



## *The Church of St. Clare A Roman Catholic Community at Colonie*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Church of Saint Clare is a Catholic community united in Jesus Christ, who is alive in our midst. We are a people on a Journey of faith, who pray and worship together. By the way we live, we inspire and motivate all people, to be what we say we believe.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

<b>Parish Office</b>	1947 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205 518-456-3112
<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday-Friday 8:30-4PM
<b>Faith Formation</b>	518-456-3113
<b>Office Email</b>	StClarePO@rcda.org
<b>Website</b>	www.StClaresColonie.com

### **STAFF**

<b>Deacon Richard Thiesen</b>	Parish Life Director
<b>Father James Kane</b>	Sacramental Minister
<b>Ann McCauley</b>	Pastoral Associate for Administration
<b>Paula Rohl</b>	Pastoral Associate for Parish Services
<b>Mary Nicholson</b>	Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator
<b>Maria Ritz</b>	Administrative Assistant, Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
<b>Dawn Morrison</b>	Specialty Clerk
<b>Anthony Leva</b>	Director for Music Ministry

### **Eucharistic Celebrations**

*Saturday Vigil: 4PM; Sunday: 9:30AM; Wednesday: 8AM*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** *Saturday 3:15-3:45PM*

**Baptism:** The grace that flows from the Sacrament of Baptism gives us new life in Christ and initiates us into God's Church. Parents who are contemplating their child's baptism should contact the parish office. We look forward to journeying with you!

**Marriage:** If you are contemplating entering into the Sacrament of Marriage, please make arrangements through Deacon Dick at least six months in advance. We ask that you *do not make commitments for the reception* until you have met with Deacon Dick.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements. If you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital's Pastoral Care Office to receive this Sacrament.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Then RCIA process is just right for you! Please call the parish office to find out more!

### **From Deacon Dick:** The Comfort of the Resurrection

The Easter Season invites us to reflect ever more deeply on our foundational Christian hope ... the Resurrection. Spiritual writer Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser teaches that our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a comfort so deep that there is nothing and no one in this world that is an ultimate threat to us. We might say that, even now, we rest in the comfort of God's embrace. For God continues to make new life ... and to make life new. In this sense, you and I experience the comfort of the Resurrection each day.

Sociologist Peter Berger illustrates this point in what he calls "rumors of angels in everyday life."

"Consider the most ordinary, and probably the most fundamental of all---the ordinary gesture by which a mother reassures her anxious child. A child wakes up in the night, perhaps from a bad dream and finds himself surrounded by darkness, alone, beset by nameless threats. At such a moment the contours of trusted reality are blurred and invisible, in the terror of incipient chaos the child cries out for his mother. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that, at this moment, the mother is being invoked as a high priestess of protective order. It is she (and, in many cases, she alone) who has the power to banish the chaos and to restore the benign shape of the world. And, of course, any good mother will do just that. She will take the child and cradle him in the timeless gesture of the *Magna Mater* who became our Madonna. She will turn on the lamp, perhaps, which will encircle the scene with a warm glow of reassuring light. She will speak or sing to the child and the contents of this communication will invariably be the same -- 'Don't be afraid' -- everything is in order, everything is all right."

The mother's comforting words and gentle actions were her profession of faith in the Resurrection ... yes ... "don't be afraid; it is all right." It is also our profession of faith, isn't it?

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 4PM**

Rose & Ted Kowaski, Req. The Corlew Family  
Virginia Wood (34th Anv.), Req. the Family  
Joseph & Mary Brown, Req. the Bruno Family

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 9:30AM**

Mary Ellen Rowland (Bday), Req. Matt Spain  
Dolores Allen, Req. Her Sister, Carolyn  
Robert Coffey, Req. The Church of Saint Clare Staff  
David Orley (Anv.) Req. Karen & Brian Davis

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:00AM**

Pro Populo

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 4PM**

Mary Mallgraf, Req. Dorraine & Dan Gilligan

**Sunday, May 8, 2022 9:30AM**

Armando J. DiLello (25th Anv.), Req. Tom & Adele Hutton  
Elizabeth Klouse (Anv.), Req. The Family  
Robert Coffey, Req. Nancy Volks

**The 2022 Mass Intentions book has many Masses available.**

**Altar Linen Ministry**  
**May 2—Sherrill Redmond**  
**May 9—Jean Corlew**



Holy Week 2022 was made possible by the ministers (volunteers) who offered their time & talents to our parish.  
**Thank you all very much!**

## Children's Worship Bulletin

Available in the back of the Church.  
Two editions: Preschool (3+) and Elementary (7+)

We are beginning to do more Pastoral Care visits. If you would like to volunteer or have volunteered in the past as a pastoral care minister, please



join us in a meeting with Sister Nancy Schmidt on **Wednesday, May 11 @ 10 AM** at The Church of Saint Clare in Conference Room 1. Sister Nancy brings with her many years of pastoral care experience and she will be helping to oversee this ministry at both Christ Our Light Catholic Church and The Church of Saint Clare.

