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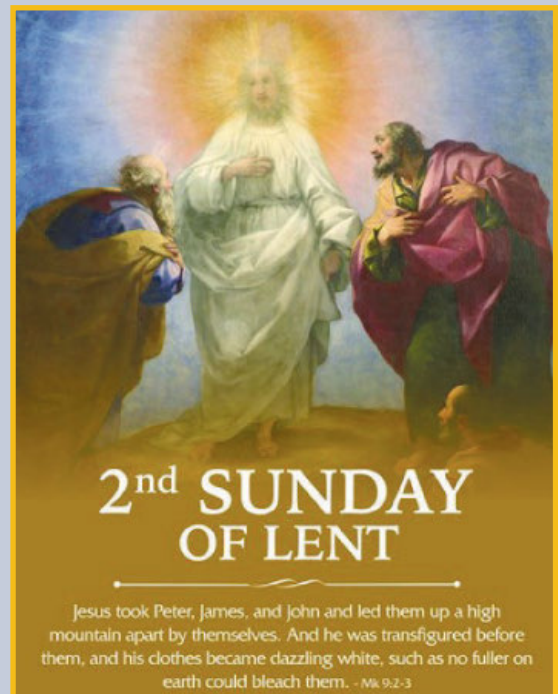
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DAILY MASS

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

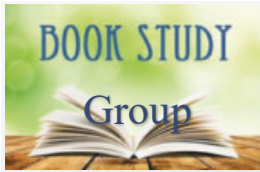
ADORATION

Wednesday 4:30 PM—5:30 PM

SCHOOL MASS | 11:00 AM

First Friday of every month

All are welcome



Please join us on Mondays at 9:00am for our religious book study group. 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

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

Our Catholic Community

Lenten Faith on Film Series held at St. Vincent De Paul Saturdays 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. The next movie showing is St. Vincent (PG-13 mature language) on March 2. Admission is free. Food Pantry donations are welcome.

Capital Region Catholic Lent Young Adult Series February 21st - March 27th on Wednesdays at 7PM online via zoom link emailed to registrants or in-Person in the St. Thomas School Library 42 Adams Pl, Delmar. For more information obtain a flyer in our Gathering Area.

AOH Annual Communion Breakfast, Sunday, March 3rd at starting with 9AM Mass at Our Lady of the Americas. Followed by 10AM Breakfast at the AOH 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

Journey Retreat for high school teens March 7-10 at the Dominican Retreat Center in Niskayuna <https://journey-retreat.com/>

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord," and approximately 160 other hymns, will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 beginning at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Avenue, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corp., Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30am-12:30pm on March 23 at St. Vincent's. Registration is \$15 for each program or \$25 for both programs. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at www.ivcusa.org/Schutte. For more information about the IVC Albany Region, email AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org.

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.



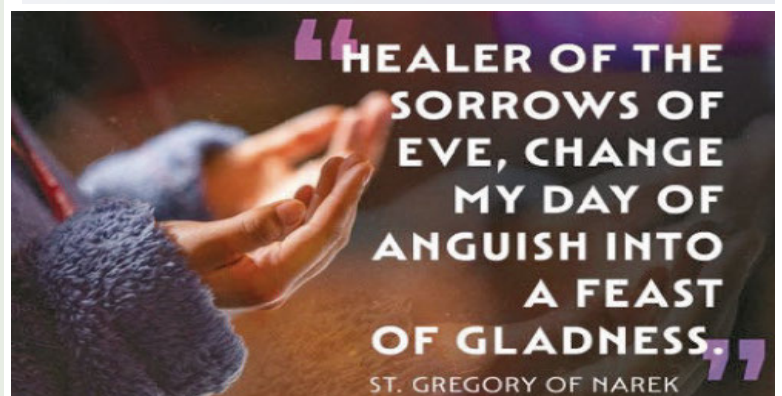
Family Promise Needs Your Help!

Family Promise has been an active part of our parish since 2015, when the program was introduced in the Albany diocese. In that time we have housed and fed scores of disadvantaged families as they seek to become productive citizens in our community.

Four times a year, for one week each time, needy families arrive at our doors to find a welcoming atmosphere, encouragement, and support. They spend their evenings and overnights with us and their days at what is appropriately named, "The Day Center" in the parsonage of Bethany Reformed Church on New Scotland Avenue.

The parishioners of Mater Christi have been generous with their time and resources in the eight years we have been participating in this ministry. Volunteers set up the living spaces, provide companionship for the families during dinner and overnight and provide dinner during our four host weeks each year.

We are now in need of someone to coordinate the dinner program. Please!! Contact Cynthia Galivan, cgalival@nycap.rr.com to become a part of this worthwhile and rewarding collaboration.



