THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

ST. CLARE PARISH

110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10308
www.stclaresi.com

February 11, 2018

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (in the chapel):	7:00 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:00 AM
Saturdays (in the chapel):	8:15 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days	7:30 PM Vigil (evening before), 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 3:30 PM (school days), 7:30 PM

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16th Annual St. Clare's Parish Dance

Shamrock Shindig

March 17, 2018

7:30 p.m.-Midnight

Cardinal Cooke Center

$40 per person

Music by Party Master

Hot Food by Nucci's Catering

Soda, Beer, Wine

Raffles and Dancing

$40 per person

To purchase tickets or reserve a table, please contact Gerri Smith in the Rectory (718) 984-7873 or email: rectory@stclaresi.com

Rectory/Parish Office: 718-984-7873
Fax: 718-966-8420
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
The office remains open for limited business on weekends and evenings until 9:00 P.M.

School: 718-984-7091
Pre-School: 718-967-0990
Religious Ed (CCD): 718-948-4829
Parish Nurse: 718-948-1505
Family Counseling: 718-984-8456
Sports: 718-554-8129

Our Church is accessible

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Sacrament of Baptism

Communal celebrations of Baptism are celebrated several Sundays each month, except during Lent. Baptismal information may be obtained by calling the rectory and speaking to the Baptism coordinator.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. in the chapel. Also during communal Penance Services during the year. Individual arrangements may also be made by calling the rectory for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sacrament of Marriage

Weddings are celebrated on:
✞Fridays between 4:00 & 5:30 P.M.
✞Saturdays at 1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.
✞Sundays at 4:30 P.M.
Couples should contact the rectory at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the rectory to arrange for home visits.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday through Thursday in the chapel, from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and from Noon to 5:00 P.M. on Friday.

Benediction

Takes place in our chapel monthly on the First Tuesday following the evening Holy Hour.

Miraculous Medal Novena

After the 7:00, 8:15 and 9:00 A.M. Masses on Mondays.

About Our Parish

Served by:

Clergy

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...and more than 500 Lay Ministers serving the 7,000 faithful families of Saint Clare Parish.

Novena Prayers

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima are said on the first Saturday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

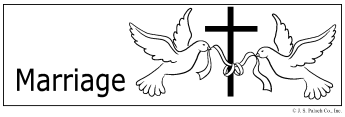
The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Contact the rectory at 984-7873.

Parish Membership

All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

The Little Ones — Jim Burrows

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mk 1:40-41



Marriage in Christ

Congratulations to the newly married couple:

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Moskowitz

(Karin Arrao)

Rest in Peace

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, friends, for those who are most forgotten and for those who have recently died. The sympathies of the parish are extended to the families of **Theodore Hall, Gloria C. Amarando** and **Anna Mannuzza.**

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Sunday, February 11th
7:00 AM Ronald Marano (36th Anniversary) & Charles Manganato (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM James G. Ryan (20th Anniversary)
10:00 AM Catherine (Kitty) Flood
11:30 AM Gaetano & Rose Nicoletta
1:00 PM Miriam Walz Velsor & Family (Living)
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, February 12th
7:00 AM Mary Falcone
8:15 AM Frank Montalto
9:00 AM Thomas McNicholas

Tuesday, February 13th
7:00 AM Barbara Thomasy
8:15 AM John Francis Walz & Family (Living)
9:00 AM Karen Dennis

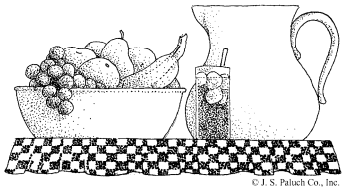
Wednesday, February 14th—Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM (Church) Edward Kessig
8:00 AM (Church) Luisa (Lorna) Z. Gatchalian
9:00 AM (Church) Charles Maganato
7:30 PM (Church) Angelo Curci & Joseph Emanuel Chicro

Thursday, February 15th
7:00 AM Eleanor Hebbeler
8:15 AM Thomas Binder
9:00 AM Charles Manganato

Friday, February 16th
7:00 AM Emmacolata Desantis (Living)
8:15 AM Zita Flegar
9:00 AM Jenny & Mario (Living)

Saturday, February 17th
8:15 AM Giuseppe Abate
9:00 AM Celia & Ferdinand Marsiello & Christine Cascone
5:00 PM Ann Antonucci & Carmela & Joseph Petrucci

Sunday, February 18th
7:00 AM Christina Datello
8:30 AM Steven Galgano
10:00 AM Arthur Anderson (1st Anniversary)
11:30 AM LaRosa Family
1:00 PM Florence & Ralph Pellechia, Tomasina & Vincent Santino
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners



Offerings of Bread and Wine for this Week's Celebrations of the Eucharist

In Loving Memory of
Mario Gaudioso
offered by
Cousins,
Dominic & Pat Gaudioso
+

Growing in Our Faith

Question of the Week

Adult Faith Formation is at the core of all religious formation in St. Clare's parish. Our new *National Directory for Catechesis* tells us that it should be the *organizing principle* from which all other religious education springs. When we share our faith with others, that *is* catechesis. Sharing our faith, catechesis, is what makes us Christian. Using the ***Question of the Week*** at all parish meetings and for individual and family reflection, adults and children will be better able to relate the Sunday Scriptures to their daily lives and to share their reflections with one another.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46;

Psalm 32; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

Mark 1:40-45

Question of the Week

Adult: Would I have the courage to tell others to do as I do in order to be Christians?

