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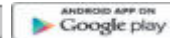
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Deacon Dick Thiesen — Parish Life Director

E-mail: deacondickcol@gmail.com

Sacramental Ministers

Rev. Anthony J. Chiamonte and Rev. James Kane

Staff

Ann McCauley, Pastoral Associate for

Administration: Ext. 10

Laurie Luizzi, Pastoral Associate for

Parish Services: Ext. 11

Kari Kurtz, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation,

Youth Ministry & Evangelization: Ext. 15

Music Ministry

Shirley Myers

Trustees

Stephanie Cogan

From Deacon Dick

With our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church's Christmas Season comes to a close as we enter Ordinary Time.

Perhaps our Christmas decorations have been relegated to closets and attics until next December when we will once again celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace. But ... *to what extent do we relegate the Prince of Peace to the closets of our hearts and the attics of our minds only to be taken out of storage when the Christmas Season arrives again? What about the meantime? Is not Christ born in us all the time? Shouldn't we be attentive to "Christmas news" all throughout the year?*

Perhaps this poem by theologian and poet, John Shea will help us.



It happens when we least expect it.

*When we wake in the night
with the worries of the day.*

*When we mask a child
too young to have her face unseen.*

*When we ache to see people
but fear to invite them.*

*When we touch a forehead
and hope it is not hot.*

*Sometimes comfort comes,
arriving as grace
into exhaustion.*

*It must be a mistake,
nothing has changed,
Dare we allow it in?*

*Are the angels of Bethlehem
still wandering the world,
trumpets uplifted,*

visiting us with Christmas news?

"There is One among you who brings peace."

(John Shea, 2020)

WEEKLY PRAYER

SUNDAY'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN 01/09 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 /Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MON 01/10 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

TUE 01/11 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

WED 01/12 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

THR 01/13 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

FRI 01/14 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

SAT 01/15 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

SUN 01/16 Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Adult: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul.
(Ps 104)

SECOND READING

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)



JANUARY 11

Tuesday 9:00 AM

For All Souls

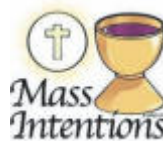
JANUARY 15 & 16

Saturday 10:00 AM

John Feeley; (Anniv Remb), req., grandson, Pat Fitzgerald
Anthony George; req., Ron, Bill & Dorothy Ernest
John Del Pozzo ; req., Marie & Fred Mastrianni
Theresa Bonnani; req., Wanda Bernardi
Frank Craig; (1st Anniv Remb); req., Family

Sunday 10:00 AM

Tashua Cannistraci; req., mom, Bonnie Fagan
Mary Daigle; req., Jeane Sinnenberg
James M. & Mary D. O'Donnell req., James O'Donnell
Ann Marie Dott; req., Maria Mirabile & Family
Cynthia Irwin; req, Mary Ellen Lorini



SANCTUARY LAMP ~ IS LIT THIS WEEK FOR

For All Souls

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel is a beautiful way to remember a loved one. Please contact the parish office at 518-459-6635 if you would like to make arrangements to remember a loved one in this special way.



ADORATION AND ROSARY GROUP

With winter upon us and COVID surging, Adoration and Rosary Group are being postponed until the spring, when we will re-evaluate to see if it is safe to resume these groups in our Chapel. Please feel free to contact the office at 518-459-6635 with any questions.



2021-2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT"

(As of December 13, 2021)

Assessment:	\$ 87,650.00
Donors to Date:	166
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The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense of our individual missions and then to help one another to discover them to serve each other.

PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Weekly Offertory for December 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 14,901.96
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins & Offertory	\$ (8,562.00)
Overage/Shortfall	(-) \$ (6,339.96)

YTD (July 2020-Present) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$201,176.47
YTD Actual	\$190,375.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (10,801.47)

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!!

Christmas Collections will be listed in next week's bulletin.
Thank you!

SPECIAL COLLECTION ~ MIDWESTERN TORNADO RELIEF

As requested by Bishop Scharfenberger, this weekend's second collection will be a special collection for the relief following the devastating tornadoes that recently hit the midwestern United States. Please be as generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters across the country. If you would like, you may contribute directly to tornado relief at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A CATECHIST?

It takes the **WHOLE** community to pass on our faith traditions and the "Good News that is Jesus"!

We ask you to consider if God is calling you to use your gifts as a Catechist!

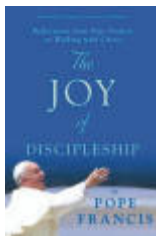
We are in need of people who are willing to commit two to three hours a month either by Zoom or in person on a Sunday or Tuesday evening.

If you would like to help in this ministry Kari would love to chat with you. No experience required—you just need a love for the Lord and a willingness to share. Come by the office or email Kari.Kurtz@rcda.org



Christ Our Light Book Club

This month our Book Club will begin reading and discussing ... The Joy of Discipleship by Pope Francis — would you like to join us?...



Contact Kari Kurtz for more information at KariKurtz@rcda.org

WEEKLEY EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sun.	9-Jan	Mass - The Baptism of the Lord	10:00 AM	Church
		Faith Formation Grades K-6	Cancelled	
		Faith Formation Grades 7 -10	Cancelled	
Mon.	10-Jan	COL Seniors	9:00 AM	Hall
Tue.	11-Jan	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
Wed.	12-Jan	Eucharistic Adoration	Cancelled Until Spring	
		Rosary	Cancelled Until Spring	
		Faith Formation Grades K-6	6:00 PM	Zoom
		Charismatic Mass	7:00 PM	Church
		BLD Music Group	7:30 PM	CR 1
Thur.	13-Jan	Boy Scout Troop 1022 Mtg	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	Hall
Fri.	14-Jan	Mass: BLD Albany	7:00 PM	Church
		Fellowship: BLD Albany	9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Hall
Sat.	15-Jan	Food Pantry Pick-Up	8:15 AM	Parking Lot
		Reconciliation	3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Church
		Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church
Sun.	16-Jan	Mass	10:00 AM	Church
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	11:00 AM	Hall

**Pastoral Associate for Parish Services
Church of St. Clare, Albany, NY**

General areas of responsibility include preparation of the weekly bulletin, creation of worship aids, maintenance of parish records and databases, and serving as a liaison to parish ministries and outside vendors.

Required skills include a pastoral approach to people across the entire age spectrum, the ability to multi-task with attention to detail, and a demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Publisher).

Interested candidate should submit a resume, a letter of interest, and references to: Richard.Thiesen@rcda.org.



RAISE A PSALM

FESTIVAL CELEBRATION CHOIR invites you to sing with us this spring. Our spring concert, RAISE A PSALM, features a variety of biblical Psalms set to music by classical and contemporary composers and arrangers. Rehearsals are Mondays, 7 PM to 8:15 PM at First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Avenue, Albany beginning Monday, January 24. Vaccinations and masks are required.

The Spring concert will take place on May 15 at 3 PM, at First Lutheran Church, Albany. Email Albert Yasus at contact@festivalcelebrationchoir.org or Julie Panke, Director at kirkechor@earthlink.net for more information or to download order/registration form, visit our website at festivalcelebrationchoir.org

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