

Saint Clare of Assisi

July 16, 1194-2019

Celebrating the 825th Birthday of a Great Saint!

Rite of Consecration of the Altar, Saturday, July 13, 2019

In gratitude to Andrew Blaskewicz & Family



Who is Saint Clare?

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Saint' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Overtime, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and took care of him as he grew old. Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV. St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room. She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry.

Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11.

In Gratitude to the Late Andrew J. Blaskewicz and his
parents for the new Sanctuary:



May Andrew, Genevieve, and Anthony Rest in Peace!

***The Mass of Dedication of a New Altar with Bishop Serratelli on
Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 5pm Mass:***

Presider: The Most Rev. Bishop Serratelli

Vice- Chancellor, Priest Secretary to the Bishop: The Rev. Fr. Stephen Prisk

Pastor: The Rev. Fr. Peter Steven Glabik

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Clergy Present:

The Rev. Msgr. Kevin Flanagan (The Pastor that build Saint Clare Church almost 40 years ago)

The Rev. Fr. Eider Reyes (Pastor of Saint Anthony, Paterson, NJ)

The Rev. Fr. Michal Falgowski (Pastor of Saint Virgil, Morris Plains, NJ)

Deacon Richard Goglia (Saint Andrew's Parish, Clifton, NJ)

Music: Paul Crosby, Melanie Morovan, The Choir of Saint Clare Parish

Trustee Emeritus (Retired): Mr. Thomas Felipe

Trustee: Mrs. Josie Lagazo-Estero

Servers: Seminarians of the Diocese of Paterson and the young adults of Saint Clare Parish.

In gratitude to: The Saint Clare Society, The Holy Name Society, and the countless volunteers that helped make this event possible. Thank you!

The gift of this Renovation: Andrew, Genevieve, and Anthony Blaskewicz

The New Tabernacle: Donated by Nick and Joyce Boglivi

Other Donations: Anonymous Donations from several Parishioners

The Relic of Saint Francis: Donated by Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

BBQ Reception: Sponsored by St. Clare Parish, Saint Clare Society, and The Holy Name Society



Prayer of Dedication and the Anointing of the Church and the Altar **Depositing of the Relics of the Saints:**

The relics of a martyr are deposited after the singing of the Litany of the Saints, to signify that the sacrifice of the members has its source in the sacrifice of the Head. When relics of a martyr are not available, relics of another saint may be deposited in the altar. **We are blessed with an official first- class relic of Saint Francis of Assisi and he will be placed in the altar at Saint Clare Parish.**

Prayer of Dedication:

The celebration of the Eucharist is the most important and the one necessary rite for the dedication of a Church. Nevertheless, in accordance with the tradition of the Church in both East and West, a special prayer of dedication is also said. This prayer is a sign of the intention to dedicate the church to the Lord for all times and a petition for his blessing.

Rites of Anointing, Incensing, Covering, and Lighting the Altar

The rites of anointing, incensing, covering, and lighting the altar express in visible signs several aspects of the invisible work that the Lord accomplishes through the Church in its celebration of the divine mysteries, especially the Eucharist.

A) Anointing of the Altar and the walls of the church: The anointing with chrism makes the Altar a symbol of Christ, who, before all others, is and is called "The Anointed One"; for the Father anointed him with the Holy Spirit and constituted him the High Priest so that on the altar of his body he might offer the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all. The anointing of the church signifies that it is given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. In keeping with liturgical tradition, there are twelve anointings, or, where it is more convenient, four, as a symbol that the church is an image of the Holy City of Jerusalem.

B) Incense is burned on the altar to signify that Christ's sacrifice, there perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and also to signify that the people's prayers rise up pleasing and acceptable, reaching the throne of God. The incensation of the nave of the Church indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer, but the people of God are incensed first, because they are the living temple in which each fanciful member is a spiritual altar.

C) The covering of the altar indicates that the Christian Altar is the Altar of the Eucharistic sacrifice and the table of the Lord; around it priests and people, by one and the same rite but with a difference of function, celebrate the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection and partake of his supper. For this reason the altar is prepared as the table of the sacrificial banquet and adorned as for a feast. Thus the dressing of the altar clearly signifies that it is the Lord's table at which all God's people joyously meet to be refreshed with divine food, namely, the body and blood of Christ sacrificed.

D) The lighting of the Altar, which is followed by the lighting of the church, reminds us that Christ is 'a light to enlighten the nations'; his brightness shines out in the Church and through it in the whole human family.

We become what we love
and who we love shapes
what we become.

(Saint Clare of Assisi)

*Celebration of
the Eucharist*



MONDAY, JULY 15

8:30 AM WIGBERTO DOMANTAY
MILAGROS SALAZAR

6-7:00 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
7:00 PM SPECIAL MASS FOR SAINT CLARE

TUESDAY, JULY 16

8:30 AM STEPHEN DENKOWICZ; IN THANKSGIVING
FOR OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

8:30 AM ROSEMARY CURRAN

THURSDAY, JULY 18

8:30 AM SOPHIE ANN MARTOCCI
EUGENE MAZZOLA

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:30 AM DEBBIE ESPOSITO; THERESA EVANS

SATURDAY, JULY 20

5:00 PM JOSEPH FARINELLA; FLORENCE
FARINELLA; ANNA MAY WOZNY

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:00 AM VALERIE HUTCHASON; DOROTHY BISSELL
10:00 AM VINCENZO GALDO
12:00 PM ANTONINO CAMPANELLA; AUGUSTO
AQUINO, SR.