Child: What can I do this week to be an example to others?

Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

1st Sunday of Lent

On Wednesday this week we will enter the holy season of Lent. Moving forward the readings will be about how we can prepare our hearts for greater love. The entire Lenten journey is a journey of unconditional love. Next week's psalm will situate us for the rest of the season, "your ways, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant" (25). In the first reading, Noah and his sons obey the Lord and keep his ways. In return the Lord spares them from the flood that destroyed the earth. Then the Lord makes a covenant with Noah that never again will he destroy all living creatures from the face of the earth (Gn. 9:8-15). In the second reading Peter will tell us, Christ died once in order to lead us to Christ (1 Pt. 3:18-22). In the Gospel Jesus will call on us to repent for the time of fulfillment is at hand (Mk. 1:12-15). This time of fulfillment is the complete revelation of God's love for us and God's love is that he gave his only beloved son for our salvation. This is the truth we will be experiencing during the Lenten Season.

From the Pastoral Staff

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reading tells us the story of a man stricken with leprosy and how Jesus healed him. We can't begin to imagine how those with leprosy felt in the time of Jesus (and for centuries to come). These people were truly a banished people, forced to leave their homes and to live together in totally separate communities with only others also stricken with the disease. They were forced to leave their family and friends. This man took a huge risk in approaching Jesus. He not only put his faith in Jesus, but his entire physical life in Jesus' hands. He had the faith that the Lord would look upon him with mercy and intercede on his behalf with God the Father to heal him. Others would have judged him as unclean and forced him to leave with nothing, or worse, stoned him to death. Jesus heard his cry and healed him. St. Paul urged the community in Corinth to give glory to God through his actions. The man with Leprosy did just that. He allowed God, through Jesus, to heal him. The action of Jesus was the result of the mans' faith and the glory he showed to God. Through Jesus' healing the man experienced the merciful love of Christ and, literally, found new life.

When word traveled about the healing, even though Jesus told the man not to tell others that he had healed him, he was approached and overwhelmed by people who needed his healing touch wherever he went. Today, many of us forget to bring our troubles to Jesus. We don't take enough time to pray for his help and guidance. We may pray for a particular thing, like passing a test or hitting "Lotto", but we don't simply pray for "thy will be done", as the Lord's Prayer so eloquently states. He knows what's best for us and what we need to be healed. So, rather than asking for a particular thing in prayer, just pray for His Blessings and trust that the healing He sends us is what is right in His Heart.

A suggestion for Valentine's Day this Year!

As you know, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It also happens to be Valentine's Day! Ash Wednesday is one of ONLY two days a year we are asked to sacrifice to God by Fasting AND Abstaining. Take the opportunity this year to celebrate with your Valentine(s) either on Tuesday evening, which is the traditional celebration of Mardi Gras, or, better yet, decide together to celebrate after the 14th. Restaurants will be less crowded and offer more on their menus and, if there's any left, Valentine Candy will be a BARGAIN! Roses certainly will be! This year, you and your loved one(s) give God glory by offering your sacrifice together by putting this solemn feast first, where it belongs!

All the Best,
Chuck Tracy
Parish Manager

Sunday February 11, 2018

	School Expo	
	Dance Committee Selling Chances after Masses	
8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Murphy Center
8:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Mass	Church
10:00am	3rd Graders' Mass	Church
2:00pm	Basketball	CCC
2:30pm	Parish Baptisms	Church
5:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00pm	Cheerleading	School Gym

Monday February 12, 2018

9:30am	Monday Bible Study	Pres. Ctr. DR
9:45am	Book Club	Murphy Center
3:15pm	Basketball	School Gym
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Class	Pastoral Center
6:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School Gym
7:00pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Murphy Center
7:00pm	Venture Crew Meeting	Cafeteria
7:30pm	Liturgy Ministers Meeting	Church

Tuesday February 13, 2018

9:30am	AARP Safe Driver Course	Murphy Center
2:38pm	Drama	School Gym
3:00pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Class	Pastoral Center
4:30pm	ARE Classes (group 1)	Pres. Ctr. DR
5:00pm	Basketball	School Gym
6:00pm	ARE Classes (group 2)	Pres Ctr. DR
6:00pm	SCMT Fundraiser Rehearsal	School, rm. 202
7:15pm	Basketball	CCC
7:30pm	Employment Group 1 on 1	Rectory DR
8:00pm	RCIA Weekly Formation	Pres. Center

