



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

Saturday, January 19

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

Sunday, January 20

†For Mary Austin from Ann Nolan

Saturday, January 26

†For Deacon Alex Buckholtz from the family

†For Frances Scaglione from daughter, Luanne

†For Fred Peters from wife, Helen

Sunday, January 27

†For Jim Grifferty, Jr. from Mark and Roma Walsh

†For Fred Peters from wife, Helen

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 Vandenbogaard, Selma Eckert, Melissa Gregory, Todd McLenithan. 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.

Dear friends,

Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto. A former Roman slave who became a playwright wrote these words which have been echoed by many including Montaigne and Maya Angelou. A rough translation is, "I am human therefore nothing human is alien to me." In the midst of a resurgence of white supremacy, anticatholicism in our own communities, the debate over building our uniquely American version of the Berlin Wall, children being allowed to die at our borders, the lack of the recognition of our own faith leadership's need for penance over their failures to protect us from predators, I keep coming back to this idea. Someone who was not a Christian, a Roman, recognized that our common humanness obliges to accept our differences. Gay, straight, transgender, immigrant, refugee, male, female, we all share humanness.

A colleague of mine, an Orthodox priest came to America to minister to a small church, he brought his wife, they have two small children, his congregation loves him and he is one of the sweetest most pastoral people I know. He will soon be required to return to his original home in an area of Ukraine which is in the center of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. He has two infant children, born here, and therefore citizens, our government has delayed processing his visa and so he will have to leave his congregation and it is likely his family will also be forced to return to a place of conflict. He has missed no deadline, is not one of the supposed criminals from Mexico, his crime is where he was born.

A member of our congregations has objected to priests who have celebrated mass for us because of their origins. I have had to emphasize their qualifications, explain away the cultural differences, quell comments like, if he comes back I'm leaving. During my time in Haiti, I frequently was the "only white guy in the room" and had to overcome the disquiet I felt, the subservience some felt I was owed because of my race and focus on the humanness of all those present.

I write this very personal reflection because I am tired. Tired of the pettiness, distrust, backbiting, and smugness around us. Because I am human, nothing human is alien to me. Because I am a follower of Christ, I am in love with everyone. Straight, bi, trans, gay, mentally ill, refugee, immigrant, male, female, believer, atheist, critics, supporters and any other category that other might be.

I implore you (a polite word for beg) to join me in loving all. Tell the world. Don't tolerate intolerance anywhere. Let's stand up for the weak. Let's return to the roots of who we are, followers of Christ with open arms for all.

In the spirit of openness and tolerance, I invite you to attend a special gathering – Welcoming the Stranger – on February 10 at 2:00 PM at the Shushan Presbyterian Church. This program is in response to the shootings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania.

In Christ,
Jeff Peck

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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

2018 Tax Statements are available on the kitchen counter for one more week. Any statement not picked up this weekend will be mailed next week.

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** community service activity that was scheduled for February 2 has been **cancelled** due to the construction in the Parish house. That day will be a regular class day and we will try to schedule a different community service activity later in the year.

Walking the Way of Hope: A Retreat for Women's Christmas will be repeated January 27, 2019, 1-4 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls; 8 W. Notre Dame St. The retreat will be led by Mary Rosmus. This is an invitation to celebrate with friends and to spend time in reflection as the new year begins. Free will offering. Please bring a snack to share. Register by January 24 by sending your name, phone number and email address to youthministry@fpcgf
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 | |
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| January 19, 2019 – 4:00 PM | |
| Lector: M. Dearstyne | Eucharistic Ministers: B. Shay, A. Dunigan, P. Dunigan |
| 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 |
| January 26 – 4:00 PM | |
| Lector: B. Shay | Eucharistic Ministers: M. Rubino, R. Pemrick, M. Dearstyne |
| January 27, 2019 – 11:00 AM | |
| Lector: J. Dupuis | Eucharistic Ministers: S. Preece, M. Rosmus, S. Sawyer |
| Greeters: M. Winchester, C. Aiken | Altar Server: J. Mathers |
| Counters: Wednesday, January 23 – John and Roger | Monday, January 28 – Rich and Gerry |

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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

The parent's meeting scheduled for this morning has been cancelled.

Adult Faith Website: Our new Winter theme explores 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 Scripture and Tradition, and a disposition to faith and hope rather than despair.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – January 13

Offertory - \$1423.00
Candles - \$21.00
Snow Removal - \$5.00
Living Faith - \$1.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$7.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

**The second collection today is for snow removal
The second collection next week is for The Evangelist**

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