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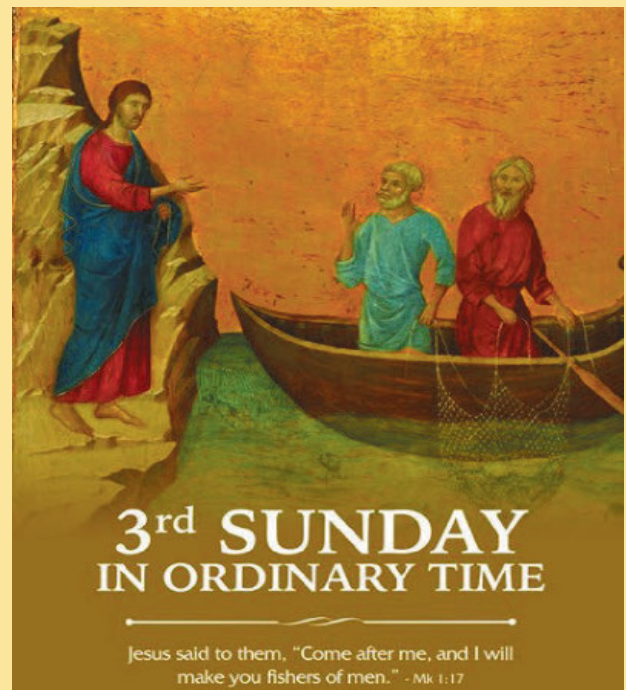
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DAILY MASS

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.

Welcome

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

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



Our food party is looking for the following USED ITEMS:

1. **Old Laptop Computer** (a donation must be a laptop because of the small space we are working in).
2. **Small dresser with drawers** - (again, must be small because of the limited space... maybe a child bedroom dresser or bathroom cabinet w/ drawers for storage)
3. **Old (hand-me-down) iPhone** - when people go out and buy new phones, they often take their old phone and throw it in a drawer somewhere. If someone has an old cell phone hanging around they want to donate, that would be perfect. (must be an iPhone, that's what the pantry ladies seem to be more comfortable operating)

USED ITEMS ONLY; we do not want anyone spending money on new furniture or electronics. That would be excessive and unnecessary!

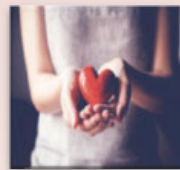
We are in need of the following Food Pantry items for our client items:

- Toothbrushes and paste.
- Coffee
- Tea / Hot Choc
- Laundry Detergent
- Canned soups

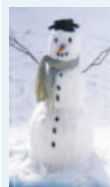
Thank you for all your support!

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, January 23, 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,

Today's Gospel passage from Mark 1:14-20 marks a pivotal moment in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we delve into these verses, we witness the commencement of Jesus' public ministry and the transformative encounter with the first disciples. The passage begins with the proclamation of Jesus: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." These words echo through the ages, inviting us to reflect on the ever-present call to repentance and belief. Jesus announces a new era, a kingdom breaking into our world – a kingdom of grace, love, and redemption.

Imagine the scene by the Sea of Galilee: Jesus walks along the shore, and he sees Simon and Andrew casting their nets. His invitation is simple yet profound: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." At that moment, these fishermen are faced with a decision that will alter the course of their lives forever. What strikes me in this passage is the immediacy of their response. "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." It's a powerful reminder that when Jesus calls, there is no room for hesitation. It calls us to examine our own lives and consider how promptly and wholeheartedly we respond to the call of Christ. James and John, sons of Zebedee, share a similar response – leaving their father and their livelihood behind to follow Jesus. The call of Christ often requires leaving the familiar, stepping into the unknown, and trusting in His divine plan for our lives. As we reflect on this passage, let us ponder the relevance of Jesus' call to us today. Are there nets in our lives that need to be left behind? Are there things holding us back from fully following Christ? The call to repentance and belief is an ongoing invitation to surrender ourselves to the transformative power of Christ. In conclusion, let us embrace the immediacy of the disciples' response. Like them, may we leave behind whatever hinders us and follow Jesus wholeheartedly. The kingdom of God is near – let us repent, believe in the good news, and embark on this journey of discipleship with courage and faith. May God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle

A Minute with the Deacon

Jesus begins his ministry in a startling way announcing the time of fulfillment and the arrival of the kingdom of God. After living quietly during his childhood and early adult years, Jesus, now, draws all attention to himself by announcing this revelation.

When God approaches, we become very aware of our unworthiness to be in His presence and so the first thing we must do is repent. Repent of what?

Repent of all the times we've rejected Him, repent of our indifference to Him, repent of our self-centeredness, repent of our ingratitude toward Him.

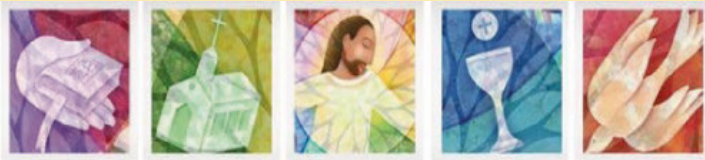
Then Jesus tells us to believe in the gospel. In other words, believe in the good news of God's love for us or in other words, believe in him. Jesus is only one who is worthy of belief because He is Truth itself.

As Jesus called his first disciples, he also calls us to be his present-day disciples. If we are going to be worthy of so great a calling, we must first do what he commands: Repent and Believe in Him.

Believing in Jesus frees us from all the false beliefs of the world.

We then become truly capable of becoming his disciples helping to make manifest and grow the kingdom of God in our world.

Deacon Bernard



Family Formation Sessions Schedule

- ◆ Our First Reconciliation service will be on Saturday January 27th at 10 AM.
- ◆ Our next "all ages" session will be on February 4th between the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses in the school gym.
- ◆ First Communion class will be on February 11th at 9:30 AM.
- ◆ Confirmation prep class will be on February 11th immediately after the 10:30 Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

SPECIAL INTENTION

Req. by a parishioner

JOHN W. O'ROURKE

Req. by Edward Cahill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

PAWL H. SPIEGEL

Req. by his sister M.J. Spiegel

SISTERS PATRICIA BRENNAN AND ELIZABETH PHELAN

Req. by Shannon Lenet

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30 PM

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE FOR RUTH ANNE GORGEN

Req. by her daughter Patricia Palmer

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM

34RD ANNIVERSARY STAN CHONSKI

Req. by Rosemary and Denise

JOHN V. O'CONNOR

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 his Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM

KATHLEEN AND WHITNEY LIBBEY

Req. by the 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



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of:*

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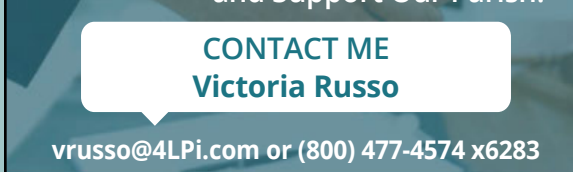
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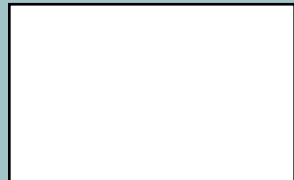
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