



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

Saturday, March 23

†For Frances Scaglione from daughter, Luanne

Sunday, March 24

†For Christopher Piekarz from mother, Veronica

Saturday, March 30

†For the people of the parish

Sunday, March 31

†For Kitty Burgess from the Dupuis Family

†For Sarah Crepeau from the Knights of Columbus

†For Joan Walsh from husband, Bill

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, Emily Strobel, Lorraine Denick, Lois Scheider, Mary Dailey, John Svitak, Renee Vandenbogaard, Selma Eckert, Melissa Gregory, Todd McLenithan, Kelly Matson, Dan Walsh, Jeff Peck, Helen Peters, Cody Pulver, Kim C. Passalugo, Gen Leone. 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 Home Visitation Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for any parishioner interested in taking her home. Please contact Reta Pemrick (518-677-3500) or Mamie Dearstyne (5180677-7272) if you are interested.

Lenten Schedule
Sand Art Stations of the Cross for Children and Families
 Sun, March 24 – 9:30 AM
Stations of the Cross, Thursday, April 4th, 7:00 PM

Reconciliation
 Sun, March 31 - 4:00 PM – Holy Cross
 Wed, April 3 - 7:30 PM - Immaculate Conception

Lenten Fish Fry – Fridays – 4:30 – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's

Lenten Luncheons – Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon at St. Luke's
 March 26
 April 2 – St. Patrick's providing sandwiches & dessert
 April 9

Holy Thursday – April 18
 5:00 PM dinner at St. Patrick's followed by Mass at 7:00 PM

Good Friday – April 19
 5:00 PM at Holy Cross

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 20
 7:30 PM at Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls
 8:00 PM at Notre Dame-Visitation, Schuylerville

Easter Sunday - 8:30 AM at Holy Cross
 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's

Third Sunday of Lent - Patience and Mercy

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you rescued your people and led them to a land of milk and honey. Throughout history, you have patiently allowed your people time to repent. May we be grateful for your mercy and regard this season of Lent as a time to be cultivated in your ways so that we may bear fruit in the future. We look to your Word to guide us on our journey as we seek to know your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to all who helped with the Lenten Luncheon.

Stations of the Cross. April 4, 7 pm. Please join us for an evening of prayer and reflection on what it means to age with faith and patience, with spiritual vigor and true wisdom, with cheerfulness and generosity, with optimism and abiding hope.

As of January 1, Very Reverend Joseph Busch, pastor of Our Lady of Annunciation in Queensbury and Sacred Heart in Lake George was appointed our Canonical Pastor replacing the Diocesan Vicar for Priests.

TRIPLE "A" SERVICES -LENTEN RECONCILIATION There will be a "Lenten Reconciliation Celebration," a *Triple A* prayer service of **Anointing, Adoration,** and **Absolution,** celebrated by Fr. Marty Fisher, on Wed, April 10, at 6 p.m., at St. Joseph's. This will be Fr. Marty's last "Triple A" service before he leaves St. Joseph's and enters retirement.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon, March 25 – 6:30 – 8:00 – Bible Study, Parish House
 Fri, March 29 – 4:30 – 7:00 – Lenten Fish Fry

Repentance

The word "repent" is usually equated with being sorry or seeking forgiveness. During Jesus' time on earth, people would understand repentance to mean a change of life, a total transformation. Change is difficult, even when it is small.

In today's Gospel, we hear a parable about a fig tree that has produced no fruit during three years. Now the time has run out, and the owner wants to cut the tree down. However, the gardener requests that he be allowed to care for the fig tree for one year, cultivating the ground and fertilizing it, so that it will bear fruit in the future.

During Lent, we pray and fast so that we can live out our life in Christ better. These forty days offer an opportunity to reexamine our lives and to seek what God desires of us. This is our chance to be fertilized and cultivated in God's ways so that we can bear fruit in the future. How are you making small changes in your life so that God can transform you? Are there habits of prayer or reading Scripture that you are trying to form? How can you integrate these habits into your life even after Lent? Take some time today to reflect on what in your life is in need of repentance. Remember, Lent will soon be half over.

Liturgical Roles

March 23, 2019 – 4:00 PM
Lector: B. Shay
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Rubino, R. Pemrick, M. Dearstyne

March 24, 2019 – 11:00 AM
Lector: J. Dupuis
Eucharistic Ministers: D. MacDougall, S. Preece, M. Rosmus
Greeters: L. Cuddihy, C. Aiken
Altar Server: J. Mathers

March 30, 2019 – 4:00 PM
Lector: M. Dearstyne
Eucharistic Ministers: B.Shay, A. Dunigan, P. Dunigan

March 31, 2019 – 11:00 AM
Lector: G. Preece
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sawyer, S. Stiner, D. Darcy
Greeters: B. Bromirski, M. Starr
Altar Server: E. Young
Counters: Monday, March 25 -Susan and Judy
 Monday, April 1 -Reta and Sandy

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal: the parish has raised in pledges and donations \$14,940.00 of our \$15,501.00 assessment. We need \$561.00. Thanks to all who have been so generous thus far. Envelopes available in the church or you may make your donation online at www.thebishopsappeal.org

Knights of Columbus
 Tuesday, March 26 – Social meeting

FAITH FORMATION

Sun, March 24 – 9:30 – Sand Art Stations of the Cross for Children and families
 Sun, March 31 – 9:30 – Faith Formation/Youth Ministry

CRS Rice Bowl: *Encounter Dhathcroos family.* The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Stations of the Cross for Children and Families. Sunday, March 24, 9:30 am, in the Parish House. All families are welcome to pray the Way of the Cross using a text applicable to a child's daily life. Children will fill a sand art cross with colored sand as they move from station to station. Teens are invited to participate as readers.

Adult Faith Website: *Catholic Identity.* Last week, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and eating corned beef and cabbage. Many of us know at least some of the legends associated with St. Patrick. Click on our Community tab for **10 things to know about the real St. Patrick.**

Psalms Coloring Pages and Devotional Guide: Week 3: Psalm 19, features a reflection about Joseph Haydn, the great German composer and amateur student of astronomy, and *The Creation*, his musical masterwork which celebrates the creation of the world using texts from the biblical books of Genesis and the Psalms. At the end of Part One is his famous choral piece, based on the opening lines of Psalm 19, "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God".

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – March 17

Offertory - \$1843.00
 Missalettes - \$15.00 Heating - \$5.00
 Evangelist - \$18.00 Candles - \$25.00
 Black, Native America & Latin American Missions - \$10.00

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The second collection next week is for
Catholic Relief Services

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.

Inclement Weather: If school in **Cambridge** is delayed or closed, all parish activities are cancelled for the day and evening. **If Hoosick Falls is delayed or closed on Wednesday morning, Daily Mass will be cancelled.** If you are ill, please respect the other members of our community and stay home from mass and parish activities.