

From Deacon Dick

IT'S A SYNOD - THE DIOCESE AND POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What is a Synod?

Yes, you read this headline correctly! Last October, Pope Francis invited all Catholics to share their dreams and hopes ... their frustrations and concerns ... their experiences and ideas about the future mission of the Church. The process is called a Synod (from a Greek word meaning "assembly" or "meeting"). Rather than rely solely on the wisdom of those who govern God's Church, Pope Francis is asking all the faithful throughout the world to lend their voices.

When and how may I participate?

Dioceses and parishes world-wide will be involved. In the United States, by April 1 dioceses are expected to submit a summary of local discussions to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops which will then forward their summary to the Vatican. A working document will then be prepared for the world-wide Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

To participate in local Diocesan webinars, you must register at: *webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaith Formation*. (register early ... space is limited) Here are the sessions:

Jan 25 @ 10 am & 7 pm -"What is the Synod & Why Should I Care? Part 1- A True Season of the Spirit"

Feb 1 @ 10 am & 7 pm - "What is the Synod & Why Should I Care? Part 2-Walking & Listening Together"

Feb 8 @ 10 am & 7 pm - "What is the Synod & Why Should I Care? Part 3 - All the Baptized – Co-responsible for Mission

There is an excellent article on this subject in the Jan 13 edition of *The Evangelist*, our Diocesan newspaper. If you would like to subscribe, please call the parish office number listed in this bulletin. May the Holy Spirit be with all of us who, as church, seek to follow Jesus.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN 1/	23	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
MON 1/	24	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
TUE 1/	25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
WED 1/	26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
THR 1/	27	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

- FRI 1/28 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/29 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/30 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Adult: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

- Children: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you? PRAYER FOR THE WEEK
- Open the eyes of others to your love and forgiveness, Lord.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

JANUARY 25

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Ivan Osterhout; req., Family

JANUARY 29 & 30

Saturday 10:00 AM

Greg Liski; req., Barbara Drago & Alexandra Vellella Thomas Eworonsky; req., Barbara Drago & Alexandra Vellella Vinci Blaauboer; req., Ron Wood

Sunday 10:00 AM

Mafalda & Michal Corcione; req., Sal Corcione & Family Bob Mecier; (20th Anniv Remb), req., wife, Elaine Mecier

SANCTUARY LAMP ~ IS LIT THIS WEEK FOR For Special Intention of Elaine Best

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.

PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Weekly Offertory for January 15 & 16, 2022

Weekly Budget		\$ 7.450.98
Weekly Actual-Mail-Ins & Offertory		\$ 5,534.00
Overage/Shortfall	(-)	\$ (1,916.98)

YTD (July 2020-Present) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$ 216,078.43
YTD Actual	<u>\$ 202,537.00</u>
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (13,541.43)

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

Christmas Offertory ~ \$ 18,903.00 Second Collection for St. Gabriel's, Haiti ~ \$ 4,761.00

FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

SUNDAY'S READINGS

PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21)









Stay Connected

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected within our parish community. You might not be able to visit our church, but you can still stay in touch; just go to <u>www.parishesonline.com</u> to sign up to receive our church bulletin delivered straight to your inbox.

Just search for our church's name and click subscribe.

E-GIVING PROGRAM IS FAST, EASY, & SECURE

Now is a good time to set up your Offertory Gift through Electronic Giving. E-Giving provides an unmatched level of consistent giving to the parish. To get started, click on the "E-giving" shortcut on our website home page and create your online profile. The web address is: www.ChristOurLightChurch.org/E-Giving



2021-2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL "COME, HOLY SPIRIT"

(As of January 18, 2022)				
Assessment:	\$ 87,650.00			
Donors to Date:	184			
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$ 47,952.00			
Achieved:	54.7%			
Yet to Raise:	\$ 39,698.00			
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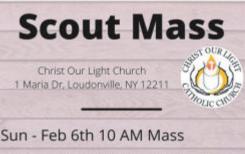
The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense of our individual missions and then to help one another to discover them to serve each other.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 / THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CHRIST OUR LIGHT MINISTRIES

Christ Our Light is need of volunteers for many of it's ministries; Prayer and Worship, Pastoral Care, Life Long Faith Formation, Adult Enrichment. We ask you to consider if God is calling you to use your gifts to pass on our many faith traditions. To check out our many ministries pick up a Ministries Booklet or contact the parish office at 518-459-6635.



Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA are invited to join us for mass and a special blessing. Come in uniform. After Mass we will gather downstairs in the hall to hear a speaker talk about their Eagle Project.

Sun - March 6th 10 AM Mass



Girl Scouts of all Ages are invited to join us for mass and a special blessing. Come in uniform. After Mass we will gather downstairs in the hall to work on the My Promise, My Faith Pin.

WEEKLEY EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sun.	23-Jan	Mass	10:00 AM Church	
		Faith Formation Grades K-6	5:00-6:00 PM	Zoom
		Faith Formation Grades 7 -10	6:15-7:30 PM	In Person
Mon.	24-Jan	COL Seniors		
Tue.	25-Jan	Mass	9:00 AM Church	
		Faith Formation Grades K-6	6:00-7:00 PM	Zoom
Wed.	26-Jan	Eucharistic Adoration	Cancelled Until Spring	
		Rosary	Cancelled Until Spring	
		BLD Music Group	7:30 PM	CR 1
Thur.	27-Jan	Boy Scout Troop 1022 Mtg	6:00 PM-8:30 PM Hall	
Fri.	28-Jan	Mass: BLD Albany	7:00 PM	Church
		Fellowship: BLD Albany	9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Hall
Sat.	29-Jan	Reconciliation	3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Church
		Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church
Sun.	30-Jan	Mass	10:00 AM	Church



How many people in our community are in need of prayers, either for themselves, or for family or friends?

If you would like your prayer petitions to be prayed for during the Wednesday night Rosary Group, please call Ed at 518-441-2857.

> Thank you and God Bless!

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FROM DEACON DICK: OUR PRIESTS

Last fall we indicated that our priests, Fr. James Kane at St. Clare's and Fr. Tony Chiaramonte at Christ Our Light, had agreed to continue as our sacramental ministers through Epiphany pending possible decisions from the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning. I am delighted to share with you that both Fr. Kane and Fr. Chiaramonte have been asked to continue their respective ministries ... and they have said YES! Indeed, that is Good News. When you see Fr. Jim and Fr. Tony, please thank them for the faithful blessing they are to our parishes. So, the next time someone comments "we don't have a priest," gently remind them that, in fact, Fr. Jim and Fr. Tony are our priests. Thanks be to God!

CONGRATULATIONS to the children preparing for their First Holy Communion in May 2022 who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time with Fr. Anthony Chiaramonte and Fr. James Kane on Tuesday, January 18.

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they journey to our Lord's table for the first time in May.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021

To receive a 2021 Contribution Statement, please fill out the information below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or send it to us at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211 with a returned self-addressed stamped envelope, or email your request to Ann McCauley at Ann.McCauley@rcda.org.

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