

The Parish of

Mater Christi

40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY 12208

Phone: (518) 489-3204 | Email: [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com)

# PARISH BULLETIN

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 4, 2020**



## **Mission Statement**

The parish of Mater Christi is a faith community, unified by belief in Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and rooted in the discipleship of our Blessed Mother. United by our common baptism in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, we celebrate the Eucharist and seek to work and pray for the deepening of faith in Jesus Christ through worship, evangelization, and service.

## STAY CONNECTED

Please follow us on the following social media platforms to stay connected and receive updated information about what's happening at the parish:



**Facebook**  
[ParishofMaterChristi](#)



**Instagram**  
[materchristialb](#)



**MyParishApp**  
Parish of Mater Christi



**YouTube**  
[ParishofMaterChristi](#)



**Twitter**  
[materchristialb](#)



**Online**  
[parishes.rcda.org/materchristi](https://parishes.rcda.org/materchristi)

**Email Correspondence:** If you have not been receiving electronic messages from us, we strongly encourage you to please share a household email address with our office to allow for more timely and cost effective communication of parish news and information in the future. Send a message to: [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com) including your full name and street address and ask us to add your email address to our database.

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

**Weekend of September 27, 2020**

| <b>Number of Donations:</b> |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| ONLINE                      | 47                  |
| ENVELOPES                   | 82                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>129</b>          |
| <b>REGULAR OFFERTORY</b>    |                     |
| ENVELOPES                   | \$4,072.00          |
| LOOSE                       | \$180.00            |
| ONLINE                      | \$2,462.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$6,714.00</b>   |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES     | \$15,800.00         |
| <b>DIFFERENCE</b>           | <b>(\$9,086.00)</b> |
| <b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>    |                     |
| ASSUMPTION                  | \$5.00              |
| CATHOLIC CHARITIES          | \$20.00             |
| CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY         | \$99.00             |
| EASTER                      | \$300.00            |
| EVANGELIST                  | \$22.00             |
| FOOD PANTRY                 | \$533.00            |
| HOME MISSIONS               | \$5.00              |

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Online giving isn't just for COVID! By making online donations through WeShare, your contributions will go directly to the Parish. You can make a one-time donation or set up weekly or monthly recurring donations. Use this link: <https://materchristi.weshareonline.org> or go to our parish website and click on the "Give Online" box in the upper right corner.



## **DAILY MASSES**

*Indoors*

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday **8:15am**

Wednesday **5:30pm**

## **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

*Outdoors*

**4:00pm**

## **SUNDAY MASS**

*Indoors*

**9:00am**

Outdoor Masses will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.  
Please check social media and local news for announcements.

## **Sacrament of Confession & Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays **4:30pm** in church prior to Mass

## **➡ SUNDAY MASSES ⬅**

**Pre-Registration is required for indoor Mass.**

**Please see instructions below:**

Pre-Registration for indoor Sunday Masses will begin on Mondays and end on Thursdays at NOON. (For example, pre-registration for Sunday, October 11th, will begin on Monday, October 5th and end on Thursday, October 8th, at NOON.)

To register please call the parish office at (518) 489-3204 or email: [materchristalbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristalbany@gmail.com). You must include your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and the number of people in your party.

It is important that parties enter as a group if you wish to be seated together.

Registrants who arrive separately will be seated according to social distancing guidelines. Please check our website to review detailed guidelines for both indoor and outdoor Masses: [parishes.rcda.org/MaterChristi](http://parishes.rcda.org/MaterChristi)

*Please note that dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place. Those who are vulnerable or even simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain home and view Mass on our YouTube channel or Facebook page.*



# MASS+ INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

### FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Req. by the Wytrwal family

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

### 12TH ANNIV. MARY CULLINAN REUTEMANN

Req. by Anne Reutemann Berroyer

### JOSEPH P. SVERBEL, JR.

Req. by Clara Sverbel

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:15AM

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR DOREEN LABLANC

Req. by Susan

### CHRISTOPHER GOYETTE

Req. by Ed & Kim Verhoff

5:30PM

### PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

### ROBERT LYONS

Req. by his family

### MAUREEN DOHERTY

Req. by George & Cathy Davis

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

### MARY MARTIN

Req. by Janet Gargiulo

### ARTHUR BARTLETT

Req. by his family

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

### JOANN C. SALERNO

Req. by Patrick & Madeline Amodeo



*Burns In Memory of*  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE PARISH**  
*Week of October 4-10*

## **REST IN PEACE**

Please remember in your prayers the souls of all  
those who passed away recently.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

### SEVERA BANDALAN

Req. by her family

### LANCE KOREMAN

Req. by Gregg & Jane Davis and family



## **Scheduling Mass Intentions**

There are many ways to schedule a Mass Intention: you can email [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com) with "Mass Intention" as the subject, call the office at (518) 489-3204, or fill out a Mass Intention Request Form. Please include the date you would like to schedule, the name(s) of your loved one(s), and who the request is from. The suggested offering is \$10 per intention. **If you'd like your intention to appear in the bulletin it must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of publication for guaranteed inclusion.** Mass cards are also available. **Please note that because the office is closed to visitors Mass cards must be prearranged for pickup or mailed.**

Offerings can be mailed to the parish office at: 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY 12208, Attn. Jasper; deposited through the secure mail slot at the office; or, placed in the collection basket, inside an envelope, Attn. Jasper.





