



St. Patrick's Church
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April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

To accommodate reopening preparations and sanitizing requirements, the church will no longer be open except for mass.

On Sunday, please:

- 1 - **Contact tracing information will be gathered on site. It is no longer necessary to bring a completed form with you.**
- 2 - Please bring your own mask and hand sanitizer.
- 3 - Maintain social distance.
- 4 - Remain masked for the entire mass, except for communion.
- 5 - An usher will direct you to a seat and direct you to exit when mass is concluded.
- 6 - Leave the property immediately upon exiting the church.
- 7 - Bathrooms will be closed, except for serious health emergencies

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

The obligation to attend mass remains suspended.

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

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

At St. Patrick's, we intend to be outside every Sunday for the 11:00 AM mass. Please bring your own chair and your mask. If inclement weather is predicted, we will send a notice on Flocknote and leave a message on the answering machine. Reservations will be required for inside mass. Please call 518-677-2757 by 11:45 on Friday morning.

Reservations will now be required for the 8:30 AM mass at Holy Cross in Salem. Please call 518-677-2757 to make a reservation. Leave your name, how many will be attending and please repeat your phone number twice. No reservations will be accepted after 11:45 on Friday morning. Masks will be required.

Weekly Scripture

Mon, April 19 – Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tues, April 20 – Acts 7:51 – 8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wed, April 21 – Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
Thurs, April 22 – Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Fri, April 23 – Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Sat, April 24 – Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69
Sun, April 25 – Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

Last Sunday's Attendance: 44

There will be a basket available after mass for those who would like to leave a gift or note for Fr. Tom. He will be at his new assignment as of May 1st.

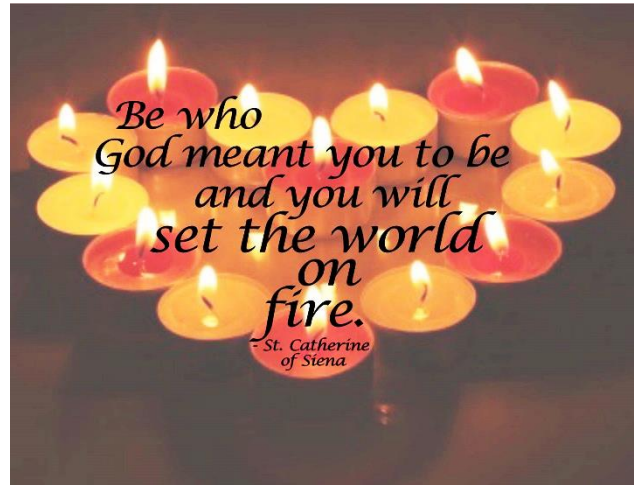
Third Sunday of Easter - Resurrection

Loving Father,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and in that moment offered new life
to the whole world.
Creation was made anew in you.
Help us to see your work in the world
in the countless ways you transform every dark thing
and bring it into the light of your love.
Transform our hearts,
enlighten our minds,
and help us to hope in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Always Hope

Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. In Jesus, the Scripture texts about the suffering messiah are fulfilled. The people expected a different kind of messiah, a ruler who would overthrow the Romans, so many were not sure what to make of Jesus. After his death, many were no longer interested in him. Yet his disciples continued to proclaim his death and resurrection. It is interesting that the disciples continued to emphasize Jesus' death. In today's world, people are uncomfortable with suffering and prefer that others overcome theirs quickly. An individual who has undergone a difficult experience might be told to "get over it" as quickly as possible. They might begin to understand that others do not want to share in their pain, leaving them to process the grief and deal with their troubles in isolation. When suffering is something to get over and forget about, it has no possibility of being redeemed. No chance for hope is offered.

The Church has a tremendous gift to offer our culture. She offers the knowledge that suffering does not have the last word—that pain and death, and any darkness can be transformed. That suffering can be transformed does not diminish the pain. Imagine the terrible pain Jesus experienced on the cross. Nothing about that was okay. But we believe that pain can be transformed. That is the essence of resurrection. When we unite our sufferings to Jesus, when we invite him into them with us, we realize the possibility of resurrections in our lives. Always there is hope.



Set the World on Fire like Catherine of

Siena. April 29 is the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena, a fourteenth-century Italian mystic, prophet, and activist. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed Catherine one of the first women Doctors of the Church. On **April 27, 7-8:30 pm**, we will share the words and works of Catherine of Sienna to tell her story. Like Catherine, we are called to be mystics, prophets, and activists who love and serve our neighbors, advocate for justice, challenge abuses of power by church and civil authorities, and work for reform, reconciliation, and healing. To join us on Zoom, contact maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org.

There is one upcoming session in the ***Drink from the Well*** series: May 25, Trust All Shall be Well with Julian of Norwich. The cost is \$12 per session.



We are grateful for the donations we have received toward our \$9,200.00 insurance bill. So far, we have received \$7,493.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Your Gifts of Treasure – April 11, 2021

**Offertory - \$1632.00
Second collections - \$341.00**

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



Please remember in prayer: 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. Call the Parish Office to place someone on our list.

Mass intentions

*Sun, April 18 – for Frances Scaglione
from daughter, Luanne*

Sun, April 25 – for the people of the parish

Diocesan Appeal

This year has put a strain on diocesan finances. We are not out of line with what many parishes have raised but the Diocese will have a great deal of difficulty functioning with its income so drastically reduced. If you are able to make any donation to the Appeal, it would be very helpful in enabling the Diocese to continue its work. Donations may be made by responding to the mailing you received, by going online at donate.thediocesanappeal.org, or by requesting one of the Appeal envelopes.

The April – May - June *Living Faith* booklets are available in the new vestibule of the parish house.

Cards and letters may be sent to Fr. Lucian Beltzner at: St. Joseph's Priory, 416 Third Street, Troy, NY 12180

Cards and letters may be sent to Sr. Gussie at: Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess CSJ, Apt. 1118 One Bell Tower Drive, Watervliet, NY 12189

Contact Information

Office telephones are checked a few times a week, but the outgoing message is changed as we receive new information.

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