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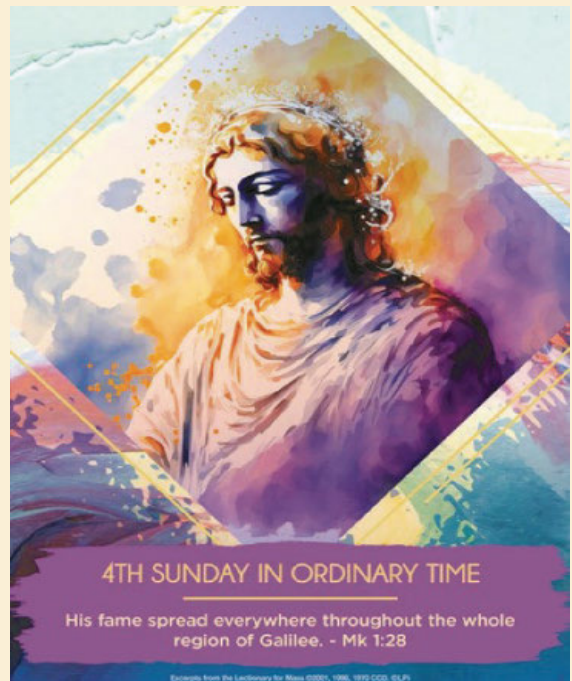
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DAILY MASS

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



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.

**I ENCOURAGE YOU,
DEAR STUDENTS,
TO MAKE
YOUR TIME
OF FORMATION
AN UNREMITTING
QUEST FOR GOD**

St. John Paul II | Catholic Schools Week

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Welcome

Please join us in welcoming our new Food Pantry Director Jason Rogers.

Jason is a parishioner here at Mater Christi and he is excited to continue and expand our service for those in need!



A HUGE Thank you to everyone that offered to donate electronics for our staff to use during our hours of operation. We even had a very kind family offer to purchase a brand new laptop for us! So with the outpouring of support from the Mater Christi community, we now have everything we need to function normally. Thank you all again!

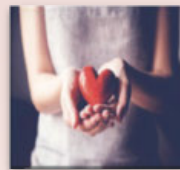
The Pantry's need now is for new Volunteers... Especially those that can help us during the morning or early afternoon hours. If you can spare an hour or two once per month or once per week to help us help those in need, it would be a great help.

Please email us at: MaterChristiOutreach@gmail.com or call and leave a message that will be returned right away. 518-596-6691. If you leave a voicemail, make sure to leave your callback number.

Thank you for all your support!

Jason Rogers

Food Pantry Director
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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 13, 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



For inclement weather our Mater Christi Parish and School follow the Albany School 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 Mark 1:21-28. The scene begins with



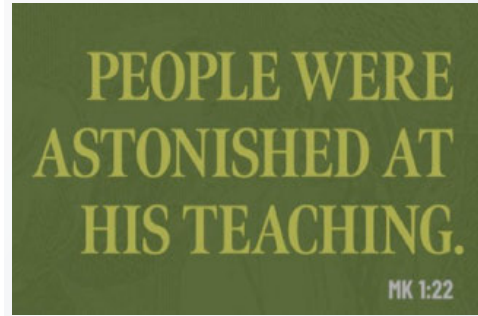
Jesus entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, and immediately, the people are astonished at his teaching. What sets Jesus apart is not just the eloquence of his words, but the authority with which he speaks. As we reflect on this passage,

let us delve into the significance of Jesus' authority. In the Jewish tradition, teaching with authority meant more than just knowledge; it implied a divine endorsement. Jesus wasn't merely conveying information; he was proclaiming the very Word of God. His words carried weight and power because they originated from a source beyond human understanding. The people in the synagogue were astounded not only by Jesus' words but also by his actions. Suddenly, a man possessed by an unclean spirit appears, and the confrontation between the demonic realm and the divine authority of Jesus unfolds. With a mere command, Jesus rebukes the unclean spirit, and the man is set free. The people witness firsthand the authority of Jesus over the forces of darkness. In our lives, we encounter various challenges, struggles, and moments of darkness. The authority of Jesus is not a relic of the past; it is a living reality that continues to break the chains of sin and oppression. Just as Jesus liberated the man in the synagogue, he can liberate us from the burdens that bind us. The question for us today is, do we allow his teachings to guide our actions, decisions, and relationships? The authority of Jesus isn't meant to stifle us but to set us free from the bondage of sin and lead us into the fullness of life. Let us open our hearts to the transformative power of Jesus' authority. Let us invite him into the areas of our lives where we need healing and liberation. May God Bless You.

Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle

A Minute with the Deacon

Jesus and his disciples were seemingly always “on the go”. Everywhere Jesus spoke, people were amazed at his words.



We read another example of Jesus interacting with his listeners in Mark's gospel today. His spoken words were so powerful and compelling, they drew everyone's full attention to

him. Even the unclean spirits could not resist his words.

I think to myself how great it would have been to hear Jesus speak like this in person. However, we have been left a great gift of Jesus' spoken words through the four gospels.

As we begin this new year, let today's gospel reading motivate us to spend more time reading sacred scripture and Jesus's spoken words, allowing them to transform us just as they did to the earliest listeners and followers back in the early 1st century.

Deacon Bernard



Family Formation

Congratulations to Reyvin Ryan Alpas, Kirsten Alquiza, Liana Sabrine Calagui, Grant Casey, Taum Casey, Christian Farrell, Lillian Farrell, Katherine Hemming, Willow Joyce, Fiona Reilly, Piper Reynolds, Teagan Severino & Owen Welsh for receiving their First Reconciliation on January 27th. May you all always feel the wonder of God's forgiveness.

Family Formation Class Schedule

- ◆ Our next all ages session will be on February 4th in the school gym between the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.
- ◆ Our next sacramental prep classes will be on February 11th. Those who are preparing for First Communion will meet at 9:30 and those who are preparing for Confirmation will meet immediately after the 10:30 Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM

34RD ANNIVERSARY STAN CHONSKI

Req. by Rosemary and Denise

JOHN V. O'CONNER

Req. by his Family

ELAINE AND JERRY BREHM SR.

Req. by Judy and Jerry Brehm

KAY DUNCAN

Req. by her Family

7TH ANNIVERSARY WILLIAM J. CONBOY II

Req. by Joe and Kathy Toomey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM

KATHLEEN AND WHITNEY LIBBEY

Req. by her Family

MEMORIAL FUND MEMBERS;

NEW MEMBER SUSAN URBANSKI

10:30 AM

MR. GEORGE LABLANC

Req. by Doreen

GEORGE RHATIGAN

Req. by the Rhatigan Family

PATRICIA DEEGHAN

Req. by the Jaquinto Family

MAX AND ANNA POKRIVCHAKE

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

BRIDIE DOYLE BIRTHDAY

Req. by her Granddaughters

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

5:30 PM

ANTHONY SALERNO, SR.

Req. by his daughter Kathy and Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

FR. KEN DOYLE

Req. by John and Yuan Bryant

45TH ANNIVERSARY MARIETTA GARGIULO

Req. by Janet Gargiulo and Patricia Ruth

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF KEITH LEWINTER

Req. by Myrna Lyons

ROBERT HART

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

SOULS IN PURGATORY

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

NEIL BEAN

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:15 AM

1st FRIDAY SCHOOL MASS

All are welcome

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00 PM

MAUREEN T. JEFFERS

Req. by Nuala and Richard McCarthy

MARCUS ST. JACQUES

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

NEIL GOES

Req. by his daughter Marie

PATRICIA M. DEEGHAN

Req. by Joanne and Maura Toomey

MARY FOWLER

Req. by Req. by Elaine and Ernie Amabile

GEOFFREY O`HANLON

Req. by her Family

SUSAN URBANSKI

Req. by the Tionson Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM

THEODORE AND JANE GERWIN

Req. by Jane Gerwin

KATHLEEN AND WHITNEY LIBBEY

Req. by her Family

10:30 AM

4TH ANNIVERSARY ANGELO AMORE

Req. by his Wife and Family

ANGELO D`ANTONIO

Req. by his daughter Phyllis

57TH ANNIVERSARY BILLY STECKEL

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

20TH ANNIVERSARY MARIE P. STANOSKI

Req. by the Family

25TH ANNIVERSARY ARMANDO MACCHINA

Req. by Daughters and Family

30th ANNIVERSARY REBECCA TYRRELL

Req. by Tom and Leah Tyrrell



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of:
**THE CHONSKI AND DYDA
FAMILIES**

Week of January 27th – February 2nd
Requested by Rosemary and Denise

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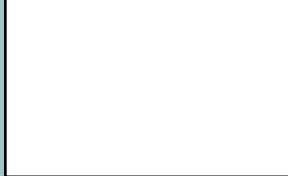
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