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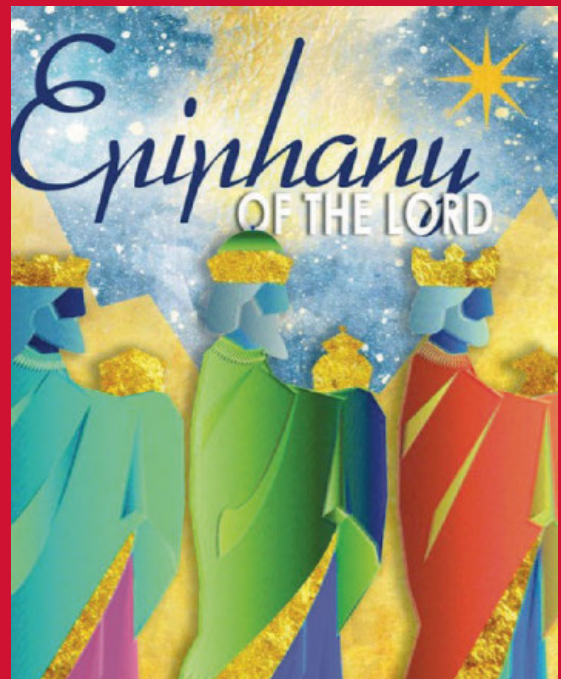
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DAILY MASS

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

All are welcome



Family Promise of Albany County strives to provide support and services to families in our community! Their mission is to assist families that are currently experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Their response is community-based, calling on like-minded organizations and individuals in the community to provide an encompassing program to homeless families in order for them to achieve independence and sustainability. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cynthia Galivan by emailing her at cgaliva1@nycap.rr.com

**HELP WANTED!
FOOD PANTRY DIRECTOR (PART-TIME)**

The Parish of Mater Christi is seeking a new Food Pantry Director to serve as the staff resource in support of the Pastor/PLC fulfilling the mission of the parish reflecting the heart of Jesus in providing for those in need.

The Food Pantry Director guides all food pantry activities for the parish, sets a vision in light of ever-changing needs in the community. The Food Pantry Director also recruits, supervises, and supports volunteers to support the work of the food pantry. This is a part-time position, approximately 25 hours/week. Salary \$20 - \$25/hour.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact the parish office at (518)489-3204 or email info@mcalbany.org.



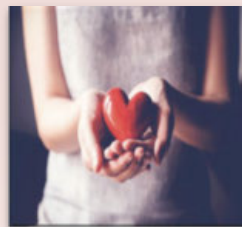
We have begun the season of inclement weather and would like to remind you our Mater Christi Parish and School follow the Albany Schools District for closing and delays. When MC school is closed or delayed there will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass. For notifications please use the local TV, cable or radio channels.



At Mater Christi, we currently have two persons from our community discerning to enter more deeply into the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. They are

Jimin Dewitt, a Catechumen, and Eric Pansegro, a Candidate. Please include Jimin and Eric in your prayers as they continue their faith journey through the next several months.

Additionally, if you are interested in/or know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact our Mater Christi parish office or talk to Deacon Bernard before or after Mass.



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, January 9, at 2:00 p.m.**

in the small meeting room in the church. Questions? Please call our parish office 518-489-3204 or email us at info@mcalbany.org



Looking for Volunteers

to bring donations from the church and school to the Food Pantry on Wednesdays and to do homebound food deliveries on Tuesdays. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish office at (518) 489-3204

Mass Intentions

- Early Sunday Mass will continue at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (there will be no 7:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass) and there is no 8:15 a.m. Mass On Wednesdays.
- Mass intentions previously requested for Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. will be offered at 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
- Mass intentions previously requested for Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. will be offered Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

For questions please see us at the weekend desk or contact the parish office at (518) 489-3204.

Family Formation Sessions Schedule



- ◆ The next First Reconciliation/First Communion preparation classes will be on January 21st starting at 9:30 AM. Our First Reconciliation service will be on January 27th at 10 AM.
- ◆ The next Confirmation classes will be on January 21st immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

The Mater Christi Food Pantry strives to end hunger and malnutrition in the 12208 area of Albany, NY through emergency food assistance to struggling families and individuals. We aim to provide our guests with the same healthy food choices that financially privileged individuals have access to, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy grains, and allergy friendly food options, as well as nutrition and food prep education. Interested in helping out? Email us at materchristioutreach@gmail.com.



