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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



## BIBLE STUDY

### We are looking for parishioners

interested in forming a weekly Bible study.

An informal meeting to discuss and prepare will take place this **Tuesday morning, February 6th** after the 8:15am daily mass in the church lobby. Please join us!



## BOARD GAMES

### Please join us

after the 10:30am mass  
next Sunday  
**February 11th**  
in the church lobby.

We will have **bagels, coffee and board games.** Feel free to bring your favorite board game to share. All ages are welcome. Hope to see you there! for questions, or anyone wanting to help out please contact Judy at 518-424-807/Judyfield11@yahoo.com

Kind regards  
Judy Field



## Our Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

to help 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

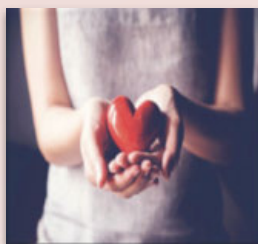
make a world of a difference! Please email us at: [MaterChristiOutreach@gmail.com](mailto:MaterChristiOutreach@gmail.com) or call and leave a message with your callback number at 518-596-6691.

Thank you for all your support!  
Jason Rogers,  
Food Pantry Director



## Family Formation Class Schedule

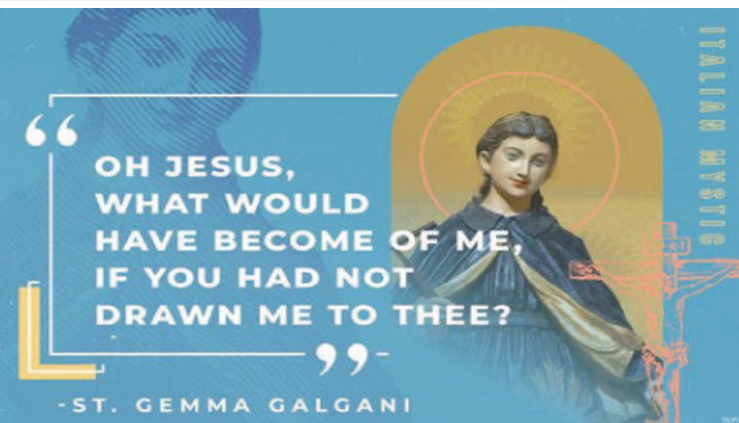
- ◆ Our all ages sessions will be on February 4th and March 3rd in the school gym between the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.
- ◆ Our next sacramental prep classes will be on February 11th. Those who are preparing for First Communion will meet at 9:30 AM and those who are preparing for Confirmation will meet immediately after the 10:30 AM 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, 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](mailto:info@mcalbany.org)





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In today's Gospel passage from Mark 1:29-39, we witness the profound ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ as he moves from the synagogue to the home of Simon and Andrew. The events that unfold in this passage teach us valuable lessons about the essence of discipleship and the call to serve. As the narrative begins, Jesus enters the house of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law lies ill with a fever, and Jesus, filled with compassion, takes her by the hand and raises her up. In this simple yet powerful gesture, we see the healing touch of our Lord, a touch that not only restores physical health but also symbolizes the transformative power of God's grace in our lives. The healing of Simon's mother-in-law is a vivid reminder that Jesus is not distant or indifferent to our sufferings. He enters into the intimate spaces of our lives, addressing our ailments and infirmities with the healing balm of his love. As disciples of Christ, we are called to open our homes and hearts to the presence of the Lord, allowing Him to bring healing and restoration to our lives. However, the story doesn't end there. The news of Jesus' miraculous healing spreads throughout the town, and by evening, the whole city gathers at the door. People from all walks of life, burdened by various afflictions, seek the touch of Jesus. And what does our Lord do? He responds to their needs with unwavering compassion, curing the sick and casting out demons. In this, we find a crucial lesson for us as disciples: the call to serve. Jesus didn't confine his ministry to the synagogue or a select few; instead, he went out to the people, meeting them where they were in their struggles and pain. As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate this outreach, to go beyond the comfortable confines of our faith communities and actively engage with the world, bringing the light of Christ to those in darkness. Moreover, as the Gospel unfolds, we see Jesus rising early in the morning and going to a deserted place to pray. This highlights the necessity of communion with God through prayer. In the midst of our busy lives, it is crucial to follow the example of Jesus and seek moments of solitude to deepen our relationship with the Father. The passage concludes with Jesus proclaiming, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." This final statement encapsulates the mission of Christ and, by extension, our mission as his disciples. We are called not only to receive God's grace and healing but also to share it with others, to go out into the world and proclaim the message of love, redemption, and salvation. As we reflect on this Gospel passage, let us embrace the call to serve, seek the presence of Christ in our lives, and respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters with compassion. May we, like Jesus, be a source of healing and hope in the world, actively engaging in the mission of proclaiming the Good News to all.