Please do **NOT** park in the Hurst Avenue lot for Daily Mass as it interferes with procedures in place for drop-off at school.

## CHANGES TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

We want to let you know about a few changes to the annual campaign formerly known as the Bishop's Appeal:

- The campaign will now be known as the *Diocesan Appeal* and themed, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- There will no longer be "in-pew" collection of pledges.
- The 2020-2021 Diocesan Appeal will begin with a mailing sent to parishioners from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany (RCDA) - Office of Stewardship and Development. You should expect to receive this correspondence between now and early September; it will include a pledge card and envelope.
- All pledges and payments will be sent directly to the RCDA Office of Stewardship and will no longer be processed in the parish office.
- The appeal year runs through June 30, 2021 (rather than ending in March as in the past).
- Monthly or one-time gifts by credit card can be made via secure website at [donate.thediocesanappeal.org](https://donate.thediocesanappeal.org). You can also make a pledge at that site as well as pledge payments.
- For more information on the appeal, visit [www.thediocesanappeal.org](https://www.thediocesanappeal.org).
- Questions - call the RCDA Office of Stewardship & Development at 518-453-6680 or email [stewardship@rcda.org](mailto:stewardship@rcda.org)

As the Diocese serves as a critical partner with us in serving you, we thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a pledge to the Diocesan Appeal.





## MATER CHRISTI

### Food Pantry

#### **It's Not Too Early to Think about Thanksgiving!**

The Mater Christi Food Pantry is getting ready for our annual Thanksgiving distribution which will take place on Tuesday, November 24th. We expect to provide 100 households from our pantry with all of the food items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. We will also continue to help the Cathedral Food Pantry by donating funds for turkeys. We are requesting donations of specific non-perishable food items and monetary contributions for the purchase of meats, fresh fruits & vegetables, rolls, and desserts. **A flyer will be emailed to all parishioners this week, listing our specific food needs**, and it includes a form to pledge the donation of a frozen turkey. Mater Christi parishioners have been very generous to this program every year, and we ask for your help again this year. Thank you for your kindness and may God bless you.

#### **OFF TO THE RACES WITH FATHER DOYLE**

---

When our three biggest fundraisers were cancelled due to the pandemic, Father Doyle agreed to a suggestion on how he could support MCS by building an online campaign to add to the Father Ken Doyle Scholarship Fund that was established upon his retirement.

We are so happy to announce that this online campaign exceeded our \$25,000 goal with a **total of \$40,165.00 raised** to help parents provide a Catholic education for their children.

The community of Mater Christi School wishes to express our gratitude to all of the donors for their generous contributions to support the "Off to the Races- Fr. Doyle Fundraiser". Please see the listing included with this weekend's bulletin.

This fundraiser has enabled us to continue to make a Catholic education accessible for our families, especially during the recent COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for helping us to provide a gift that will last a lifetime.

Blessings,  
Sr. Debbie Timmis, CSJ  
Principal

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## **Winner's Circle (\$2500+)**

Anonymous Donors (2)

## **Grandstand (\$1000-\$1499)**

Mary Beth O'Brien  
Mary Ellen Drislane  
JMU 4 Kids  
Martha A. Lacy  
Vincent R. Sfara  
Robert G. Conway, Jr.  
Daniel Rutnik  
Anonymous Donor (1)

## **Clubhouse (\$1500-\$2499)**

Mary Jane De Joie  
Anonymous Donor (1)

## **At the Rail (\$500-\$999)**

William and Karen Barrett  
Susan LaVigne  
Josh & Rebecca Caldon  
Ellin Luft  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Waidelich  
John Conners  
David & Donna Kavanaugh  
John & Mary Ann Allen  
Robert S. Drew  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Bartkowski  
Mike & Julie Pasquini

## **Paddock (\$250-\$499)**

Brian Steckel, MD  
Timothy & Karen Tyrrell  
Tammy & Tom Conway  
Brian, Tricia & Stephanie Secor  
Janet E. Gargiulo  
Mr. & Mrs. James E. McMahon  
Nancy & Jim Sano  
Carol Toomey  
Debbie Placito  
Albany County Deputy Sheriff PBA  
Anonymous Donors (3)