A Valuable Catholic Resource

Please take a moment to check out all the resources on Formed.org This easy-to-use site, known as the "Netflix for Catholics," is free to all of our members and has a wealth of material for every age including children and teens. Please take a moment to check it out by following these easy steps.

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find Mater Christi Parish by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



A Minute with the Deacon

The Magi searched diligently for the newborn King and when they found him offered him the very best treasures they had.

They were guided by a light and ultimately found him with his family in very humble surroundings.

This reminds us that Jesus is present within the everyday circumstances of our life. We will find him among people living their lives in ordinary ways with extraordinary virtue. We may have to search a little for him but if we persist, we will find him.

Like the 3 Kings, we owe him our very best treasures: kindness to one another, charity, honesty, diligent effort in our labors.

The Christ child will take our treasures and multiply them abundantly, making us richer than when we first found him.

Deacon Bernard

Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

5TH ANNIVERSARY HEATHER M. SHEPHERD

Req. by Karin and Bob Shepherd

4TH ANNIVERSARY GEORGE M. PRESTON

Req. by his Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

MARY K. DAVIS Req. by John and Yuan Bryant

JEANNE S. WALSH Req. by Dorothy Ciota

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 5:30 PM

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

JOHN W. BRYANT Req. by John and Yuan Bryant

GORDAM MACHIA Req. by Mark St. Jacques

JENNIFER COYLE Req. by Mark St. Jacques

LEONARD ROY Req. by Mark St. Jacques

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:00 PM

FRANCIS J. AND EILEEN A. SULLIVAN

Req. by the Sullivan Family

JOHN PORTER, SR. Req. by the Family

WALTER URBANSKI Req. by Susan Schmader

MARGARET, MARY, EILEEN AND MADELYN MALOY

Req. by Davis and Maloy Families

KAREN CARMEL AND CAROL TELFER

Req. by Gregg and Jane Davis

JOSEPH M. HOGAN Req. by Bill Toomey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 AM

JEANETTE BLANCHETTE Req. by Joseph Salerno

THEODORE COYLE Req. by Mark St. Jacques

10:30 AM

MARCIA T. CONROY

Req. by the McVeigh and Parente Family

JOAN MASTRANNI DOYLE Req. by John Czajka, M.D.

20TH ANNIVERSARY ROGER C. GREENE

Req. by Carol Greene

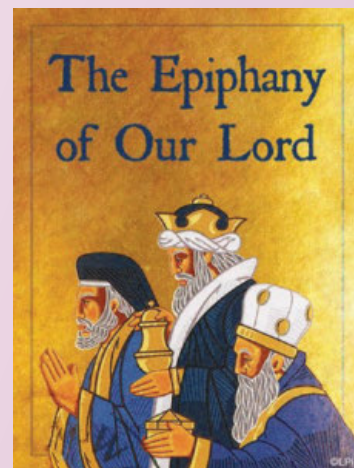


*The Sanctuary Lamp
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JAMES MCDERMONTT
Week of January 6th – January 12th
Requested by the Family*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter these wise men who, prompted by a celestial sign, set out on a journey to seek the newborn King. The star they followed was not just a physical guide but a symbol of the divine light that leads us to encounter Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. The Magi's journey mirrors our own spiritual pilgrimage. Each of us is on a path seeking meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. The star that led the Magi represents the light of Christ that shines in the darkness of our lives. It calls us to rise above the mundane and set out on a quest for deeper understanding, for a true encounter with the Savior. As we reflect on the Epiphany, we are reminded that God's revelation is not limited to a particular group or nation. The Magi were foreigners, yet God included them in the unfolding of His divine plan. This teaches us that God's love and salvation are for everyone, regardless of race, nationality, or social status. The Epiphany challenges us to break down the barriers that separate us and to recognize the universal call to salvation. Moreover, the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts were not merely symbolic; they conveyed profound truths about Jesus' identity and mission. Gold, a precious metal fit for a king, acknowledged Christ's kingship. Frankincense, used in worship, signified His divinity. Myrrh, used in burial, pointed to His sacrificial death for our redemption. The journey of the Magi reminds us that the pursuit of wisdom is an integral part of our faith. The true wise men and women are those who seek Jesus with a sincere heart, who are open to His teachings, and who allow His light to illuminate their path. As we celebrate the Epiphany, let us commit ourselves to be like the Magi—eager to encounter Christ, willing to journey despite the challenges, and ready to offer our best to the newborn King. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our hearts, leading us to a deeper understanding of God's love and purpose for our lives.

Your Brother In Christ
Fr. Kyle



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