We look forward to your assistance with this beautiful ministry and with your help to be able to spread the love of Christ in our community. Thank you!

## The Offertory Collection

Apr 23 & 24, 2022

(98) Envelopes	\$ 3,314.01
(11) On-Line Bill Pay	\$ 620.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 500.00
(30) Offertory Envelopes (received Easter Weekend)	\$ 2,087.88
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,521.89</b>

## Adult , Family, Youth Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Question of the Week

- + When Jesus asks "Do you love me?" how do I answer and show my love for him?**
- + How do I take care of others so they can know Jesus' love through me?**



### Confirmation Parent— Candidate Meeting

We will have our Parent/Candidate Confirmation information meeting on Tuesday May 10th at 6:30pm. This meeting is for all young people and their parents who have completed our 10th level Faith Formation program or attend Catholic School and will be in the 11th Grade in the Fall. This meeting begins our Confirmation preparation process. If your young person is currently in the 10th grade and is in Catholic School or attends Faith Formation and you did not receive a letter inviting you to this meeting, please call Mary in the Faith Formation Office by Thursday May 5th.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults— RCIA

Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming Catholic? If so please contact Mary at 456-3113 ext. 117 or stclareffym@nycap.rr.com to learn more about the RCIA process and how it can change your life!!



**Adult Confirmation**—If you are an Adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to receive this Grace filled Sacrament, please contact Mary at 518-456-3113 ext. 117 or stclareffym@nycap.rr.com to learn more about preparing to receive the Sacrament in the Fall.



**It takes the Whole community** to pass on our Faith to our young people! We are looking for folks to become involved with **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry please contact Mary at 518-456-3113 ext. 117 or email at stclareffym@nycap.rr.com



**Looking for wholesome, faith based, interactive videos for your children to watch? Check out Children's Liturgy of the Word with Heidi Wittle.**

**To watch the Children's Liturgy of the Word**

1. Go to YouTube
2. Search Heidi Wittle – Children's Liturgy of the Word
3. This weekend you would click on - 5/01/2022 Children's Liturgy of the Word / 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Take the time this week to reflect on the Gospel of John 21: 1-19

1. **Read the Scripture slowly. What phrase or word sticks out to you?**
2. **Meditate on the Scripture. How does this speak to your life?**
3. **Pray with this Scripture. What do I want to say to God about the scripture?**
4. **Contemplate the Scripture. Be silent in God's presence and feel God's peace.**
5. **Live this scripture. How are you being called to live this scripture's message?**





# Third Sunday of Easter

## Readings for the week of, May 1, 2022

### Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### Monday Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

### Wednesday Third Wednesday of Easter

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn6:35-40

### Thursday Third Thursday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

### Friday Third Friday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday Third Saturday of Easter

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



**3-4 Gardeners** are needed to tend the St. Clare Garden, the Bell Tower Garden and other areas around the Church. If you have a green thumb and are interested, please call the Parish Office!

Whether you are interested in joining this parish, becoming a Catholic, or a visitor we WELCOME YOU and invite you to contact the parish office at 518-456-3112 to register so we may begin to know you. All active parishioners are urged to update their information with the parish office and stay connected with "MyParishApp" ... It's FREE...



## An update from Anthony:

For those of you who have not heard, I have selected a school! I've accepted an offer from **Western Michigan University** in Kalamazoo, MI. I was

blessed to be offered a Graduate Teaching Assistantship which comes with full tuition remission and a small salary and will allow me to work closely with their Choral Ensembles. God is good! Thank you all, again, for your support!



## Synod Listening Session

~ NEW DATE ~  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM



We are seeking **Ambassadors** to be a welcoming presence to parishioners attending Mass. This vital ministry is responsible for greeting and seating people, taking up the Offertory collection, distributing bulletins, as well as completing other tasks that may arise.

Please contact the parish office at 518-456-3112 for more information or to sign up for this ministry. Thank you!

## First Eucharist

Congratulations to our children receiving their First Eucharist today!

We pray that they, and their families, will continue to grow in faith and love of the Lord!

**MAY 1, 2022**

**The Church of Saint Clare**



## Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL IS COMING  
TO  
CHRIST OUR  
LIGHT!!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**July 25 - July 29**

Look for more  
information in future  
bulletins!



## Give Back to the Community!

Every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our Hannaford store this month will send us a **\$1 donation!**

BENEFITING ORGANIZATION:

**Church of Saint Clare Food Pantry**

HANNAFORD LOCATION & MONTH:

**96 Wolf Road, Windsor Plaza, Colonie NY**



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