Wednesday February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday

3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
3:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School Gym
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
5:15pm	Basketball	School Gym
6:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School Gym

Thursday February 15, 2018

9:00am	Crafty Ladies	Murphy Center
10:00am	First Communion Parents Mtg.	Chapel
3:00pm	Children's Choir Practice	Church
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
3:30pm	Cheerleading	School Gym
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
7:00pm	Cheerleading	Cafeteria
7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:30pm	Employment Group	Pres. Ctr. DR
7:30pm	First Communion Parents Mtg.	Murphy Center

Friday February 16, 2018

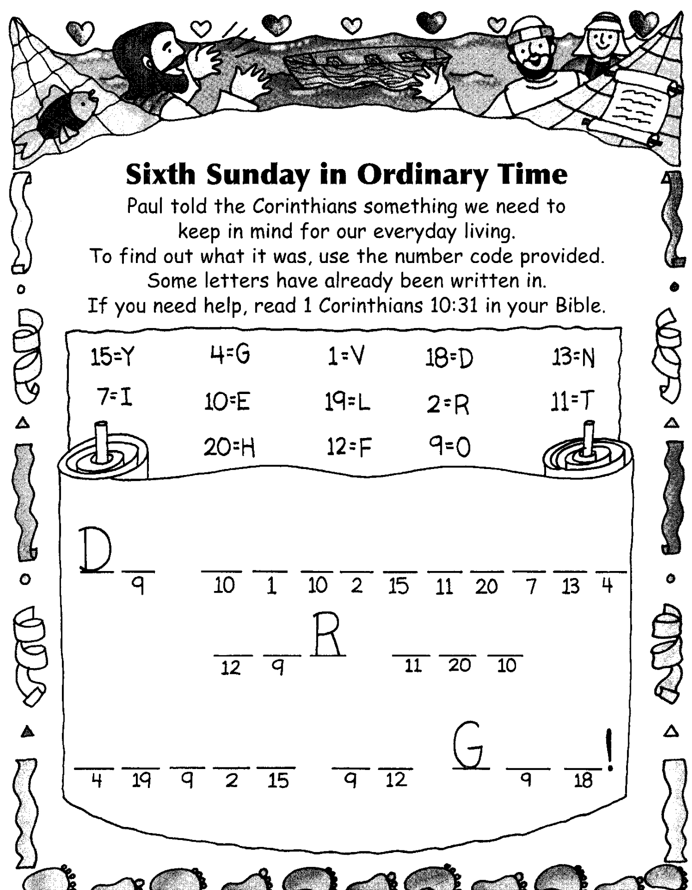
9:00am	Gr. 8 Reflection Ceremony	Church
3:15pm	Basketball	School Gym
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
6:30pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria
6:30pm	SCMT Rehearsal	School Gym
7:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting	Murphy Center
7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Presentation Ctr.
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

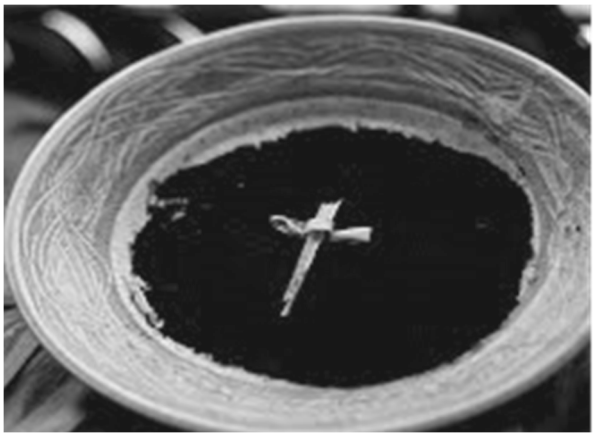
Saturday February 17, 2018

	No Religious Education Classes	
8:30am	Intramural Basketball	CCC
9:00am	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
1:00pm	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
6:30pm	CYO Basketball	CCC

Sunday February 18, 2018

10:00am	Children's Mass	Church
1:00pm	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
2:00pm	Basketball	CCC
5:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00pm	Cheerleading	School Gym





Ash Wednesday

Service Schedule

February 14, 2018

Mass with distribution of ashes
7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes **(No Mass)**

12:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Mass with distribution of ashes

7:30 p.m.

All services in the church. Chapel open for quiet prayer all day.

