The Roman Catholic Communities of Church of Saint Clare and Christ Our Light



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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Welcome! From Deacon Dick ~

Happy Mother's Day!

Today we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary on behalf of all mothers as we pray: "*Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*" Mary is familiar with the unique joys and challenges of motherhood, for she too lived the daily life of a mother. I imagine her smiling and nodding her head at these reflections.

This is for all the mothers who:

- + Have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up remnants of last night's supper saying: "It's OK honey, mommy's here."
- + Have been frozen to metal bleachers at football or soccer games instead of watching from the car, so that when their kids ask, "Did you see me?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.
- + Have read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again "Just one more time."

+ Have taught their sons how to cook and their daughters how to make jump shots.

This day of admiration, honor, and love is:

- + For young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation;
- + For mature mothers learning to let go;
- + For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers;
- + For single mothers, married mothers, adoptive and foster mothers, for grandmothers and Godmothers, and all who fulfill maternal roles;

May you feel the gentle touch of the Blessed Virgin on your shoulders as if to say: "Hang in there ... my Son will be with you always as He was and is with me."



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN 5/11	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 3c/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
MON 5/12	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
TUE 5/13	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
WED 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
THR 5/15	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
FRI 5/16	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
SAT 5/17	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
SUN 5/18	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 see 1/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-3

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

WHY SUPPORT THE DIOCESAN APPEAL??

It is by serving you, our family of faith, that our parishes have hope and light for the future. Ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well and that is where the parish leans on the Diocese with expertise in specialties such as those of the Tribunal, religious education, human resources, facilities management, finance & accounting, prayer and worship, etc. The bulk of

department budgets is staffing. Additionally, the Appeal provides full funding of seminarian

education, underwriting of the administration of Catholic Schools, & support of the programs of Catholic Charities for those who face food insecurity & hunger. *It's not too late to make your pledge or one-time gift! We are more than half way through the Appeal which ends June 30, and we need your help! Christ Our Light has only reached 66% of it's Assessment and while St. Clare's is doing better, they have only reached 82% of it's Assessment.*

For more information or to donate, please visit www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org

2026 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ~ POLL RESULTS FROM FR. KANE

The results of the preference poll for the 2026 Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Jim Kane was an OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. God willing: next Lent - Fr. Jim Kane

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sun.	11-May	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
		Mass ~ St. Clare's	9:30 AM	Church
		Mass ~ Christ Our Light	10:00 AM	Church
		Coffee Hour at St. Clare's & COL	Following Masses	Gym / Hall
		Ticket Sales: Rosary Society Buffet Dinner	Following Mass	COL Gathering Sp
Mon.	12-May	COL Seniors	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Hall
Tue.	13-May	Daily Mass ~ Christ Our Light	9:00 AM	Chapel
Wed.	14-May	Daily Mass ~ St. Clare's	8:00 AM	Chapel
		Rosary Group ~ Christ Our Light	5:00 PM	Chapel
	1	May Crowning of the Blessed Mother Service	6:00 PM	COL Church
		Rosary Society Buffet Dinner ~ COL	Following Service	Hall
		Charismatic Mass ~ Christ Our Light	7:00 PM	Church
Fri.	16-May	BLD Albany: Worship at Christ our Light	7:00 PM	Chapel
		BLD Albany: Fellowship at Christ Our Light	9:00 PM	Hall
Sat.	17-May	Penance and Reconciliation	3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Both Parishes
		Vigil Mass at both St. Clare's & COL	4:00 PM	Churches
		50/50 Raffle: NCYC - See bulletin for Details	Following Mass	Saint Clare
Sun.	18-May	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
		Mass ~ St. Clare's	9:30 AM	Church
		Mass ~ Christ Our Light	10:00 AM	Church
		Coffee Hour at St. Clare's & COL	Following Masses	Gym / Hall
		50/50 Raffle: NCYC - See bulletin for Details	Following Mass	Saint Clare
		Prayer Shawl Group Meeting	Following Mass	Hall

Sunday's Readings

FIRST READING

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

GOSPEL

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Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

KIDS CORNER

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father



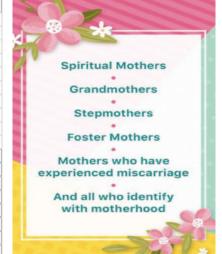
wants you to Recognize his voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to him.

PRAYER

I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.



Church of Saint Clare Our Mission: We strive to live the Gospel by serving others as Jesus taught us.

