

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



Welcome!

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

During the month of September, the Diocese of Albany, in partnership with parishes & schools, is beginning a renewed *Called by Name* initiative primarily to foster priestly vocations. In late fall/early winter of 2024, parishes and schools will be asked to execute a similar program for Diaconate and Religious vocations.

Given the relative scarcity of priests who are stretched more and more in ministering to God's People, we need your help in identifying men who may have a calling to the priesthood. Shortly we will be receiving vocation information cards that will be left in the pews. We ask that you complete them and put them in the collection basket through the end of September. Each identified person will be contacted by the Vocations Office inviting them (with their pastor/parish life director) to attend a discernment event at St. Ambrose Church on October 7 at 6 PM.

Vocations come from within parish and school communities. We might ask ourselves: *When was the last vocation to the priesthood from either of our parishes?* Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your Love.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 / TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN 09/01 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
MON 09/02 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 09/03 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
WED 09/04 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
THR 09/05 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 09/06 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 09/07 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 09/08 Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

KIDS CORNER

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

PRAYER

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

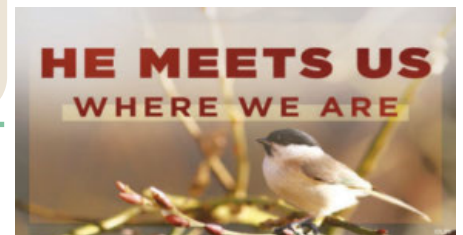
(Ps 15)

SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

GOSPEL

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)



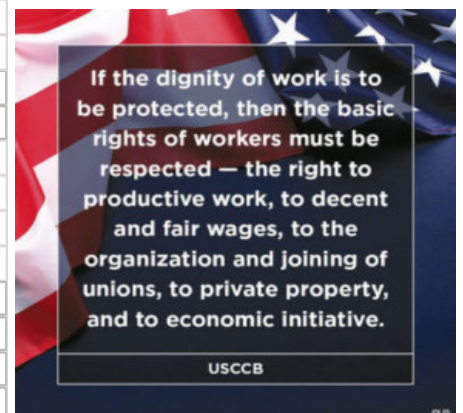
PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Labor Day both St. Clare's and Christ Our Light church and parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 2. COL Seniors will not meet.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please reference back cover for office hours for both St. Clare's and Christ Our Light

Our church doors will be open for prayer and praise daily during these hours. All are welcome!!



WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date		Time	Place
Sun.	1-Sep	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Mass ~ Church of St. Clare	9:30 AM	Church
		Mass ~ Christ Our Light	10:00 AM	Church
Mon.	2-Sep	Holiday: Independence Day	Parish Offices & Churches Closed	
		COL Seniors	Will Not Meet	
Tue.	3-Sep	Mass ~ Christ Our Light	Cancelled	
		Wake Followed by Funeral: Susan Fascigione	10:00 AM	COL Church
Wed.	4-Sep	Mass ~ Church of St. Clare	8:00 AM	Chapel
		Rosary Group	5:00 PM	COL Chapel
Fri.	6-Sep	BLD Albany: Worship	7:00 PM	COL Church
		BLD Albany: Fellowship	9:00 PM	COL Hall
Sat.	7-Sep	Penance and Reconciliation	3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Both Parishes
		Vigil Mass at both St. Clare's & COL	4:00 PM	Churches
Sun.	8-Sep	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Mass ~ Church of St. Clare	9:30 AM	Church
		Mass ~ Christ Our Light	10:00 AM	Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 / TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 August 17 and 18, 2024

Weekly Budget	\$ 6,346.15
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins/Offertory/On-Line	\$ 3,982.00
Overage/Shortfall	(-) \$ (2,364.15)

YTD (July 2024-June 2025) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$ 50,769.23
YTD Actual	\$ 43,013.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (7,756.23)

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

SEPTEMBER 3

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Pro Populo

SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8

Saturday 4:00 PM

Regina Raponi; req., Cynthia & Theresa

Joseph Knych; req., Family

Sunday 9:30 AM

Beverly DiLello; req., Tom and Adele Hutton

Peter Ai Nguyen; req., Family

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ~ SEPTEMBER 30 AT 11 AM

The annual Deacon George and Anne Nahm Memorial Golf Tournament is a major fundraiser to benefit the Church of Saint Clare. If you love to play golf, grab some friends and sign-up to play this tournament. \$175 each or \$600 per foursome. This includes 18 holes, cart, and dinner immediately following. For more information contact Maria Connally or Teresa Frazer at stclaresgolf@gmail.com



ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

September 1 ~ Judy Eads

September 8 ~ Jean Corlew

September 15 ~ Julie Miller

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 at Church of Saint Clare

Returning Families ~ If you did not receive the St. Clare's Faith Formation Registration update email, please contact the Faith Formation office.

New to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade in the Fall you would like to enroll in our program, please call the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Office at 518-456- 3113 or email ffscc@rcda.org.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

UNLEASHING LOVE DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ~ Awakening our hearts to share God's love

Registration is now open for the Unleashing Love 2024 Diocesan Women's Conference to be held at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park, on Saturday, October 19. Conference includes: three presentations, adoration, reconciliation, rosary, Mass, lunch and beverages. For conference schedule of events, to view keynote speakers or to register visit <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>. Early registration \$45 per person until October 4. Regular registration \$50 per person.



