

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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Shirley Myers

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Stephanie Cogan

From Ann McCauley

THE COURAGE TO FORGIVE

In today's Gospel, Jesus compels us to fight evil through the power of good. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Our society tends to view evil as strong and goodness as weak. It is easy to hold a grudge. Even children are capable of doing that. On the contrary, it is difficult to forgive. It is hard to love those who want to harm us. It does not take courage to seek vengeance on someone. Rather, it takes courage to forgive. Only a strong person has the power to forgive, to turn the other cheek, and to choose love over hate.

Forgiveness and love are powerful forces for change in society. Love can bring healing, justice, and peace to our world. Just ask the countless Christian witnesses who have chosen the path of love — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Saint Pope John Paul II, and Dorothy Day. When we choose to forgive, it unleashes the hope of reconciliation. Our enemies come to understand that we are not a threat to them. We begin to see each other not as competitors but as brothers and sisters. By God's grace, history is full of examples of how forgiveness can change society for the better.

Many of us carry bitterness in our hearts toward someone who has hurt us. We may even dream of the day when we can get revenge on them. It is natural for us to want those who have hurt us to feel for themselves the pain they have inflicted on us. But revenge never gives us satisfaction. It only strengthens the hate and resentment within us. Our inability to forgive only gives those who hurt us more power over us. When we choose to forgive, we set ourselves free from the power of those who have hurt us. For that reason, forgiveness is really the ultimate revenge.

Richard Rohr says, "If you want others to be more loving, choose to love first. If you want a reconciled outer world, reconcile your own inner world. If you are working for peace out there, create it inside as well. If you wish to find some outer stillness, find it within yourself. If you want to find God, then honor God within you, and you will always see God far beyond you, also. For it is only God in you who knows where and how to look for God. By ourselves, we are fairly blind."



WEEKLY PRAYER

SUNDAY'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SUN 2/20** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/
Lk 6:27-38
- MON 2/21** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- TUE 2/22** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- WED 2/23** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- THR 2/24** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- FRI 2/25** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- SAT 2/26** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- SUN 2/27** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Adult: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Children: When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

FIRST READING

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

PSALM

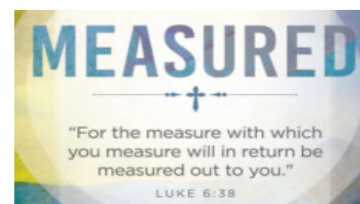
The Lord is kind and merciful.
(Ps 103)

SECOND READING

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.
(1 Cor 15:49)

GOSPEL

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)



FEBRUARY 22

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Marie & Anthony Morelli; (Wedding Anniv Remb), req., daughter, Teri Morelli

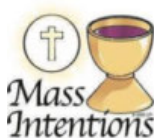
FEBRUARY 26 & 27

Saturday 4:00 PM

Kaye Feeley; (Anniv Remb), req., nephew, Pat Daniel Ranalli; req., Jean Williams
Frank Maclutsky; req., Barbara & Jennifer Sim
Domenico Ieraci; (B-day Remb), req., wife, Marie & Family
Elizabeth Anderson; (B-day Remb), req., Geraldine, David & Emily Mitchell

Sunday 10:00 AM

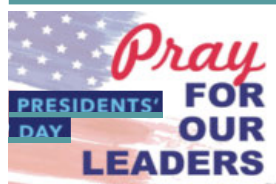
Vinci Blaauboer; req., Rose & Phil Sidoti
Giovanna Viscera; req., Rose & Phil Sidoti
Carmella Messier; (Anniv Remb), req., Mary Ann & Richie
James Ramundo; req., Frank & Ann Giso



SANCTUARY LAMP ~ IS LIT THIS WEEK FOR

Michael Keane; req., wife, Mary Keane

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.



Monday, February 21~ Holiday Hours

In observance of President's Day, the parish office and church will be closed on Monday, February 21.
Seniors will not meet.

ABOUT THE DIOCESAN APPEAL...

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. Our diocesan family lifts us together in these responsibilities, aided through ministries funded through the Diocesan Appeal:

Caring for Family: Allowing all 126 parishes to focus on spiritual ministry rather than administrative duties – Nearly 30 specialty departments serve each parish.

Future Shepherds: Nearly 1/3 of annual Diocesan Appeal revenue pays for the education expenses of the seminarians (deacons and priests) who currently are 40 in number.

Transformative Learning: Professional administrative services supplement small-scale on-site school staff plus financial assistance provided for each of the 4 Diocesan high schools.

Impact on Vulnerable Neighbors: Support of Catholic Charities programs like CC MOVE & the Emergency Assistance Program.

Be an active investor – join your fellow Catholics around the Diocese through generous support of your parish offertory AND the Diocesan Appeal at a level reflective of the role your faith has in your lives and your legacies!

For more information or to make a gift or pledge go to: <http://thediocesanappeal.org>



PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Weekly Offertory for February 12 & 13, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,450.98
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins & Offertory	\$ 8,058.00
Overage/Shortfall	(+) \$ 607.02

YTD (July 2020-Present) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$ 245,882.35
YTD Actual	\$ 227,601.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (18,281.35)

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Black, Native American & Latin American Mission ~ March 6

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Please encourage and remind others to show their support of our sponsors as a thank you for their generosity to Christ Our Light.

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WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sun.	20-Feb	Mass	10:00 AM	Church
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	11:00 AM	Hall
Mon.	21-Feb	President's Day Holiday: Church & Parish Office Closed		
		COL Seniors - Will Not Meet		
Tue.	22-Feb	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
Wed.	23-Feb	BLD Music Group	7:30 PM	CR 1
Thur.	24-Feb	Boy Scout Troop 1022 Mtg	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	Hall
Fri.	25-Feb	Worship: BLD Albany	7:30PM	Zoom
Sat.	26-Feb	Reconciliation	3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Church
		Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church
Sun.	27-Feb	Mass	10:00 AM	Church

Scout Mass

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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.

DISCOVER MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. As you search for a school for your family, you are encouraged to Discover Mater Christi School.

You are invited to schedule a personal tour any Tuesday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Mater Christi School, located off upper New Scotland Avenue, is close to work and home and serves grades PK3 through 8.

If you would like to know more about MCS, please feel free to contact the school office at 518-489-3111 or via email at dtimmis@mcsalbany.org at your earliest convenience.



LENTEN EVENTS

Wounded Healers: A Virtual Retreat ~ March 13-16

Using the healings of Jesus we will explore our own moments of healing and how that calls us to be a healing presence for others.

Lenten Evening of Reflection with Fr. Leo ~ March 30

Join us at St. Clement's Church for this talk and cooking demonstration. Fr. Leo is well known and most recently served as a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference.

His website is www.platingrace.com

Call 518-585-7545

or www.pyramidlife.org



THANK YOU!

Christ Our Light youth ministry's 2022 Collection raised:

\$1,309.95 and 50 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

February 13, 2022

Alison Reese
Executive Director
Super Bowl of Caring

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