



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

Sunday, June 11

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne
 †For Gerry Dupuis and Billy Dupuis from the family
 †For Shirley Thompson from husband, Frank

Sunday, June 18

†For all fathers



We ask for your prayers for the following:

Don Cummings, Mary Rubino, Dan Dearstyne, Dan Walsh, Jeffrey Driscoll, Andrew Picone, Wallace Paprocki, Amy Jennings, Steven Rioux, Fran Carlson

Prayer List: If you wish to place someone on our bulletin prayer list, please call the parish office (518-677-2757) or email parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact us each month if you would like a name to continue to be included.

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.

WINGS OF CARE - A ministry of care for the elderly and homebound. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping or transportation. If you have an hour to give, please call the parish office (518-677-2757)

When we experience any major event in our lives, we do so in some way with food. Birthdays, graduations, homecomings, holidays and even deaths are all events at which we nourish ourselves. We are rarely alone during these moments. The Eucharist, received at our liturgies, is a gift with nourishes us, through our encounter with Christ and through the participation of the community around us. We do not celebrate the Eucharist alone.

Today on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we have our attention directed to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Belgian theologian Father Edward Schillebeeckx wrote that all sacraments are encounters with Christ. In the Eucharist we encounter Christ in a most intimate way just as we encounter those who we share the major events in our life. We come to the Lord's Table together with a shared purpose. Fr. Severine Yagaza, a priest of our diocese, wrote *Come to the Feast: An Invitation to Eucharistic Transformation* (Continuum, 1997). In this work, he describes the Eucharist and the Mass as a gift – an extraordinary, overwhelming gift that is God's self. Our Sunday liturgies are called celebrations for a reason! It is usual that participants in a celebration bring gifts, in our Sunday celebrations we both receive the gift and are gift to one another.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, "while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete." By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity, and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.



Strawberry Festival – Thank you to all who helped with the Strawberry Festival. It was a huge success and we raised \$1208.00. We are so grateful.

The Annual End of Year Trustee Meetings will be held in the parish house at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, June 13. Father Busch will join us. Trustees and Finance Committee chairs are asked to attend. Meetings will be held back-to-back as follows:
 4 pm - St. Patrick's
 4:45 pm - Holy Cross
 5:30 pm - Immaculate Conception



First Eucharist: Today we welcome Elizabeth Marciniak table of the Lord. Congratulations to Ela, her parents and family, and all who

helped her prepare to celebrate her First Eucharist today.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their work on the parking lot. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Food Pantry is in great need of peanut butter, dry cereal and chicken noodle soup to send home in backpacks for weekend meals.

Liturgical Roles
Sunday, June 11– 11:30 AM Lector: Gerry Preece Eucharistic Minister: Mamie Dearstyne
Sunday, June 18– 11:30 AM Lector: Sue Sawyer Eucharistic Minister: Dawn MacDougall

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Faith Formation "The Eucharist"

June 11 – 10:00 – 11:15 - Confirmation Prep
 June 25 – 10:00 – 11:15 – Confirmation Prep
 July 16 – 10:00 – 11:15 – Confirmation Prep



Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith: The Eucharist. This summer we will focus on The Eucharist as "the source and summit of our Christian lives." Many resources are available on our Learning Center website. Among them is Bishop Barron's six-part video series *The Mass*, which is now [streaming online for free](#) for a limited time!



Confirmation - During the week, our young people who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation will be reflecting on faith as a gift and a journey. Join them by reflecting on your own journey of faith. Pray that our candidates may grow in faith and be enabled to see the world with the eyes of faith.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 11:30 AM Mass. After the opening prayers, children are invited to receive a blessing and leave the adult liturgy to experience an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. No pre-registration is necessary and all children in grades K-4 are welcome and encouraged to attend. We ask that a parent accompany any child younger than five.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – June 4, 2023

Offertory – \$1038.00
 Second collections - \$74.00

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