52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29

Mass Begins at 4pm with Bishop
Edward Scharfenberger

Reception to follow

Celebrating a milestone
anniversary? Call parish office
to register

JOIN ONE OF THE ALBANY DIOCESE ALZHEIMER'S VOLUNTEER CARE TEAMS ~ NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

We are in need of both men & women to help support families in our community caring for individuals with memory loss due to Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Volunteers are trained on the basics of dementia and how to engage during social visits. There is ongoing support from the team when we meet every 6 weeks. Visits are primarily for socialization and there is no personal care involved.

Join one of the 20 care teams in the Capital Region and offer the gift of time to a weary caregiver. Care Teams are led by Eddy Alzheimer Services, a program of St. Peter's Health Partners.

For more information about volunteering or utilizing our services, contact Mary Coleman at 518-238-4167 or mary.coleman@sphp.com.

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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 August 24 and 25, 2024

Weekly Budget	\$ 6,730.77
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins/Offertory/On-Line	\$ 5,237.00
Overage/Shortfall	(-) \$ (1,493.77)

YTD (July 2024-June 2025) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$ 53,846.15
YTD Actual	\$ 51,442.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (2,404.15)

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

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

The names of those loved ones who will be remembered for the month of **July** with a lit candle are:

Marie and Anthony Morelli and Penny Norton

If you would like to have a candle lit for a loved one for **October** or any upcoming month please call the parish office at 518-459-6635, ext 101.

THE ROSARY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 5 PM

in the Christ Our Light Chapel to pray the Rosary. **All are welcome!!** If you would like your prayer petitions to be prayed for during the Wednesday night Rosary Group, please call Ed at 518-441-2857.



SEPTEMBER 3

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Pro Populo

SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8

Saturday 4:00 PM

Molly Quinn Duffy; req., Brien Amedio
Harry Keefe; (B-day Remb), req., wife, Kris
Schaedtler Family; req., Tom and Carol Ann Selkis
Bernadette Mary Tremblay; req., Eve Horbat
Dolores Costello; req., sons, John and Mike Costello

Sunday 10:00 AM

Kevin Gregory; req., sister, Amy and Bill Ryan
Richard Govel; req., Vince and Katie Carras
Linda Flanagan; req., Friends at Christ Our Light
Tim Knapik; req., Mary Ellen Lorini



SANCTUARY LAMP ~ LIT THIS WEEK FOR PATRICIA MASON req; husband, Ken

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. The Sanctuary Lamp 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.



FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY at Christ Our Light

Families with children entering kindergarten through 10th grade interested in having their child/teen be a part of the faith experience here at Christ Our Light may contact Kari at kari.kurtz@rcda.org for more information.

For a registration form in fillable PDF document go to christourlightchurch.org/faith-formation or hard copies can be found on the table in the gathering space or outside the Faith Formation office. Deadline for registration in September 1.



PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR PARISH SERVICES AT CHRIST OUR LIGHT

General areas of responsibility for this 35 hour per week position include greeting people as they come into the office, answering the phones, maintenance of parish records and databases, and support of parish liturgical.

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 Ann McCauley at ann.mccauley@rcda.org



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER - Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

3 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

1. Bake cookies to share at lunch;
2. Take a family photo;
3. Write a list of hopes for the school year

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CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE
1947 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205

Office Phone: (518) 456-3112

Faith Formation: (518) 456-3113

Mass Times ~ Ext. 2

Office Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Email: StClarePO@rcda.org

Website: www.StClaresColonie.com

Facebook: [Church of St Clare Colonie](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofStClareColonie)

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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: ChristOurLightChurch.Loudonville@rcda.org

Website: www.ChristOurLightChurch.org

Facebook: [Christ Our Light Loudonville](https://www.facebook.com/ChristOurLightLoudonville)

EUCCHARISTIC 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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY AT CHRIST OUR LIGHT

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

Ann McCauley, Pastoral Associate for Administration:

Either Ext. 102 for St. Clare's or 123 for Christ Our Light

St. Clare's Sacramental Ministers

Rev. James Kane and Deacon Peter Sedlmeir

St. Clare's Staff

Anne Borghetti, Pastoral Associate for
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Mary Nicholson, Faith Formation and
Youth Ministry: Ext. 117

Maria Ritz, Admin. Asst. Faith Formation and
Youth Ministry: Ext. 121

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Christ Our Light Staff

Kari Kurtz, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation,
Youth Ministry & Evangelization: Ext. 105

Laurie Luizzi, Pastoral Associate for
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Music Ministry

Justine Rodriguez, Music Director

Trustees

Bonnie Fagan and John Kennedy

SACRAMENTS

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or in the hospital, please let us know. We do home visits to bring Holy Communion, we can arrange for a Priest or the hospital's Pastoral Care/Chaplain to administer the Anointing of the Sick, and we would also love to keep you in our prayers.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): 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 out more.

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