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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

DAILY MASS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY | 8:15 AM

WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before weekend Masses

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 4:30 PM & Saturday 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesday 4:30 PM—5:30 PM

SCHOOL MASS | 11:00 AM

First Friday of every month

Our Catholic Community

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Lenten Encounters with God Events & Presentations 2024

Lent I: February 18 at 2:00pm The Rite of Election

After a lengthy period of seeking an encounter with Jesus Christ through the Word, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger elects Catechumenal Candidates for the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist and welcomes Christians who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Great Vigil of Easter.

Lent II: February 25 3:00pm Cain and Abel Have
Their Day in Court

Rabbi Dan Ornstein of Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany will take us on an interpretive and spiritual journey through the Cain and Abel story. We'll imagine God's confrontation with Cain as a murder trial in which Cain and all humanity are the defendants. How are we to balance justice & mercy?

St. Vincent De Paul Church will have Lenten Activities throughout the season including Lente Faith on Film Series held at Saturday afternoons at 2PM in meeting room 1. A six-film Lenten-themed "Faith on Film" series covers an array of situations and provide food for thought as we journey through Lent.

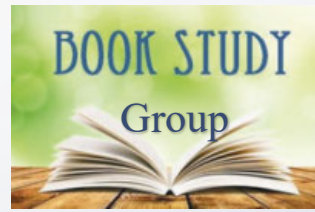
Capital Region Catholic Lent Young Adult Series. Flyer is available in the Gathering Area

St. Matthew's Church Voorheesville

has obtained a limited number of seats for the April 7, 2024, matinee performance of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady. Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Price is \$65 per ticket. Flyers are in the gathering area. It would be best call St. Matthew's Church (518) 765-2805 before completing the ticket purchase form.

Our Lady Of the America's Annual Communion Breakfast Sunday March 3rd at 9AM Mass followed by 10AM Breakfast at the Hall 375 Ontario St. Albany Guest Speaker- Tom Cronin Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Director of evangelization and Strategic planning Price \$ 12.00 per person (under 15 free) Rsvp by 3/1/2024 at: aohtanse5@gmail.com

For more information on these events there are flyers available in the Gathering Area.



Please join us on Mondays at 9:00am for our religious book study group. We will begin this Monday 2/19 with an introduction of the book we will be reading. We will meet in the small room in the church. Books and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you! Please reach out with any questions to Judyfield11@yahoo.com



Family Formation Class Schedule

- ◆ Our all ages sessions will be on March 3rd in the school gym between the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.
- ◆ Our next sacramental prep classes will be on March 10th. Those who are preparing for First Communion will meet at 9:30 AM and those who are preparing for Confirmation will meet immediately after the 10:30 AM Mass.

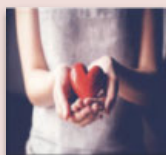


Mater Christi School News

Our very popular March Magic fundraiser will be here before you know it! For every \$10 ticket purchased, you have 30 chances to win a cash prize and gift certificate prize and the chance to win the big cash prize of \$1000 on March 17 and the opportunity to win a round-trip ticket from Southwest Airlines on March 31st.

We are excited to offer an extended year Summer Enrichment Program for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4. For more information look for our flyer in the Gathering Area.

Our MC School Drama Club is back! This year's production is "Mary Poppins." We are accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of purchasing the rights to perform this play and for building the set. We are also accepting donations of props and parishioners help with the scenery. If you are interested in supporting our drama club, please send checks made out to Mater Christi School. We are very grateful for your support!



Bereavement Ministry The Mater Christi Spousal Grief Support Group will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m.** in the small meeting room in the church. For question please call our parish office 518-489-3204 or email us at info@mcalbany.org

Dear parishioners,

As we gather together today, we find ourselves at the threshold of the holy season of Lent. This is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal—a journey of the spirit that leads us closer to the heart of God. Lent is not merely a ritual or a tradition; it is a sacred invitation to deepen our relationship with the Divine and to grow in holiness. In the Gospel readings for this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' own journey into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days and forty nights, enduring temptation and spiritual struggle. In this profound act of self-denial and discipline, Jesus shows us the way to overcome the temptations that assail us and to draw strength from God's Word. During this season of Lent, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Christ, to enter into the desert of our own hearts, and to confront the temptations that hinder our spiritual growth. Like Jesus, we are called to fast, to pray, and to seek God's will above all else. Lent is a time to let go of the distractions and attachments that keep us from fully embracing the abundant life that God offers us.

