

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

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

Parish Office	1947 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205 518-456-3112
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STAFF

Deacon Richard Thiesen	Parish Life Director
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Mary Nicholson	Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator
Maria Ritz	Administrative Assistant, Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
Dawn Morrison	Specialty Clerk
Anthony Leva	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:

As we rejoice in the risen Christ, may Rachel's insight help us to enter into the mystery of the Sacraments and also to inspire us to invite others to do the same.

When God Meets Us Rachel Held Evans (1981–2019)

Something about communion triggers our memory and helps us see things as they really are. Something about communion opens our eyes to Jesus at the table.

The purpose of the sacraments is to help us see, to point to the bread and wine, the orchids and the food pantries, the post-funeral potlucks and the post-communion dance parties, and say: pay attention, this stuff matters, these things are holy.

Indeed, the word sacrament is derived from a Latin phrase which means "to make holy." When hit with the glint of love's light, even ordinary things become holy. And when received with open hands in the spirit of eucharisteo, the signs and wonders of Jesus never cease. The 150-plus gallons of wine at Cana point to a generous God, a God who never runs out of holy things. This is the God who, much to the chagrin of Jonah, saved the rebellious city of Nineveh, the God who turned five loaves of bread and a couple of fish into a lunch to feed five thousand with baskets of leftovers to spare. This God is like a vineyard manager who pays a full day's wage for just one hour of work, or like a shepherd who leaves his flock in search of a single lamb, or like a father who welcomes his prodigal son home with a robe, a ring, and a feast.

We have the choice, every day, to join in the revelry, to imbibe the sweet wine of undeserved grace, or to pout like Jonah, argue fairness like the vineyard employees, resent our own family like the prodigal's older brother. At its best, the church administers the sacraments by feeding, healing, forgiving, comforting, and welcoming home the people God loves.

Our God is in the business of transforming ordinary things into holy things, scraps of food into feasts and empty purification vessels into fountains of fine wine. Our God knows his way around the world, so there's no need to fear. There's always enough—just taste and see. There's always and ever enough.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8AM

Charlotte Werger (child), Req. Rohl Family

Saturday, May 14, 2022 4PM

Gaston & Jaqueline Desjardins, Req. The Corlew Family

Stanley, Lottie & Linda Slomka, Req. Joseph Slomka

Sunday, May 15, 2022 9:30AM

Brandon Sherwood, Req. Ann Walsh

Alberta, Jenna & Timothy Morrison and Cathy Wyatt,

Req. the Family

William Krosky, Req. Nancy Krosky

**The 2022 Mass Intentions book has many Masses available.
Please call the office at 518-456-3112 or
stop in to have a Mass offered for your family & loved ones.**

Altar Linen Ministry

May 9—Jean Corlew

May 16—Nancy Skriptshak

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!

Children's Worship Bulletin

Available in the back of the Church.

Two editions: Preschool (3+) and Elementary (7+)

Diocesan Appeal: As of May 3, 2022

Assessment: \$ 95,271.00
Gifts/Pledges to Date: \$ 44,662.00 (Donors to Date ~ 134)
Yet to Raise: \$ 50,609.00 (Achieved ~ 53.1%)

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

The Offertory Collection

Apr 30 & May 1, 2022

(134) Envelopes	\$ 4,284.00
(11) On-Line Bill Pay	\$ 460.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 724.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,468.00

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

+ What are some of the ways I hear Jesus' voice inviting me to follow him?

+ How do I feel knowing that I belong to Jesus and I am loved unconditionally?



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.



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 - 5/08/2022 Children's Liturgy of the Word / 4th Sunday of Easter

Take the time this week to reflect on the Gospel of John 10:27-30

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?**



Families it is you who pass down our Faith and traditions to our young people! Our formal faith formation sessions have ended for the season, but we continue to learn and grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus!

Coming to Mass, praying together, doing service together, talking about our family faith stories, are all ways to help our young people grow in their faith. Enjoy this time growing together in faith with your family!! We look forward to seeing you at Mass.



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Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

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

Monday Fourth Monday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Memorial of John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday Fourth Wednesday of Easter

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus (martyrs)

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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!



Blood Pressure Screenings

The Parish Nurse Ministry is hosting monthly Blood Pressure screenings on the weekend of May 7-8 after Mass. **Masking is necessary**, please come by and say hello!

We will be off for the summer months — returning in September!

Church of Saint Clare Website

We are working on updating the Church of Saint Clare website. It is still a work in progress, but please check it out: <https://www.stclarescolonie.com/>

If you have suggestions or comments please send an email to Ann McCauley at ann.mccauley@rcda.org. We value your input!



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...



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!

Hanaford's Wolf Rd.

is supporting the

Saint Clare Food Pantry

Donating \$1 when bouquet with red sticker is purchased in the month of May!