John & Yuan Bryant  
David & Kathleen Canova  
Joan Luyun  
Edith, Sam & Joe Papa, Jr.  
MaryBeth Mastrianni  
James & Jacqueline Daniels  
John Keyes  
Barbara Mulderry- In Memory of  
of Benjamin & Patrick Mulderry  
Nancy & Pat Hogan



**At the Gate (\$150-\$249)**

John, Cecilia & Bill Leonard  
Kathy Underwood  
Roz & Dick Adair  
Dick & Caryl Hedderman  
Jennifer & Blake Washington  
Carolina Allen  
Steve & Fran Franke  
Theresa Ewell  
Dorothy Halloran  
Johnny & Tracy Evers & Lily, Thomas & Kiley  
Dr. Haider & Carol Goussous  
Mary Ann Awad  
Cyra Nealon- In Memory of George Nealon  
Donna & John Turley  
Tom & Lissa McNaughton  
James & Patricia Finnerty  
Jim & Rose Sherin

Mary T. O'Connor  
Chip & Necole Good  
Jean Kibbe  
Sara Duncan  
Alice & Dave Matrese  
John Wyld  
Christine Bouchard  
Michael W. & Jeanne L. Sullivan  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Jukes & Randall J. Jukes  
John & Rose Ryan Kemp  
Paula Hemmings  
Judy Flannery  
Paul Scott Duesterdick Consulting  
Pat Fischer- In Memory of Dr. Frederick Fischer  
John Fitzsimmons  
Chip & Angela Prestigiacomo  
Anonymous Donors (2)

**Off to the Races (\$1-\$149)**

Donna Wickert  
Mr. & Mrs. George Pauley  
Susan & Bill Picotte  
Joseph & Jeanne Roche  
Gloria Lekki-Macri  
Michael & Rosemary Sheridan  
Friends of Jack Flynn  
Sr. Debbie Timmis, CSJ  
Caryn Prestigiacomo  
Jennifer Bejo  
Liam & Padraig Moynihan  
Kathleen Hogan  
Necole Good  
Kathleen O'Brien  
Emily & Madelyn Hession  
Patricia Johnson  
Joseph Tumonis  
Gerald & Mary Ann Jennings  
Jason Duncan  
John Leonard  
Bruce DiStefano  
Katie O'Connor  
Anne-Marie DeRusso  
Mary Marto  
Janet & Joseph Allegretti  
Jim Iavarone  
Mary Lynn Williams

Mary Reda  
Thomas & Jane Conole  
Rose Anne Gaudet  
Martha Ann McLaughlin  
Sr. Kathy Kruegler, CSJ  
Cecilia & Vincent Rigosu  
Charles & Barbara Terry  
Dan Bergin  
Sheila Ceniza  
Renan Villegas  
Sabrina Viglucci  
Mary O'Brien  
William Cunningham  
Sean Bellinger  
Brandon Grimes  
Christine McCann  
Almira Villegas  
John & Yuan Bryant  
Karen Walker  
Nick Pasquini  
Thomas Smith  
Kathleen Yanas  
Kathleen Naughter  
William Close  
Edward & Elayne Frank  
Leo Carey  
Anonymous Donors (4)

### Virtual Birthday Candle (\$80)

Beth Cassidy  
Anne Reutemann-Berroyer  
Albert Knapp  
Blanche G. Hoffman  
Marie E. Hogan  
Nancy Reuss  
Marianne Daniels Bross  
Winifred Maloney  
Terry, DeJuan and Giada Crawford  
Judith Cavanaugh  
The Childs/Moynihan Family  
Edith, Sam & Joe Papa, Jr.  
Frederick Stutzman  
Marge & Jack Koreman  
Maureen & Dave Torncello  
Glenn & Joan Viele  
Cecilia K. Parkinson  
Tammy Crasto  
Jeannette Reheuser  
Sandina Ordway  
JoAnne Vogel

Julia V. Peek  
Thomas Link  
Carolyn Gaynor  
Nancy Stock  
Mary Pat & Peter Aiossa  
Mary Ellen White  
Kristina Schweitzer  
Cynthia Galivan  
Lynne Fiore  
Nancy Strini  
Mary Corso  
Mary Caldwell  
Joe & Elena Turley  
Mary Anne & Phil Gallagher  
Maureen O'Brien  
Jayne Hughes Weber  
John & Suzanne O'Neill  
Roseanne O'Brien  
Veronica & Dan Herring  
The Bucher/Clemens Family



**YOUR DONATION HELPED  
PROVIDE A GIFT THAT  
WILL LAST A LIFETIME**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