God's Plan for Giving

JUNE 29-30, 2019:

FIRST COLLECTION:	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR:
5PM: 1,267.00	478.00
8AM: 764.00	145.00
10AM: 676.00	196.00
12PM: 1,074.00	217.00
TOTAL: 3,781.00	1,036.00

JULY 6-7, 2019

5PM: 1,473.00
8AM: 697.00
10AM: 633.00
12PM: 1,516.00
TOTAL: 4,319.00

THANK YOU

2019 MASS BOOK/INTENTIONS NOW OPEN:
DONATION: \$15 PER MASS
PLEASE KNOW, IT'S FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE.



Memorials for the Week



Altar Bread & Wine is offered this week in memory of...

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Altar Candles burn this week in memory of...

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of...

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

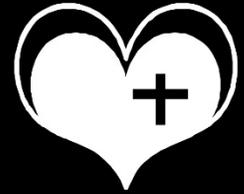
Divine Mercy Chapel Candle burns this week in memory of...

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Memorial Opportunities are available:

Contact the Office at 973-777-9313

**Praise God
with all
your Heart**



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

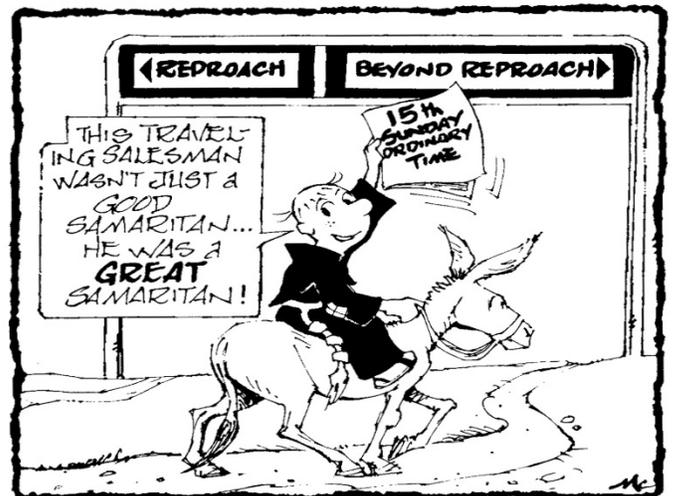
Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

BROTHER JUNIPER



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, what is written in the law? How do you read it?’... You shall love...and your neighbor as yourself.’ He replied to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.’ And because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, ‘and who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied... a man...”

The story of the good Samaritan is one of the clearest teaching moments of Jesus, as He used the two first testament books to describe the only way one can love God is through love of neighbor. Perhaps I am like the scholar of the law, thinking that I am in pretty good shape, as I pray, honor God and try to do the right thing. But wait a minute. Do I dare ask ‘who is my neighbor’ without fearing the consequences?

Pope Francis has called us to see the face of Christ in those who ask our help, who need our assistance. He asks two things: that we recognize the Christ in people who come to us, and to reflect the face of Christ to those who approach us. The parable ends with the scholar, unable to describe the unnamed Samaritan, saying the neighbor was the one treated him with compassion. He was told, go and do likewise. Think today of one person or group who are looking for the good Samaritan. Do they find him in you?



825TH BIRTHDAY VIGIL OF SAINT CLARE

JULY 15, 2019

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN CHURCH WITH THE ROSARY

7:00PM: MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT CLARE IN THE CHURCH.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

“LIGHT UP MY LIFE”

Please check the Mail about the “Light up my life” Fundraiser for new lights in the church. Please consider giving to this worthy cause that will only help us to see better. Thank you for your continuous help!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY
9AM – 12PM

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS 9AM-12PM

MASS TIMES: SAT 5PM; SUN 8AM, 10AM, 12PM IN CHURCH

MON-FRI 8:30AM IN DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 20/21	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 NOON
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER (H)	SANDY IANUZZI KATHLEEN NEUBAUER	LINDA WILLIAMSON PAUL WILLIAMSON	HARRY REDDINGTON SONIA MARTINEZ	RODULFO MOISES III CHRISTINE VARGAS
LECTOR	JOHN NEUBAUER	VIRGINIA REILLY	GERARD WAKSMUNDSKI	MICHAEL LAROSA
ALTAR SERVERS	N/A	ADDISON O'LEARY	JUSTIN MARTINEZ JONATHAN MARTINEZ	ROSALIN MENDEZ JONATHAN AVANCENA

*June – Aug. 2019 Ministry Schedules now available in the Parish Office, and online at www.saintclarenj.com/ministry-schedules. Questions please contact Josie Lagazo-Estero: jlagazo395@aol.com.