Dear parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage from Mark 9:2-10, we encounter the event of the Transfiguration of Jesus. A moment where the divine glory of Christ shines forth in all its brilliance, revealing a glimpse of the kingdom of God to Peter, James, and John. As Jesus takes these three disciples up the mountain, they witness an extraordinary sight. Suddenly, Jesus' appearance is transformed; his clothes become dazzlingly white. Alongside him appear Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. This scene shows that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old



Testament prophecies and the culmination of God's plan of salvation. Peter, overwhelmed by this supernatural manifestation, suggests building shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. But even as he speaks, a cloud overshadows them, and from it comes a voice, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" This divine affirmation

underscores the central message of the Transfiguration: Jesus is the beloved Son of God, and we are called to heed his teachings, to follow him faithfully. The Transfiguration is not just a spectacular event to marvel at; it holds profound lessons for us as disciples of Christ. Firstly, it reveals the true identity of Jesus. In his earthly ministry, Jesus often concealed his divine nature, but here, on the mountain, that nature is revealed in all its glory. This revelation strengthens our faith and assures us of the truth of Jesus' claims. Secondly, the Transfiguration foreshadows the glory that awaits us in the kingdom of God. Just as Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, so too will we be transformed in the fullness of time. St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians that our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body. Thirdly, the Transfiguration invites us into deeper intimacy with God. The mountain is a place of encounter with the divine, a place of prayer and revelation. Like Peter, James, and John, we are called to climb the mountain of prayer, to seek moments of communion with God where we can glimpse his glory and hear his voice speaking to our hearts. But perhaps most importantly, the Transfiguration calls us to listen to Jesus. Amidst the dazzling light and the heavenly voices, the message is clear: "Listen to him!" In a world filled with noise and distraction, it can be easy to overlook the voice of Christ. Yet, his words are the words of eternal life, guiding us on the path of discipleship and leading us to the fullness of joy in his kingdom.

Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle



Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent

Blessed Sacrament at 12:30 PM after 12:00 PM Mass

Mater Christi at 2:00 PM March 8th, 15th, and 22nd

The Cathedral at 4:00 PM

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas at 6:30 PM after 6:00 PM Mass, and a simple soup supper at 7:00 PM

Lenten reconciliation

Mater Christi on March 12 from 2:30PM to 4:00 PM

All Saints every Thursday reconciliation and adoration from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

All Saints on March 12 at 6:30 PM

St. Pius X on March 19 at 7:00 PM



Dear MC parishioners,
As I have previously shared, our longstanding and now retired principal of MCS, Terry Ewell, was selected as our Beacon of Hope, Community Spirit Award recipient. Here is what we submitted to the Diocese:

While spending over thirty years at St. Catherine of Siena/Mater Christi School it would be difficult to find a role that Terry Ewell has not filled. Whether by choice or necessity, Terry was, and is always, ready to help where needed. Her experience and knowledge led Mater Christi for so many years that her successors still depend on Terry's expertise to guide them through the challenges faced as leaders at the school and in the community. Terry has returned to MCS as a volunteer. She has worked with students to prepare them for public speaking roles at Masses and prayer services. She has also acted as moderator for the middle school Quiz Bowl and participated in faculty/staff versus 8th grade volleyball games during Catholic Schools Week. Terry continues to support and volunteer at Mater Christi School fundraisers.

The Hope Reception will be at The Hangar at 743 on Albany Shaker Road on April 26 at 5:00 p.m. Please click go to the link below to make a donation on behalf of the MCS community and in honor of Terry Ewell:
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/BOH2024/team/Ewell>
Congratulations, Mrs. Ewell!

Thank you,
Dr. Stalker

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2ND ANNIVERSARY JOHN CARSWELL

Req. by the Family

7TH ANNIVERSARY DALE DELUCA RIEGEL

Req. by her Friends

ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI

Req. by Marie Fraiser

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

ROSEMAY 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BIRTHDAY REMEMBERANCE ANTHONY GROSSI

Req. by Richard Grossi

MARGE FINLAY

Req. by her Family

SPECIAL INTENTION

Req. by a Parishioner

FR. GERARD LEE

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

THEODORE COYLE

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

41ST ANNIVERSARY DOROTHY C. FARRELLY

Req. by the Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:30 PM

MR. ETHAN RIO-ORTIZ (BIRTHDAY)

Req. by Grandma Susan

CHARLES FAHD

Req. by Julie Hess

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

DAVID LASINSKI

Req. by a Friend

JOAN SEARFOSS

Req. by her Family

EDDIE ROY

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

5TH ANNIVERSARY MRS. PHYLLIS RODRIQUES

Req. by Keith Rodriques and Family

ROSEMARY CHONSKI

Req. by Myrna Lyons

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

11:00 AM

FIRST FRIDAY SCHOOL MASS

JEANNE T. BLACK

Req. by the Mater Christi School Community

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

MAUREEN T. JEFFERS

Req. by Richard and Nuala McCarthy

MR. AND MRS. VINCENT MCARDLE,SR.

Req. by the McArdleFamily

ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI

Req. by Rosemary Sheldon and Ken Ahigian

5TH ANNIVERSARY MARTHA SMYTH

Req. by her Family

ALOYSIA HOFFMAN

Req. by a Friend

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM

KATHLEEN AND WHITNEY LIBBEY

Req. by the Family

ROSEMARY CHONSKI

Req. by Judi and Donna

PETER DURKEE

Req. by Cathy and George Davis

ROSE VIVIANO

Req. by Joe

10:30 AM

ANNA AND EDWARD MORRIS

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

MICHAEL D. TREFFILETTI

Req. by the McVeigh and Parenti Family

JEANNE BLACK

Req. by Jean Fitzpatrick



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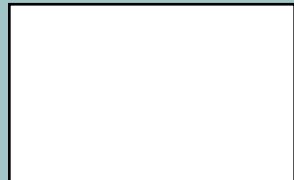
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