PARISH GIVING ~ FAITHFULLY SHARING, JOYFULLY GIVING

Weekly Offertory for Ma	<u>y 3 and 4, 2025</u>						
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,346.15						
Weekly Actual - Mail-Ins/C	Offertory/On-Line \$ 5,888.00						
Overage/Shortfall	(-) \$ (458.15)						
YTD (July 2024-June 2025) Offertory							
YTD Budget	\$ 272,884.62						
YTD Actual	<u>\$ 236,545.50</u>						
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (36,339.12)						
2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal: As of May 6, 2025							
Assessment:	\$ 66,161.00						
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	<u>\$ 54,271.00</u> (Donors to Date 124)						
Yet to Raise:	\$ 11,890.00 (Achieved 82%)						

For more information, visit www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!!

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Good and gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. Grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the future. Give them the strength to live and be



loved, and the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. On Mother's Day, we ask for your blessings on all mothers, Amen.

50/50 RAFFLE - NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

After mass at St. Clare's on May 17/18 and after mass at Christ Our Light on May 24/25 there will be a 50/50 raffle to help raise funds for Luca Borghetti to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference). NCYC is a three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis,



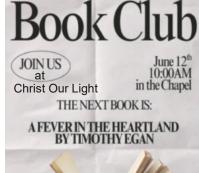
service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Please support Luca in this effort. If you know a young person from either parish who may be interested in attending with Luca, please contact Kari in the Faith Formation at 518-459-6635, ext. 105 or kari.kurtz@rcda.org Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING AT CHRIST OUR LIGHT

Sunday, May 18 in Christ Our Light Hall following the 10 AM Mass

Everyone is welcome!!! Prayer shawls and prayers are available for those in need, on the tableS in the

gathering space of both parishes.



MAY 14 <u>Wednesday 8:00 AM</u> Pro Populo

MAY 17 AND 18 Saturday 4:00 PM Ira Nahikian: req., Mary Nahikian

<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u> Peter Ai Nguyen; req., Family

SANCTUARY LAMP ~ LIT THIS WEEK FOR LINDA TALERICO reg. Wes and Joanne Cobart

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ and is a beautiful way to remember a loved one. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one please contact the parish office to make arrangements. The offering for the candle is \$10, it will burn for one week, and the memorial will be published in the bulletin. Contact Anne in the parish office.

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

May 11 ~ Judy Eads May 18 ~ Sherrill Redmond May 25 ~ Jean Corlew

We gratefully thank the volunteers for this ministry who wash and iron the linens: purificators and corporals, that are used during the weekly Masses ... Thank you!





FAITH FORMATION YOUTH MINISTRY Church of Saint Clare

Graduating Senior Mass - June 1 at 10 AM Mass at Christ Our Light Church. Blessings are for any graduating senior. All seniors are welcome!

Camp Breakaway Registration: June 29 – July 3

https://www.pyramidlife.org/breakaway2025/

S.A.L.T. - Service Action Learning Team: July 14-17 Cost is \$75. Signup due by July 1. Contact Dave Stagliano at 518-453-6610 or register via link below https://forms.gle/n2Udc4Qsd4R795pGA

Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Light, July 28-August 1, 9 AM-12 Noon. Grades K-6, Cost \$35 – scholarships available. Signup due by July 8. Contact Kari 518-459-6635, Ext. 105 or kari.kurtz@rcda.org



Christ Our Light Catholic Church Our Mission: We are a welcoming Catholic Community of disciples encouraging all to celebrate and experience the love of Christ.

PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Weekly Offertory for Ma	y 3 and 4, 2025					
Weekly Budget		\$	6,730.77			
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins/	Offertory/On-Lin	e <u>\$</u>	7,074.00			
Overage/Shortfall		(+) \$	343.23			
YTD (July 2024-June 2025) Offertory (Correction)						
YTD Budget		\$ 2	289,423.08			
YTD Actual		<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>267,260.00</u>			
YTD Overage/Shortage		(-) \$	(22,163.08)			
<u>2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal: As of May 6, 2025</u>						
Assessment:	\$ 85,098.00					
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	<u>\$ 56,559.00</u>	(Donors to	o Date 182)			
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Yet to Raise: \$28,539.00 (Achieved ~ 66.5%)

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SAVE THE DATE: MAY CROWNING SERVICE ~ MAY 14

The Rosary Society will be hosting it's annual May Crowning Service honoring the Blessed Mother on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 PM. The service will be followed by a buffet supper. You may sign up for the super following mass on May 3 and 4 and again after mass on May 10 and 11. Dinner cost: \$35. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Your Support Matters

WHY SUPPORT THE DIOCESAN APPEAL IN ADDITION TO YOUR PARISH OFFERTORY?

