



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

Sunday, October 2

†For John Fitzpatrick from wife, Luanne

Sunday, October 9

†For Kathy Shay from husband Bob and children

†For Robert Michael Shay from Dad, sisters and brothers

†For Mary Pat Arnold from brothers Jack and Bob Shay

We ask for your prayers for the following:

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, Michael Carney, Fran Carlson, A. Russell, Bernadette, Kate, Amy and Rick, Don Cummings, Veronica Piekarz, John Schauer, Peg Hopkins, Mike Russert, Margaret Eddy, Marie Buckholtz, Peter Allen Niles, Mike Jaworski, Dan Dearstyne, Jennifer Wright and for the repose of the souls of Gail Vogel and Ruth Stefanovich and for the consolation of their families. Call the office to place someone on our list.

Prayer List: 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 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. If the need is urgent, please call or text Jeff Peck, 518 683 6461 or email, jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours

Face Masks etc ... - The covid infection rates in our community continue to increase. You are encouraged but not required to wear a face mask during our services and in other large groups. If you are eligible to receive a booster shot, please give serious consideration to doing so.

Dear friends,

If we do not know what tools we have, we cannot use them to make happen what we want to occur. This bit of wisdom from pop psychology would most likely have been recognized by Jesus. He continually tells us that we have the tools needed to live in the kingdom of God. The things that we need are here and available but in many cases we are unable or unwilling to access them. Our own faith, as minimal as we might consider it to be, can uproot old and destructive patterns of behavior and replace them with caring and reconciled relationships.

When the disciples confront new situations and are asked to respond out of their personal resources, they immediately sense they lack what they need and look outside themselves for help. Jesus does not honor this instinctive move. Instead, he directs them inside and asks them to reappraise what they might bring to the situation. Jesus sees more in his followers than they see in themselves and he is continually urging them to reconsider who they are and what they can do. The message of our Gospel today is that we need to be aware that we possess all that we need to bring about the kingdom of God. The powerful imagery of today's gospel shows us that we don't need more but rather we just need confidence in the gifts that we have and in what we can do. We are not called to heroic effort but rather simply to serve as usual.

In Christ,
Jeff Peck

The September **Pastoral Council** meeting has been postponed until October. The date will follow.

Jeff Peck's last day in the parish will be Sunday, October 23rd.

Weekday mass will resume the week of October 25th.

We will be changing to permanent hymnals this Advent. You have the opportunity to dedicate one or more hymnals to loved ones with a bookplate that will be placed inside each hymnal. The forms will be available in the church next weekend. We are asking for a donation of \$15.00 per hymnal.

Read and Recommended: Community is built through common experiences. It is not about momentary events, crises, or efforts to restore and maintain our buildings. It is an outpouring of empathy and care which develops by coming together at its base through everyday life. We have been provided such an opportunity through the "One Book One Parish" effort of Mary Rosmus. She has chosen a book that is easily read, has something for everyone, and maybe best of all it's free. Please take one home, sign up for the discussion groups, the Facebook page, talk about it one on one with our fellow parishioners, or read quietly and reflect on it on your own. This is a common experience that will build on the bonds we share in our community.

A Well-Built Faith, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press. A distillation of the 900 pages of the new Catechism, this is not anything like the 100-question Baltimore Catechism many of us remember. It is deep dive into what makes us Catholic and we are all guaranteed to learn something about our faith. Did you know that there is an easily learned formula for spontaneous prayer and that in general Catholics aren't comfortable with such prayer? Is God a Supreme Being or the Source of Being? What's the difference? Pick up a free copy at the Church entrances to find out!

Liturgical Roles
Sunday, October 2 – 11:30 AM
Lector: Mamie Dearstyne
Eucharistic Minister: Dawn MacDougall
Sunday, October 9– 11:30 AM
Lector: Rich MacDougall
Eucharistic Minister: Reta Pemrick

Birthright Baby Bottle Boomerang In celebration of Respect Life Month, Birthright of the Capital District, located in Ballston Spa, will conduct its annual Baby Bottle Boomerang after all masses this weekend. Birthright offers hope, encouragement, and compassion to pregnant women in difficult situations, as well as formula, diapers, clothes, and layettes with newborn necessities. Baby bottles will be distributed for you to take home and fill with coins, cash, or a check. Bottles should be brought back to church the following weekend and placed in the designated Birthright box. Your gift can be made in honor of a special person, whose name and address you list on the insert in the bottle. Birthright will then mail a card to the person being honored. Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE: The 50th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



- Oct 2 – 10:100– 1st Reconciliation Prep
Faith Formation Grades 7-9
- Oct 3 – 6:30 – 8:00 – A Well-Built Faith Discussion Group
Chapters 7-8
- Oct 10 – 6:30 -8:00 – A Well-Built Faith Discussion Group
Chapters 9-11
- Oct 16 – 10:00 – 1st Reconciliation Prep
Faith Formation Grades 7-9
- Oct 17 – 6:30 – 8:00 – A Well-Built Faith Discussion Group
Chapters 12-15
- Oct 23 – 10:00 - Family Faith Formation –
“Friends of Jesus”
Faith Formation Grades 7-9
- Oct 24 – 6:30 – 8:00 – A Well-Built Faith Discussion Group
Chapters 16-18, conclusion
- Oct 30 – 10:00 – 1st Reconciliation Prep
Faith Formation Grades 7-9

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING – September 25, 2022

Offertory – \$497.00
Second collections - \$106.00

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

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.