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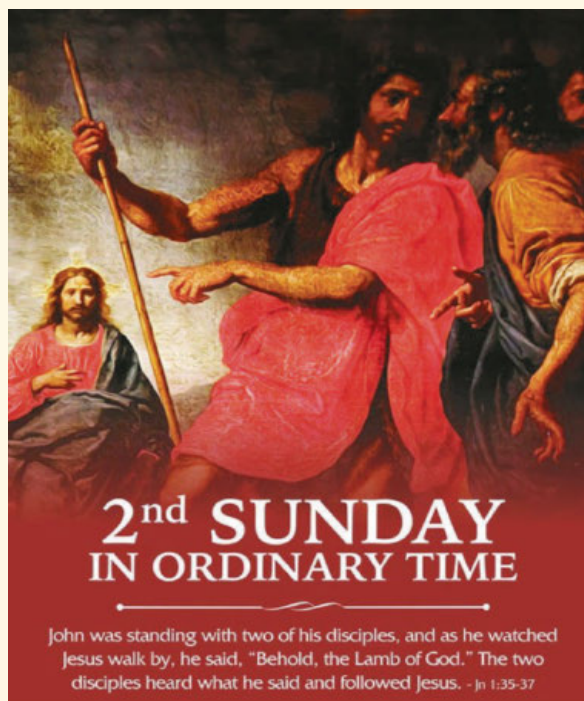
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DAILY MASS

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



School News Honoring Mrs. Ewell

After speaking to staff, our school board, parents, and Diocese colleagues, I am pleased to announce Mater Christi's "Beacon of Hope" community spirit award recipient for this year, Mrs. Theresa ("Terry") Ewell.

Mrs. Ewell was the longstanding principal at Mater Christi School who retired in 2019. During her tenure as principal, MCS flourished and many time-honored traditions were created and/or continuously recognized. She has been a great resource to me as I have embarked on this journey as MCS principal and she is looking forward to continuing her work at our school as a volunteer.

We are happy to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Ewell as our "Beacon of Hope" recipient. More information about Mrs. Ewell's impact on our school and community, along with how we will honor her will be forthcoming.

Save the Date- This year's Beacon of Hope event will be held at The Hangar at 743 on April 26th.

Katie M. Stalker, Ed.D.
Principal

NEW Programs and Professional Opportunities at MCS

Mater Christi School will be offering an extended summer program for preschool students beginning this July. Look for more program and registration information coming soon!

We are excited to announce that all of our PreK, elementary, and ELA teachers are embarking on a professional development opportunity that will lead to a microcredential in the Science of Reading through SUNY New Paltz. This professional development opportunity will provide a common foundation for our teachers in current best practices in teaching reading. This is just the first step in our strategic plan that will lead to additional professional development in best practices in curriculum and instruction.

MCS Community Open House

You are invited to join us for our open house on Saturday, February 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our parish and community members are invited to tour the school to see some of the great things happening at MCS! There will be music and refreshments. All are welcome.

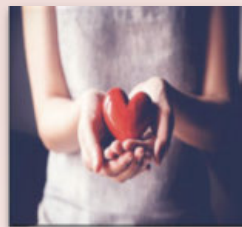
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 518-489-3111 or via email at principal@mcsalbany.org.



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 23, 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



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.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel passage from John 1:35-42, we are invited to journey into the depths of discipleship and explore the transformative power of answering the call of Jesus.