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life. Your support of the Diocesan Appeal is not,



in the end, for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – but rather it is as a key mission and logistics partner and resource for your parish and the 125 other parishes in our 14

counties. We know the Catholic Church through each individual parish, as well as the propensity for the fulfillment of our mission to come to life! The mission is supported in each parish via these Diocesan Departments: Catechist Formation, Evangelization, Faith Formation and Education, Marriage and Family Life, Pastoral Care, Prayer and Worship, Respect Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This is your parish—if not you, then who? We invite you to make your gift today! The Appeal comes to an end on June 30. For more information or to donate, please visit www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org. Envelopes or postcards with the QR code for direct donation are in the pews. Thank you for supporting your parish!!

MAY 13 Tuesday 9:00 AM Pro Populo

MAY 17 AND 18

Saturday 4:00 PM

Robert and Mary Bailey; req., Family Steve and Bernadette Mastrianni; req., Family Barbara Pettit; req., Rosary Society Marc Robideau; (B-day Remb); req., Parents Sunday 10:00 AM

Anthony J Ramundo; req., wife, Dolores Eugene Lorini Sr.; req., Family Michael Keana; (B-day Remb); req., wife, Mary Deceased Members of the Gergenti Family; req., Family

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REGISTRATION ~ CAMP BREAKAWAY JUN 29 - JUL 3

Camp Breakaway is the best way for youth grades 6-12 to experience Pyramid Life Center and its mission of community, self-discovery, and the healing power of wild nature, and God himself. Camp Breakaway is the premiere Catholic youth camp for Capital Region youth and beyond. Experience 4 nights of fun



including swimming, kayaking, archery, fishing, reconciliation, prayer, hiking, mass and team activities. Campers are guaranteed to find a new lifelong friend and memories. At one low cost, all youth entering 6-12th Grade in September 2025 are welcome to join the fun. Limited spaces open. Call Kari at 518-459-6635 x 105 or visit <u>https://www.pyramidlife.org/breakaway2025/</u>

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY AT CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM Wednesday: 8:00 AM SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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

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1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211 Office Phone: (518) 459-6635 Mass Times ~ Ext. 1

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Email: <u>ChristOurLightChurch.Loudonville@rcda.org</u> Website: <u>www.ChristOurLightChurch.org</u> Facebook: <u>Christ Our Light Loudonville</u>

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM Tuesday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH MINISTRY TEAMS

Deacon Dick Thiesen - Parish Life Director E-mail: Richard.Thiesen@rcda.org Laurie Luizzi, Pastoral Associate for Administration: Ext. 102 Ann McCauley, Volunteer for Pastoral Care: Ext 108

St. Clare's Sacramental Ministers

Rev. James Kane and Deacon Peter Sedlmeir <u>St. Clare's Staff</u> Anne Borghetti, Pastoral Associate for Parish Services: Ext. 110 Mary Nicholson, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Ext. 117 Maria Ritz, Admin. Asst. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Ext. 121 <u>Trustees</u> John Schisano and Maria Connally

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Bonnie Fagan and John Kennedy

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: is the greatest gift we can give to our children because it opens them up to Jesus. We welcome every family who desires baptism for their children, and who desire to raise their children in the Catholic faith. Parents who are contemplating their child's baptism should contact the St. Clare's or Christ Our Light parish office. We look forward to journeying with you.

FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING: It can be very challenging for families to make decisions about what reading selections a loved one might like or what music they may want performed, especially when dealing with the weight of sorrow and grief that follows the passing of someone special to them. Please contact either parish if you would like more information on the process of pre-planning a funeral.

MARRIAGE: If you are contemplating entering into the Sacrament of Marriage and would like to inquire about the preparation process and subsequent celebration of Marriage at St. Clare's or Christ Our Light, please contact the parish office at least six months prior to a proposed date and time. We ask that you do not make commitments for the reception until you have met with Deacon Dick.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA): Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Or maybe your life journey didn't include First Communion or Confirmation and now you wish it did. The RCIA process is just right for you! Please call either parish office to find our more.

HOLY ORDERS / VOCATIONS: Men interested in the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, and anyone interested in Religious Life or Lay Ministry are encouraged to contact the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Office of Vocations at 518-453-6690; Email: vocations@rcda.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Each parish offers this Sacrament on the first weekend of each month following the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please be mindful that requests for in-hospital anointing should be directed to the hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

WELCOME, WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!!

Whether you are interested in joining St. Clare's or Christ Our Light Church, becoming a Catholic, or a visitor we WELCOME YOU and invite you to complete a registration form that can be found on the tables in our gathering space, online at www.stclarescolonie.com or www.ChristOurLightChurch.org or by contacting the parish office so we may begin to know you.

STAY CONNECTED ~ Download myParish App and connect with Christ Our Light and St. Clare's like never before! Everything in the *app* has one goal in mind; help Catholics orient their daily life towards Christ. Text App to 55321 to download the parish app and pick the church you would like to connect with.



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