



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

Sunday, May 13

†For all mothers

Sunday, May 20

†For the people of the parish

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, Barbara Rogan Badger, John Schauer, Cody Pulver, Toni Snell, Bernie Bourgeois, Doris Rogan, Leo DiPalma, Jen Coombs, Bill Carroll, Jean Fleming, Phil Sica. 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.

Prayer for Discernment

Father,
you have loved us into existence.
When we love one another,
you remain in us.
May we always seek to be rooted in love
and so to remain in you.

You have consecrated us to you.
As we seek to do the work of Christ in the world,
help us to rely on you as we discern our gifts
and leadership in our communities.
You know our hearts and our needs,
guide us to put our trust in you and in your Word.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We have been nurtured by many women in our lives, mothers, aunts, even siblings. There are other women who have made our lives wonder-filled. I am particularly grateful to Sr. Mary Xavier, R.S.M. and all the women of religious who, like her, educated me. I am especially fond of Sr. Mary Kenan McGowan who mentored me. Happy Mother's Day to all the women who have nourished and enriched our lives.

Discernment

There is a distinction between ministry and community leadership, even liturgical ministry. This point is clarified in Acts. Matthias did not put himself forward for appointment to leadership, but the community discerned his call by God and confirmed it through prayer. Is the approach to ministry in our parishes simply a call for any and all volunteers, or is it a process of communal discernment about who has been called by God for a specific work or role?

Today's Psalm proclaims the incomparable vastness of God's love: greater than the distance between earth and sky, or east and west. These "distances" stretch us; challenging us to seek to comprehend the tender love of God.

That love is such, we hear in the Second Reading, that God remains in us when we love one another and acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God. All it takes to remain in God is to remain in love. It sounds simple, but most of us find that we step in and out of love during the week.

It is consoling to hear, though, of Christ praying for his followers as he does in today's Gospel. Jesus prays that his followers be kept as one, protected from the evil one, and be consecrated in the truth. These followers do not belong to the world but still live in the world. Do you find it difficult to live out your faith in a world uninterested in God? Is it difficult to be in this world but belong to God?

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Wed, May 16 – 8:30 AM – Communion Service
Sun, May 20 – 8:30 AM – K of C Communion Breakfast
Mon, May 28th – Parish Office will be closed
Sat, June 2 – Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 2nd.

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal has begun! Through this important Appeal, we follow the example of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of Albany. By joining together in stewardship, we proclaim our unity to all; thereby letting those who need us the most know that they are an important part of our Catholic family. Please be as generous as you possibly can in responding to the Bishop's Appeal.

Our **Book Discussion Group** is reading *When Breath Becomes Air* By Paul Kalanithi. The next meeting will be May 30th at 9:30 am in the Parish House.

May 30 - Read to bottom of page 166.
June 13 - Read to the end.

Liturgical Role

May 13, 2018– 11:00 AM

Lector: R. MacDougall
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Rosmus, S. Sawyer, S. Stiner
Greeters: L. Cuddihy, D. DeSantis
Altar Server: E. Young

May 20, 2018 – 11:00 AM

Lector: F. Muhlig
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dupuis, D. MacDougall, D. Darcy
Greeters: D. Mathers, G. Browne
Altar Server: J. Mathers

Counters: Monday, May 14 – Angie and Reta
Monday, May 21 – John and Roger

We are looking for additional counters to help count the collection on Monday mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Jeff or call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Website: For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. Learn more on the "Season," "Women's Work," and "Prayer" pages of our **Adult Faith Website**, currently dedicated to *Women in the Life of the Church*.

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 22 – social meeting

Sunday, May 20 – **Annual Communion Breakfast** at 8:30 AM at Country Gals Diner. The price of \$13.00 includes breakfast and tip. We will have the back private eating area reserved for our group. After breakfast, we will proceed to 11:00 AM Mass. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME!!!! Call Bob Shay at 677-3954 to reserve your seating.

Parking: The parking area in front of the church will be partially used during the work done in the parish house. Please do not use any of the open spaces if you are able to walk the short distance from the rear lot to the church. There are a few of us for whom walking is very difficult. Please leave the few spaces closest to the church available. Thank you.

Fr. Jim Walsh is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination. You may send cards to him at 2 Fairview Road, Loudonville, NY 12211

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – May 6

Offertory - \$1516.00
Candles - \$19.00

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