Spirit is saying to the churches: 'to those who prove victorious [after persecution] I will give the hidden manna and a white stone—a stone with a new name written on it known only to the man who receives it.'" (Rev 2:17)

This is the secret name by which God has known and loved me since the moment of my conception. It is the name which will reveal my true identity as desired by God just as Simon's true identity was revealed by Jesus calling him "Peter".

All will then be revealed at the moment of death, but perhaps it is permitted to anticipate. I hope my heavenly name isn't Knuckles or worse yet, Stinky! In Christ, Jeff Peck

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

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan. 15 – Parish Office Closed

Wed, Jan 17 - 9:30 AM -Book Discussion

Dear friends,

One of my favorite photos is one I took of a drug store in The Netherlands in the town of Deventer. Engraved in the stone front of the building, just over the door are the words "Trust in God, but take your medicine." It is difficult to trust in God. We like to consider ourselves as the masters of our universe. It is difficult to open ourselves to God's call to us when we are unable to trust that we are God's. I am no paragon of this trait. I worry about parish finances, plowing parking lots, my ability and inability to minister among us as well as the insecurity of wondering if I am doing what I should be. I am envious of those who possess certainty.

Throughout history, the greatest have been those who have that special sense of being "called." "Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Christ Jesus..." (1 Corinthians 1:1). Abraham, Moses, Samuel, all ordinary people, heard the divine call to be more and do more. Francis of Assisi, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, and Mother Teresa were all just like us until the divine spark within them ignited their unique destiny. The prophet Isaiah tells of his own special moment "the Lord said to me: you are my servant, to whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 40 9:3). We also learn today of the call of Andrew and Simon Peter. We are called to be different than the rest of the world... "the Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name... You are my servant, Israel" (Isaiah 49:1-3). God knows us and reaches out for us, "I have plans for you - plans for your welfare, not for your woe; plans to give you a future full of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Our call begins with our baptism and unlike some it is likely to be a felt as a gentle tugging or inclination toward a life of faith or service within our faith. Few of us are granted the surety of a sudden experience of a blinding light or a voice from heaven like Paul. Our call is not likely to be one of great sacrifice or even extraordinary accomplishment but like the greatest biblical figure or modern saint it is up to us to respond. As with all things subtle, we will experience doubt, then it's time to trust. In Christ, Jeff Peck

Liturgical Role					
		Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server
1/13/18	4:00 PM	M. Dearstyne	B.Shay R.Pemrick M. Rubino		
1/14/18	11:00 AM	P. Sica	D. MacDougall M. Rosmus S. Sawyer	J. Podolec N. Dupuis	E. Young
1/20/18	4:00 PM	B. Shay	M. Dearstyne		
1/21/18	11:00 AM	S. Sawyer	S. Stiner D. Darcy J. Dupuis	R. Goff A. Goff	J. Mathers
Counters: Wed, Jan 17 – John and Roger Mon, Jan 22 - Rich and Mary					

FAITH FORMATION

Sun, Jan 14 – No classes

Mon, Jan 15 – No classes

Sun, Jan 21 – 9:30 – Faith Formation

Mon, Jan 22 – 6:30 – 7:45 – Sacramental Prep

Sun, Jan 28 – 9:30 – Faith Formation

Mon, Jan 29 – 6:30 – 7:45 – Sacramental Prep

Adult Faith Website: Catholics are called to stand with immigrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters. This is who we are. This is what we do. Learn more about National Migration Week and what you can do to help on the Social Justice tab.

Adult Bible Study resumes on Feb26 with Chapter 13 of the Gospel of John. This is the beginning of the second part of John's Gospel, sometimes called the Book of Glory. Its central theme is how Jesus is glorified through his Passion, death and Resurrection. It begins with Jesus' washing the disciples feet at the Last Supper. This Lenten study is an excellent time to join our study group. Please contact Mary Rosmus by Feb 1 if you are a new participant so that books may be ordered in time.

Souper Bowl of Caring: On February 4, the youth of our parish will prepare and serve a soup lunch after mass to raise money to assist those in need in our community. Teens, please contact Mary Rosmus immediately if you wish to participate in this activity.

TRIPLE "A" SERVICES: There will be a "Come to the Light of Christ Celebration," a "Triple A" prayer service of **Anointing**, **Adoration**, and **Absolution** celebrated by Fr. Marty, on Wednesday evening, January 17, at 6 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich. The evening includes songs of praise, proclamation of the Gospel, Anointing, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Absolution of sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reconciliation. Please join us.

If you need more information, please call our parish office at [518-692-2159](tel:518-692-2159)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – January 7

Offertory - \$1366.25 Candles - \$52.00
Christmas - \$90.00 Assumption - \$2.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$75.00 All Soul's - \$2.00
Religious Ed - \$10.00 Flowers - \$10.00
Immaculate Conception - \$2.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The 2018 offering envelopes are available in the church. If you wish to receive envelopes or don't see yours, please call the office (518-677-2757).

Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, January 23 – Social meeting