Your Brother in Christ  
Fr. Kyle



**A Minute with the Deacon** Jesus enters the house of Peter and immediately heals Peter's mother, who is ill. He makes her well with only a touch. In a short period of time after he begins his public life, he reveals his wisdom of scripture, his command over demons and his great compassion for those who are suffering. He's showing himself to be the long awaited Messiah. Throughout the remainder of Mark's gospel this weekend, there are many that come to Jesus for healing. Jesus turns no one away. However, he also shows the importance of setting aside time to pray in solitude to his Father renewing his own strength and energy. In this week's gospel, we see how important it is for us to stay close to Jesus in our own lives. He offers us the same healing and renewal that he offered to those in Mark's gospel today, if we only approach him in humility, faith and hope.

Deacon Bernard



**Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**Masses with distribution of ashes**

- 7:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
- 9:00 a.m. All Saints
- 12:00 noon St. Vincent's
- 5:00 p.m. Cathedral
- 5:30 p.m. Mater Christi

**Ash Services**

- 7:00 a.m. Historic Church of St. Mary's
- 8:15 a.m. Mater Christi
- 12:00 noon Blessed Sacrament
- 12:15 p.m. Cathedral
- 12:15 p.m. All Saints
- 5:30 p.m. All Saints
- 5:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent's

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 daughter Marie

**PATRICIA M. DEEGHAN**

Req. by Joanne and Maura Toomey

**MARY FOWLER**

Req. by Elaine and Ernie Annabile

**GEOFFREY O`HANLAN**

Req. by the Family

**SUSAN URBANSKI**

Req. by the Tiongson Family

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

8:30 AM

**THEODORE AND JANE GERWIN**

Req. by Jane Gerwin

**KATHLEEN AND WHITNEY LIBBEY**

Req. by the Family

10:30 AM

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ANGELO AMORE**

Req. by his Wife and Family

**ANGELO D`ANTONIO**

Req. by his daughter Phyllis

**57<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BILLY STECKEL**

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MARIE P. STANOSKI**

Req. by the Family

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ARMANDO MACCHINA**

Req. by Daughters and Family

**30TH ANNIVERSARY REBECCA TYRRELL**

Rep. by Tom and Leah Tyrell

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**REGINA TREFFILETTI**

Req. by Friends

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:30 PM

**ROBERT P. SLEASMAN**

Req. by the Sochor Family

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STELLA JABONASKI**

Req. by your dearest friend Olga

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**MANUEL SANTOS**

Req. by the Tiongson Family

## MASS INTENTIONS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

#### **PAMELA COYLE**

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

#### **AGNES BONNIE COYLE**

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

#### **FR. PAUL OLIGNY**

Req. by Mark St. Jacques

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

No Mass

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:00 PM

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LARRY WILLIAMS**

Req. by Mom and Dad

#### **PATRICIA M. DEEGHAN**

Req. by John and Ashley Toomey

#### **BRIAN MCARDLE**

Req. by the McArdle Family

#### **ROSEMARY K. CHONSKI**

Req. by Joanne and Maura Toomey

#### **PAUL COONEY**

Req. by Joanne Toomey

#### **JEAN CONWAY**

Req. by her family

#### **HENRIETTA PHILLIPS**

Req. by Karen and Hank Hoffman

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM

#### **JOHN O`ROURKE**

Req. by Cathy and George Davis

#### **JOHN B. VINCENT III**

Req. by Mary Reda

10:30 AM

#### **FRANK AND ANTOINETTE CALDERONE**

Req. by their Children

#### **HENRY J. DELOLLO JR.**

Req. by the Connor Family

#### **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY HELEN STECHEL**

Req. by Thomas and Barbara Joseph

#### **GIOVANNA NANIA**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY MARK HOFFMAN**

Req. by the Family

#### **54<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE JEFFERY F. PALMER AND**

#### **46<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH**

Req. by his mom Patricia



*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of:*

**HENRY SROCZYNSKI**

*Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>—February 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Requested by Joyce and Tim Gergich*



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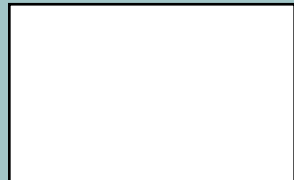
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