



# 6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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

<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 Ann McCauley:

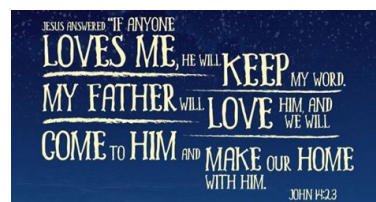
"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with (abide with) them" Biblical scholar Andre Brower Latz points out that "abide" ("make our home with") is John's "preferred and primary" way to characterize discipleship. This abiding is based on the relationship between Jesus and the Spirit and God.

This verse from the Gospel of John describes how we are to prepare our homes to host a guest who is going to take up residence within our lives: Jesus, in relationship with the Spirit and God. John indicates that the Spirit of truth is already present within the disciples. John tells us that we know him because he abides with us. But at the same time, there is also a push to prepare for a future move-in date. We are charged with preparing for his taking up residence.

How do we prepare for Jesus to abide with or in us? By keeping Jesus' commandments and by loving Jesus, which inevitably and inextricably means keeping his word. We prepare for Jesus to abide in us by welcoming his gift of peace and responding to his presence with faith in the absence of sight. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Abide can have a literal meaning of staying in one place and at the spiritual level, it describes what God does in our lives. God abides in Jesus and Jesus abides in God. Jesus abides in and with us. We cannot bear fruit unless Jesus abides in us. Jesus' words abide and the Holy Spirit abides with Jesus. Therefore, disciples abide with or in Jesus.

How are we doing in the abiding department? What's our hospitality quotient? Have we prepared our inner life to be a hospitable home for Jesus? One in which he will find faith and love and bountiful fruit?



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 4PM**

Ruth Beninati, Req. by Jim Beninati  
Gerard Gralton, Req. by Thomas Gralton  
Joseph F. Buff, Req. by Mary & Paul Mantica  
Mary Anne Kowalski, Req. by Kowalski Family

**Sunday, May 22, 2022 9:30AM**

Livia Cacace, Req. by Schisano Family  
Robert "Bob" Coffey, Req. by Mary Nicholson  
John Martin Forken, Req. by Tom & Adele Hutton  
Fr. Michael Schmitt, Req. by Olivia Scaffidi

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022 8AM**

Fr. Michael Schmitt, Req. by Ellen & Tom Fitzgerald

**Saturday, May 28, 2022 4PM**

Joan Sherwood, Req. Lorraine & Robert Horick, Sr. & Family

**Sunday, May 29, 2022 9:30AM**

David Nerrow & Mary Creighton,  
Req. by David & Judy Eads  
Fr. Michael Schmitt, Req. by Kathy & Gary Davis  
Louise & Steve Iacabucci, Req. by the Family

**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 23—Julie Miller**  
**May 30—Judy Eads**

## Catholic Church of Central & Eastern Europe

The theme for this year's Special Collection for the Catholic Church of Central & Eastern Europe is  
**"Restore the Church – Build the Future."**  
The Church in this region of the world continues to have great needs for its pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, support scholarships for ministry formation and supports the Catholic organizations that provide family support, food, shelter, medical care and education in this region.



Please help by giving to the 2nd collection on May 21/22, 2022

*Diocesan Appeal: As of May 17, 2022*

Assessment: \$ 95,271.00  
Gifts/Pledges to Date: \$ 45,462.00 (Donors to Date ~ 136)  
Yet to Raise: \$ 49,809.00 (Achieved ~ 47.7%)

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!!  
To give to the Diocesan Appeal go to: <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>

## The Offertory Collection

May 14 & May 15, 2022

(125) Envelopes	\$ 4,223.00
(11) On-Line Bill Pay	\$ 500.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 969.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,692.00</b>

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

- + Have I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding my life? Was I open to it?
- + How does it feel to know that Jesus has not left me alone and I will see him again one day?



## The Domestic Church - Growing in Faith at Home

Here is a website you can use with everyone in your family. They have put together resources for all age groups from many different and good Catholic websites. It is "Strong Catholic Families" and the webpage is "Strong Catholic Family Faith". You can get there by going to: [www.catholicfamilyfaith.org](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org) Explore the site and use the resources that you feel will help you and your family share and grow in your faith.



Here is a great website for you to explore!! It is designed for young adults but even us older adults will find it interesting!  
[www.bustedhalo.org](http://www.bustedhalo.org) Enjoy!!



**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](mailto: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 - 5/22/2022 Children's Liturgy of the Word / 6th Sunday of Easter

## Take the time this week to reflect on the Gospel of John 14: 23-29

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?





# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Scripture Readings For the Week of May 22, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b> Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



**From Father Kane:** Fr. Michael Schmitt, priest/pastor at St. Clare's from 1976-2002 (obit had error), graciously bequeathed his ordination chalice to the parish; we are most grateful and have begun to use it. His priest-uncle had given Fr. Mike his gem-encrusted chalice, which he in turn willed to the diocese. With the permission of his sole survivor, his sister Mary Faith, St. Clare's has use of that chalice as long as I, classmate & friend, remain sacramental minister at St. Clare's; when I am no longer here at St. Clare's that chalice will revert to the Diocese of Albany. Meantime, it will be reserved for 'high holy days' (e.g., Christmas, Easter, feast of St. Clare). Fr. Mike's 51st ordination anniversary is May 22, 2022. Please pray for Fr. Mike's eternal peace. Rev. Fr. James J. Kane



Regularly we hear from parishioners who appreciate being able to view St. Clare's 4pm Mass from home via YouTube. We are seeking 4-5 volunteers to join the "Media Ministry" to record & upload the Mass to YouTube.



These volunteers do not need to be media experts! We will provide the equipment (iPad & laptop) & training. All age groups welcome! If we have 5 volunteers it would be a commitment of 2-3 hours on Saturday, once a month, including attending Mass!

Please prayerfully consider this unique way to share the Gospel & contact the Parish Office at 518-456-3112 or by email at [stclarepo@rcda.org](mailto:stclarepo@rcda.org). Thank you!



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!

### 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](mailto:ann.mccauley@rcda.org). We value your input!



### Bishop Michael Fisher, Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo:



In what unfortunately has become an all too common occurrence in this country has now shown its abhorrently evil face in Buffalo as we have now learned that 10 innocent souls have lost their lives here. On behalf of the Diocese of Buffalo, I, in the strongest of terms, condemn this utterly senseless act and pray for the victims and all those impacted by this act of cowardice. May the Good Lord guide us as we pray that our society regain respect for life and for an end to this tragic and despicable act in this beautiful city of ours. I encourage all Catholics and all people of faith to come together in prayer for the victims and for peace. The scourge of senseless gun violence that has taken the lives of so many across our nation and changed the lives of countless innocent men, women and children must come to an end.

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...



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## Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING TO CHRIST OUR LIGHT!!

SAVE THE DATE!

July 25 - July 29; 9-Noon  
Ages: K-6th grade (Fall)

Registration is open!

Check your inbox as forms were sent via email. If you would like a form, please contact the Parish Office