# BLESSING

# OF THE



# ANIMALS

October 4, 2020 | 2:00 PM

**Parish of Mater Christi**

Rectory Lawn

Hurst Avenue & Collins Place | Albany, NY

**MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED**

Please keep dogs leashed and pickup after your pet

*Questions? Call (518) 489-3204*





The Parish of

# Mater Christi

A ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

## Dear Parish Family:

This coming weekend we will once again be offering our outdoor Mass, but it will move to Saturday at 4:00pm. We are thrilled to announce the return of Mass indoors at Mater Christi Church on Sundays at 9:00am. Pre-Registration is required in order to attend the INDOOR Mass. To pre-register, please call the parish office at (518) 489-3204 or send an email to [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com). Pre-Registration will begin on Monday morning at 9:00 AM and end on Thursday at NOON. Please include your name, phone number, email address, and the number of people in your party. It is important that parties enter as a group if you wish to be seated together. Everyone will be seated according to diocesan social distancing guidelines. Please arrive at least 20 minutes early. There will be hand sanitizing dispensers available at the entrances. Everyone in attendance, over the age of 2, will be required to wear a face covering throughout Mass. Singing during any liturgy is still restricted to one soloist per service. If you cannot attend either Mass, you can still view the recorded version on our YouTube channel or Facebook page, and we are hoping to live-stream broadcast shortly. We are also planning to move the 4:00pm outdoor Mass inside the church beginning Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website to review detailed health & safety guidelines.

Here are some details to help you to know what to expect when it's your turn to attend Mass...

### As You Arrive:

- Please wear your mask as you get out of your car. In order to maintain our tax exempt status and pastoral neutrality, please refrain from wearing any political masks.
- Bring some hand sanitizer with you for communion, and the worship aid you printed at home (if you have a printer)
- Volunteers will greet you and tell you everything you need to know about being seated
- When it's your turn, you will give your name to the volunteer, confirm the phone number we have for you, and get your seat assignment

### Getting Your Seat:

- A volunteer will seat you
- Records of Mass attendance will be kept confidential; only if a case of someone testing positive at a Mass will the contact information of those seated in that person's section be shared with the County Health Department. This action is taken to contain the spread through notification & testing.
- We unfortunately can't honor seating preferences, for obvious reasons

### Communion:

- All will remain standing in their pew and Father or Deacon will bring communion to you
- Father or Deacon will drop the host into each parishioner's flat palm
- For clergy safety, please leave your mask on until Father or Deacon has moved beyond you, then pull your mask down over your chin and receive the Eucharist, replacing your mask

### Exiting the Church

- Volunteers will release pews from back to front; please remain in your pew until your section is called
- If you do not make online donations, you can drop your envelope into a collection basket station as you exit.
- For sanitation reasons, please take everything that you brought with you (including any printed material, Cheerios, etc.)
- Please go directly to your car so all can avoid congregating outside and stay safe

As you might imagine, having a public Mass during a pandemic with 25% attendance is quite a production. We need volunteers to do the following before, during, and after each Mass:

1. Serve on the welcome team that will welcome parishioners outside the church, ensure they have masks and receive sanitizer.
2. Serve on the check-in team to give everyone a seat for contact tracing purposes.
3. Serve on the team who will seat parishioners based on their seat assignment.
4. Serve on the team who will disinfect the church and restroom before & after each Mass.

**Are you able to help us put all the pieces in place for a safe Mass each weekend?**

A lot of the people who would love to volunteer to do these tasks have a condition that puts them in a high-risk group, so they can't. We know that many hands make light work, so if you feel God calling you to participate in our return to indoor Masses, give that call some serious consideration. If you'd like to offer some time before or after Mass, please email the parish office at: [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com) or call (518) 489-3204.

It's been over six months since the last time we gathered indoors...it's hard to even conceive. Until we're back to when Masses on a weekend are at 100% capacity, some of the things we've always taken for granted (sitting in our "regular" pew... attending any Mass we choose, from an array of times... coming in as big a group as we choose...) will need to be put on hold for a while yet. But we have seen New York go from being the global epicenter of the virus to one of the places with the lowest transmission rates in the country. Let us give glory to God and maintain our efforts to keep this trend going and keep each other safe.

**Mater Christi Re-opening Committee**

# MASS SCHEDULE

## DAILY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:15am

### Confession & Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday at 4:30pm; Mass at 5:30pm

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00pm OUTDOORS

*Beginning October 17<sup>th</sup>: 4:00pm INDOORS*

## SUNDAY MASS

9:00am INDOORS



Help us reduce paper and save on postage. If you have an email address and are able to receive electronic communications, please contact the parish office at: [materchristialbany@gmail.com](mailto:materchristialbany@gmail.com) or call (518) 489-3204 to go paperless!