

May 29, 2022

Memorial Day

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
Office Hours	Monday-Friday 8:30-4PM
Faith Formation	518-456-3113
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STAFF

Deacon Richard Thiesen	Parish Life Director
Father James Kane	Sacramental Minister
Ann McCauley	Pastoral Associate for Administration
Paula Rohl	Pastoral Associate for Parish Services
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: *Memorial Day 2022*

Our observance of Memorial Day invites us to step back from our usual routines to thank God for the gift of all those who taught us the true meaning of freedom. As Abraham Lincoln so aptly said in his Gettysburg Address: "... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion ... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." (Nov 19, 1863)

Prayer for Visiting Graves Either Spiritually or Physically

God of Abraham and of Moses,

Lord of the Living, who visited Jesus within His grave
And filled Him with the fullness of eternal life,
Hear our prayer this day
As we come to the burial places of our loved ones.

With reverence, we visit these sacred shrines
Where they lay within the womb of the earth
To await the final day of glory.

We pause in silence to be united with them.

May this pilgrimage remind us of what we already know:

That nothing dies; rather, life is only transformed into new life.

Lord, until that day

When all the holy dead shall rise in the splendor of Your glory,

May they bask in Your eternal light and peace. **Amen+**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

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

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8AM

Fr. Michael Schmitt & Joan Sherwood, Req. Janice Lindermann

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Joan Gralton, Req. by Thomas Gralton

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Joan Gralton & Dorothy Eads, Req. by Dave & Judy Eads

Joan Sherwood, Req. by Olivia Scafidi

Charles Blackman, Req. by Patricia Macejka & Daughters

Ann B. Yakel, Req. by David Reach

**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 30—Judy Eads
June 6—Sherrill Redmond

Funeral Ministry of the Church of Saint Clare

The Church of Saint Clare Funeral Ministry is looking for Ministers to assist with this beautiful and pastoral ministry. It is a privilege that families choose our parish for this special celebration of life for their loved one. We particularly need ministers to meet with the families for funeral planning, greeters, altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist, and sacristans. Once trained, ministers are contacted to see if they are available for a funeral at a particular date and time.

If you are interested in becoming a Funeral Minister, please contact Paula Rohl in the office at 518-456-3112 or by email at stclarepo@rcda.org.

We look forward to your assistance with this ministry.

Thank you!



Parish Office Summer Hours: Starting Tues., May 31st through Fri., September 2nd, the Parish Office & Church will be open from 8:30am—3:00pm. Normal Office hours will resume in the Fall!



The Offertory Collection

May 21 & May 22, 2022

(119) Envelopes	\$ 3,643.00
(11) On-Line Bill Pay	\$ 620.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 374.00
Total Collection	\$ 4,637.00

~ Collection for Central & Eastern Europe \$ 1,426.00 ~

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

+ Where do I see unity from those who follow Christ in our broken world?

+ How does the Love of Jesus connect me with others?



It takes the Whole community to pass on our faith traditions!
We ask you to consider if God is calling you to use your gifts as a Catechist! For more information please contact Mary at 456-3113 ext117 or email stclareffym@nycap.rr.com



We are still looking for people to help us 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



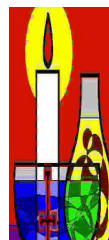
Looking for wholesome, faith based, interactive videos for your children to watch? Check out Children's Liturgy of the Word with Heidi Wittle.

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 - 5/29/2022 Children's Liturgy of the Word / 7th Sunday of Easter

Take the time this week to reflect on the Gospel of John 17: 20-22

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?**



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

Would you like to learn about the RCIA process and what is needed to accompany those on the journey to become a Catholic? If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of an RCIA Team please contact Mary at: 518-456-3113 ext. 117 or email at stclareffym@nycap.rr.com



Seventh Sunday of Easter



Scripture Readings For the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn
16:29-33

Tuesday: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn
21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23



Diane Doring will start at St. Clare's as the
Music Minister starting June 1st!

Diane has been involved in the music of the Catholic Church for, basically, her entire life, starting in grammar school at St. Jude the Apostle in Wynantskill and continuing at Catholic Central High School, where she accompanied choral groups for all four years of her attendance. She went on to The College of St. Rose, where she majored in piano, minored in voice, and received a BS in Music Education. She has participated in many musical activities throughout the years: as a cantor, chorister, and pianist for several churches; and as a ten-year member of the NY Catholic Chorale. Since 2018, she has served as Music Director for St. Joseph's Churches in Stuyvesant Falls and Stottville, NY. Diane lives in Defreestville and enjoys spending time with her daughter and her two grandchildren. She is absolutely delighted to join St. Clare's Church in the capacity of Music Director and looks forward to meeting all of you. Please welcome Diane.

Bottle Redemption Fundraiser



Recently we received a check for over \$2,000 from **Colonie Beverage** for redemptions from Parishioners! We are so very thankful! To donate your bottles & cans, please drop them in the back of Colonie Beverage store at 1823 Central Ave off & ask for the funds to be put on St. Clare's account.

Your support is appreciated!



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. 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!

Respect Life Synod Listening Session

Join Bishop Ed via ZOOM, Thurs., June 2, 2022 at 7:45p

This is a special opportunity for your voice to be heard by the Church. Your anonymous responses to discussion questions during this synod listening session may be recorded for the diocese to help guide the future. Please attend to make a difference & invite friends. Thank you!

RSVP by **Mon., May 30**. Email: Renée Morgiewicz:

renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org

The sessions will be guided by a facilitator utilizing universal questions and will provide the opportunity for small group breakout sessions.

Diocesan Appeal: As of May 24, 2022

Assessment:	\$ 95,271.00
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$ 47,122.00 (Donors to Date ~ 146)
Yet to Raise:	\$ 48,149.00 (Achieved ~ 49.4%)

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

Vacation Bible School

Saint Clare's & Christ Our Light are hosting VBS at Christ Our Light

July 25 - 29th, 9-Noon

For children entering K-6th grade in the Fall

Registration is open!

Registrations forms available in St. Clare's Parish Office