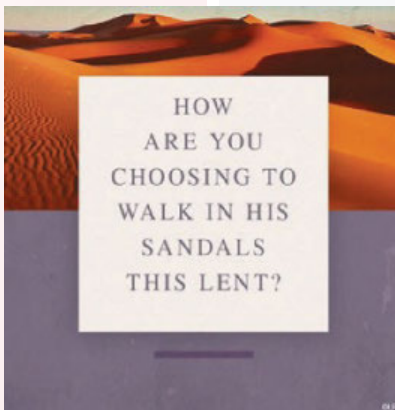
But Lent is not just about giving things up; it is also about taking things on—taking on the yoke of discipleship, taking on the challenge of serving others, taking on the responsibility of living out our faith in the world. Lent is a time to recommit ourselves to acts of charity, compassion, and justice—to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that is hungry for hope and healing. As we embark on this Lenten journey together, let us open our hearts to the grace of God, who calls us to repentance and transformation. Let us turn away from sin and embrace the abundant life that God offers us. And let us walk with courage and faithfulness in the footsteps of Jesus, who leads us from darkness into light, from death into life. May this season of Lent be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for each one of us, as we journey together towards the joy of Easter. May God Bless you.

Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle

Starting on Thursday,
February 22nd,
and continuing every
Thursday thereafter,
confession and adoration
will be available, hosted by
Father Kyle at
All Saints Parish in
Albany from
5:00PM until 8:00PM



A Minute with the Deacon During the time that Jesus was in the desert, the apologist Mark states “He was among wildbeasts, and the angels ministered to Him” Jesus was not alone but in fellowship with all of creation. During the great temptations from Satan that



Jesus endured, He is seemingly completely alone in the austerity and lifelessness of the desert. However, in reality it appears He is in complete harmony with and being ministered to by God's visible and in-visible creation. He is being supported by all life (all of creation) around him.

Nobody desires to endure great trials alone. Today's Gospel assures us that in our darkest moments in life, God's love for us ensures we will never be alone. In this knowledge, we need to trust. We are

all connected through one another to God. We will always be supported and ministered to by God's creation because all creatures are connected through God's love to one another.

Let us enter the Lenten season with the sure knowledge of this hope; we are in it together. Let us pray: “We thank you Lord for the holy communion of your created order. Through the purifying season of Lent may we become more closely united to you through your created order.”

Deacon Bernard



Stations of the Cross at Mater Christi at 2:00 PM
with Fr. Kyle March 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas will be having
Mass at 6:00 PM, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM, and
a simple soup supper at 7:00 PM every Friday of Lent.

The Cathedral will be having Stations every Friday of
Lent at 4:00 PM.

Blessed Sacrament will have Stations every Friday of
Lent at 12:30 PM (after Noon Mass)

Lenten reconciliation will be at Mater Christi on
March 12 from 2:30PM to 4:00 PM.

Lenten Reconciliation will be at St. Pius X on March 19
at 7:00 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00 PM

8TH ANNIVERSARY LARRY WILLIAMS

Req. by Mom and Dad

PATRICIA M. DEEGHAN

Req. by John and Ashley Toomey

BRIAN MCARDLE

Req. by the McArdle Family

ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI

Req. by Joanne and Maura Toomey

PAUL COONEY

Req. by Joanne Toomey

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM

LUCY KLEINMANN BIRTHDAY

Req. by the Hunt Family

RUSH LIMBAUGH

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

MICHAEL HOWARD URBACH

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

MARTHA ROSE HART

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

CHARLES FAHD

Req. by Tom and Theresa Owens

10:30 AM

10TH ANNIVERSARY GEORGE NEALON

Req. by the Family

SOPHIE AND CHICK COREY

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

FO THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

FOR TH PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

TERESA AGNES

Req. by her Family

MANUEL L. SANTOS

Req. by Barbara Mulderry



REST IN PEASE

Please remember in your prayers the soul of

Jeanne T. Black,

*former teacher here at St. Catherine's,
who died this past week.*

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CARMEN TIONGSON

Req. by the Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2ND ANNIVERSARY JOHN CARSWELL

Req. by the Family

7TH ANNIVERSARY DALE DELUCA RIEGEL

Req. by her Friend

ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI

Req. by Marie Frasier

SPIEZIO FAMILY

Req. by the Family

HELEN DELEHANTY

Req. by Jeanne and Mike Sullivan

TIMONTHY SULLIVAN

Req. by Jeanne and Mike Sullivan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM

ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI

Req. by Peter and Mary Pat Aiossa

MARIE BAILLARGEON

Req. by Cathy and George Davis

KEVIN C. QUINN

Req. by Kathleen Clark

14TH ANNIVERSARY MICHAEL, JILL, MAKAYLA AND BRYCE

Req. by the Casey Family

10:30 AM

EUGENIO AGNAS

Req. by his Family

ROSEMARY CHONSKI

Req. by Marge and Jack Koreman

10TH ANNIVERSARY GEORGE NEALON

Req. by the Family

1ST ANNIVERSARY ANNETTE T. ANTINUCCI

Req. by her Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of:

REV. JOHN HARZYNSKI

Week of February 17th – February 23rd

Requested by Jane Gerwin

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