



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

Sunday, June 13

†For Ann Elizabeth (Betty) Frazier, James Alexander Frazier
And James Ambrose Frazier from the family

Sunday, June 20

†For the people of the parish

We ask for your prayers for the following:

Bernie Bourgeois, Doris Rogan, Barbara Rogan Badger, Emily Strobel, Selma Eckert, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Cody Pulver, Kim C. Passalug, Betsy Fleming, Phil Drago, George Richard, Wiley Dearstyne, Laurie Pawlik, Dan Walsh, Theresa Kautz, Dena Veith, Lorraine Denick, Michael Carney, Dorothy Sokol, Fran Carlson, Sandra Vincent, A. Russell, Bernadette, Ed, Kate, Amy and Rick, Don Cummings, Fr. Lucian Beltzner, Frank Pemrick, Veronica Piekarz, John Schauer, Peg Hopkins. Call the 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, 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only due to social distancing requirements. Please call St. Patrick's parish office at 518-677-2757 for an appointment

St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday mass on YouTube. Fr. Ed Kacerguis will be the celebrant. Mass will be available at 10 AM on Sunday morning and later. It can be accessed at YouTube channel named "St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich, NY" the link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies

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 St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757 or at pastoralcare@battenkillcatholic.org.

Dear Friends,

Our reading from St. Paul this weekend reminds us of our own deaths. Paul pronounces that we are not at home in our bodies but rather in the Lord. I often think of my own mortality in terms of two stories I find especially profound.

A man determined that the average lifespan of a male in the U.S. was 75 years. That meant he had, probably, 3,900 Saturdays in his life. When he turned 55, he had 1100 Saturdays left. He bought a large container and filled it with 1100 marbles. Every Saturday he removed one marble and threw it away. He wrote that by watching the marbles in the container diminish, he focused on the more important things in life and how he spent his time. He wrote, "There is nothing like watching your time on earth run out to help get your priorities straight." He continued, "Today, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make to next Saturday, I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little extra time."

In 2005, Joe Queenan, who describes himself as a sneering churl, turned 62. He wrote, in the NY Times, that in his lifetime thus far, he had read at least 6,128 books. He estimated that at his present reading rate of speed that he had 2,138 books left to read in his lifetime. As a writer and book reviewer he is sent hundreds of review copies by publishers every month, each hoping he will review their books. Queenan evaluates whether or not he will read a book by asking the question, "Is this one of the last 2,138 books I have left to read in my life?" The result for him has been the avoidance of books on topics like the genetics of tulips and the best 1000 recipes for Spam.

These anecdotes together with Paul's passage in Second Corinthians should give us pause to examine our lives and how we are living it. When we are young, we think we have all the time in the world, as we grow older, we begin to sense just how quickly this life passes. As we continue our life journeys this week, maybe we should ask ourselves, "How many Saturdays do I have left on earth? How many books do I have left to read?"

How do my actions reflect the important things in my life, loved ones, faith, and community?

In Christ,
Jeff Peck

Fr. Peter will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his ordination on June 19th. Please consider writing a card or note of congratulations for him. A basket will be available at the main entrances to the church.

Mass will be celebrated inside from now on at both St. Patrick's and Holy Cross. Reservations are no longer required and masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.

During the past year, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation was temporarily dispensed by Bishop Scharfenberger. The Bishop has decided to re-instate the general Sunday Obligation for all Catholics within the Diocese of Albany, beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 6th, 2021. There will still be particular exemptions from this obligation for those in certain circumstances such as: frailty, sickness, or injury, those who must care for the infirmed, or those who experience truly high levels of fear from being in public places at this time, they are not obligated to worship in person at Holy Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – June 6
 Offertory –\$680.00
 Second Collections - \$32.00
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Please consider continuing to make regular donations. You can mail it to 17 S. Park Street, Cambridge, NY 12816. If you use envelopes, please include it with your donation or leave a donation at the parish house by inserting it in the mail slot in what was the front door before our renovation. I have also arranged for electronic giving which is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations

Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Website: Finding the Sacred in the Ordinary. Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is only unlocked if you live it! Learn about the season, special feast days, and ways to deepen your prayer life and spirituality during the summer at <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com>.

Confirmation Prep: Candidates, parents, and sponsors will meet on the lawn at 10 am on June 13. 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 and pray that they may know the love of God, grow in faith, and be enabled to see the ways in which they are called to give their lives in love and service to others.

Spiritual Direction. Mary Rosmus has completed **Holy Ground**, the two-year formation program for Spiritual Directors in the Albany Diocese. The ministry of Spiritual Direction is one of deep listening and accompaniment of another on his or her personal path of spiritual growth. A spiritual director strives to help an individual to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship. Mary will be available to people seeking such spiritual companionship and discernment beginning in June. Details will be available soon.

Come to the Water – a Catholic Women's Weekend Retreat, September 25 & 26 at Wiawaka Center for Women on Lake George. The cost is \$140.00, which includes room, 3 meals and event programming. Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening. Space is limited so register early at <https://olaqby.wixsite.com/retreat>.

