



St. Patrick's Church
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February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

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 **2021 offering envelopes** are available in the new vestibule of the parish house. You may pick them up at your convenience.

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

Weekly Scripture

Mon, March 1 - Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tues, March 2 - Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12
Wed, March 3 - Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thurs, March 4 - Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Fri, March 5 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a,
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat, March 6 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun, March 7 - Ex 20:1-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Last Sunday's Attendance: 27



CRS Rice Bowl. In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Second Sunday of Lent - Help Us to Love

Loving Father,
you sent us the gift of your Son,
One like us in all ways but sin,
to show us what it means to love as you love.
Listen to him, you tell us.
Provide us with the grace to hear
and respond to his voice,
to look at the world's brokenness and not feel despair,
but see your promise that all the world
shall be transfigured by your love.
Allow us to be transfigured to do what you will,
that we might use the life we have been given to glorify
you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Glimpses of Glory

Today's readings: Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19; Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10. After Jesus first predicts that he will suffer, he takes Peter, James, and John apart from everyone else. These apostles see Jesus in his glory, in gleaming clothing with Moses and Elijah, whose presence communicates that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Then the apostles hear a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." As quickly as the vision appears, it ceases.

As conflicts arose between Jesus and the leaders of the day, the apostles may have taken comfort in knowing that Jesus is God's "beloved Son." Walking through the passion with Jesus, they could cling to the glimpse of Jesus' glory.

The words *beloved Son* also may have called to mind for them the sacrifice of Isaac. Abraham had been obedient to God and had not withheld his beloved son. Abraham knew God and, therefore, knew that God is a keeper of promises. Somehow, even when it seemed impossible, God's promise would be fulfilled. Abraham would be the father of many through Isaac. He believed in God's promise, even when it seemed that the promise could not be kept. In this moment we see another prefiguration of what is to come, the impossible hope that endures through Good Friday and is vindicated on Easter morning. Where have you glimpsed resurrection? How can you hold to these moments in your times of trial?

A Reflection on the Lenten Scriptures – 6:30PM – 7:30PM, every Monday evening during Lent beginning Monday, February 22nd. We will gather virtually once a week for a Liturgy of the Word. Our gathering will include the reading of the Sunday Lenten Scriptures, a reflection, and a discussion of the reflection. The reflection will be given by either Mary Rosmus or Jeff Peck and the gathering will be led by them. Participants should have a copy of the Sunday readings. The readings are in the 2021 hymnals which are available in the parish house vestibule in Cambridge and inside the rectory rear door in Salem. The gatherings will be held on Zoom. There is no cost. To receive the Zoom link, please email – jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org

Lifelong Faith Website: *The Path to Peace*. "Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection, a time to reflect on the core of what it means to live a Christian life in the midst of great change and uncertainty. When facing change and uncertainty, few practices are more central to that life than listening - listening to ourselves, listening to others, and listening to God. (From the Introduction to *Living Well Through Lent 2021: Listening With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, And Mind*) Find this and other free resources for Lent on our Season page. (<https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/season.html>)

Reconciliation Services

Services are being planned for St. Patrick's and Holy Cross – dates and times to be announced.

**Immaculate Conception Church
Tuesday, March 9th – 4:00 PM
Monday, March 15th – 6:00 PM**



We are grateful for the donations we have received toward our \$9,200.00 insurance bill. So far, we have received \$1,200.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Your Gifts of Treasure – February 21, 2021

**Offertory - \$830.00
Second collections - \$90.00**

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, Tena Rioux, Theresa Kautz, Dena Veith, Lorraine Denick, Michael Carney, Dorothy Sokol, Fran Carlson, Sandra Vincent, A. Russell, Bernadette, Ed, Kate, Amy and Rick, Jean Burns, Don Cummings, Fr. Lucian Beltzner, Dean Griswold and for the repose of the soul of William Waite and the consolation of his family. Call the Parish Office to place someone on our list.

Mass intentions

Sun, Feb 28 - Edgardo and Virgen Lebron

From Cynthia Austin

Sun, March 7 – for the people of the parish

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

Cards and letters may be sent to Dorothy Sokol at St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware Ave, Albany, NY 12209.

The January-February-March *Living Faith* booklets are available in the new vestibule of the parish house.

Communications If you think someone is especially isolated or lonely, please let us know by email, text, or call. If you know someone who does not use email or is not receiving our Flocknotes, please forward contact information to us at parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org

For information and great resources check our web site www.battenkillcatholic.org and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page

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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