In this passage, we witness the encounter between two disciples of John the Baptist and Jesus. As Jesus passes by, John points to Him, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Immediately, the two disciples follow Jesus. This simple yet profound event captures the essence of Christian discipleship – the willingness to respond to the call of Jesus and follow Him with a wholehearted commitment. The disciples' response to Jesus' invitation teaches us valuable lessons about discipleship. Firstly, it demonstrates the importance of attentiveness. When John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Lamb of God, the disciples pay attention. In our own lives, it is crucial to cultivate a spirit of attentiveness to recognize the presence and call of Jesus amid the noise and distractions of the world. Secondly, the disciples' response reflects a sense of urgency. They didn't delay or hesitate but immediately followed Jesus. This urgency in responding to God's call challenges us to examine our own lives and consider how promptly and wholeheartedly we respond to the invitations and promptings of the Holy Spirit. Upon approaching Jesus, the Lord turns to them and asks, "What are you seeking?" This question goes beyond a simple inquiry about their physical presence; rather, it delves into the depths of their hearts and desires. It's a question that each one of us must confront in our journey of faith. What are we seeking in our relationship with Jesus? What is the true desire that propels us to follow Him? In their response, the disciples address Jesus as "Rabbi," which means teacher. This signifies their recognition of Jesus as one who possesses wisdom and truth. As followers of Christ, we too are called to acknowledge Jesus as our ultimate teacher, the source of divine wisdom that guides us on the path of righteousness. Jesus then extends an invitation to the disciples, saying, "Come and see." This invitation is not just an offer to witness a momentary event but an open door to a life-transforming journey. Jesus invites them to experience the depth of His teachings, the richness of His love, and the fullness of life found in Him. Similarly, Jesus extends the same invitation to each one of us – an invitation to come and see, to encounter Him intimately and personally. Finally, the disciples go with Jesus, spend time with Him, and are forever changed. One of them, Andrew, goes on to share the good news with his brother Simon, bringing him to Jesus. This highlights the ripple effect of discipleship – as we respond to Jesus' call and experience His transformative love, we are compelled to share that love with others.

May God bless you.
Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle

A Minute with the Deacon

As we enter again into Ordinary Time in the church's new liturgical year, there is no better question to consider than the one that Jesus poses to John's disciples who begin to follow him.

Jesus asks those following him "What are you looking for?" (Jn 1:35-42)

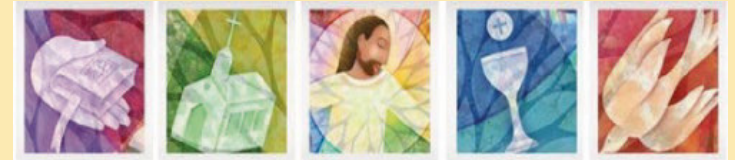
Many people followed Jesus along the way during his ministry, some stayed with Jesus throughout his ministry and some left.

As his disciples learned, it was not always easy to follow him. Following him did not lead to a life of comfort or popularity in the world. Jesus's teachings and commandments were often very demanding.

But those who stayed with him, found real purpose and true fulfillment in living for someone and something way beyond anything the world could offer. Jesus's loyal disciples encountered true Divine Love leading to spiritual strength and peace. No matter what they encountered after encountering the person of Jesus, they would not be overcome by the weaker forces of the world.

Two thousand years later, we are being asked this same question. Our answer to this question will direct our lives and lead us to the corresponding outcome we choose.

Deacon Bernard



Family Formation Sessions Schedule

- ◆ First Reconciliation preparation class will be on Sunday, January 21 from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. We will also have our First Reconciliation service on Saturday January 27th at 10 AM.
- ◆ Confirmation preparation class will be on Sunday, January 21 starting immediately after the 10:30 AM Mass.
- ◆ Our next "all ages" session will be on February 4th between the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses in the school gym.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

JOSEPHINE HERNANDEZ

Req. by her son

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 AM

JEANETTE BLANCHETTE

Req. by Joseph Salerno

THEODORE COYLE

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

MICHAEL SCOTT 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

ROY ZONCA

Req. by his wife Marie

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 AM

ROSE LYONS

Req. by Myrna Lyons

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:15 AM

MARIE COYLE

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30 PM

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:15 AM

PAUL H. SPIEGEL

Req. by Susan and Hannah Wheeler

BLANCHE MATHESON

Req. by Cynthia Galivan

MARIE COYLE

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

HAROLD COYLE

Req. By Mark St. Jacques

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00 PM

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF LOIDA AND ROSE

Req. by Myrna Lyons

3RD ANNIVERSARY JANET L. ALLEGRETTI

Req. by husband Joseph Allegretti

JACK PREGENT

Req. by Edrie Pregent

PAULINE SROCZYNSKI

Req. by Joyce and Tim Gergich

RICHARD ROGOZINSKI

Req. by Joe and Kathy Toomey

SUNDAY, JANUARY, 21

8:00 AM

CAROL BURTLE

Req. by Shannon and Ross Lenet

27TH ANNIVERSARY CHARLES J. CRONIN, SR.

Req. by Family

MICHAEL JAMES KANIA, II

Req. by Cynthia Galivan

10:30 AM

DAN HAUSE

Req. by Thomas Joseph

OSVALDO RICCIO

Req. by his Daughter

JOSEFINA DE LEON

Req. by Myrna Lyons

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MARGARET AND

JACK KOREMAN



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