We Pray for the Sick

Dylan
Natalia
Emily Aiello
Rose Alfano
Lena Armetta
James Asciolla
Millie Badalucco
Arlene Beers
Tim Boardman
Brianna Bove
Victoria Bryan
Bobby Bulger
Adaline Buttacavoli
Rose Carlotto
Rosalie Calvacca
Agatha Cilmi
Maria Cimmino
Louis Colletti
Rosalie Curatolo
Stephen Curatolo
Giovanni de Franco
Patrick Deyo
Claudia DiLorenzo
Diane Di Pilato
Roberta Doherty
John Donlon
Brendan Donnelly
Fran Edwards
Thomas Ferreras
Rosalie Fidenza
Josephine Fioravante
Nicholas Foccillo
Sal Giardina
Jeanne Gioia
Richard Gillings
Sally Gruenberg
Ben Haywood
Holli Hurpert
Luca Iacona
Debra Internicola
Robert Jensen
Alfia Kranfpool
Lisa La Barbera
Cathy Lauritano
Joseph Luken
Judy Luken
Margaret Magnavita
Ellen Maher
Jamie Malae
Walter Malae
Donald J. Maloney III
Rose Marino
Andrew Marziale
Patricia Matonti
Thomas Matonti
Gloria Mele
Victor Mele
Jeanette Milione
Pablo Muents
Msgr. Joseph Murphy
Frank Nigriello
Mary Noto
Damien Otero
Rose Marie Pace
Maria Poppe
Carmen Ragona
Erick Reyes
Myra Rivera
Lisa Romano
Nicholas Romeo
Mary Romero
Jayson Rothstein
Frank Santarpia
Laurie Sanzio
Rosaria Sciascia
Charlayne Sisco Ohland
Gina Spina
Phillip Smith
Joseph Squatrito
Sage Talamanco
Lisa Ann Tarter
Babs Thomasy
Lorraine Thompson
Diane Toth
Grace M. Tummino
Mark Vaccaro
Michelina Vitiello
Mary Washington

Every worshiping community is called to pray for the very ill or elderly among them. This Prayer List is our way of reaching out to our parishioners – young or elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life.

Each person will be kept on our Prayer List for up to 3 months. If you would like to have the name of an ill parishioner added please contact the Rectory Office with:

- ✞ Name of Person to Pray for
- ✞ Nature of Illness
- ✞ (Your) Contact Telephone #
- ✞ Request for Holy Communion to be brought to the person (if desired).

Cardinal's Appeal
Communications
- Bulletin
- Web site
- E-Mail

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ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

5th Sun. -Ordinary Time (2018):

Sunday Collection	$19,470.50
Children's Collection	$ 47.00
Second Collections	$ 2,069.00
Improvement Fund	$ 559.00
	$22,145.50

5th Sun. -Ordinary Time (2017):

Sunday Collection	$18,643.00
Children's Collection	$ 99.00
Second Collections	$ 84.00
Improvement Fund	$ 1,024.00
	$19,850.00

16th Annual
St. Clare's Parish Dance

Shamrock Shindig

March 17, 2018
7:30 p.m. -Midnight
Cardinal Cooke Center
$40 per person

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COMING THIS LENT

- Sunday, February 25th: **Interfaith Prayer Service** with Christ Lutheran Church; 4 p.m. in the Church.
- Sunday, March 4th: **Xavier Players** presentation of "No Greater Love", a Lenten Passion Play; 4 p.m. in the Church.
- Monday, March 5th; Tuesday, March 6th; and Wednesday March 7th: **Parish Mission** offered by Fr. Jack Ratschmidt at 7:30 p.m. each evening as well as following the 9 a.m. Mass each morning.

Living Stewardship

STIGMATIZED

In Biblical times any skin disease was labeled leprosy, and lepers were forced to live in isolation, ostracized from the rest of the community. Any illness was thought to be the result of sinfulness, either the sins of the sufferer or of his or her parents and ancestors. People with mental illnesses were believed to be possessed by evil spirits, and they too were shunned and driven out of towns and villages to fend for themselves. These attitudes were common throughout the ancient world. The open sores of skin diseases and the strange behavior of mentally ill persons were a stigma all could recognize. "Stigma" is a Greek word that originally referred to a tattoo or brand that was cut or burned into the skin of criminals, slaves, or traitors in order to identify them as blemished or morally polluted persons. Many of us today fear people with diseases such as AIDS; similarly, we are uncomfortable around someone who behaves oddly because of a mental illness. Those who have such illnesses often suffer more from people's negative attitudes toward them than from the condition itself. In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus' encounter with a leper. We see that Jesus does not turn away from this suffering man, but walks toward him. He talks to him, takes pity on him, and stretches out a healing hand. Today, the Catholic Church is a world-wide provider of care for suffering people, including those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through Catholic hospitals and clinics, organizations such as Catholic Charities, and the hospices of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, to name but a few. There are many opportunities in our local communities for us to step in and help. Let's be like Jesus and walk toward the ones in need.

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Learning Opportunities
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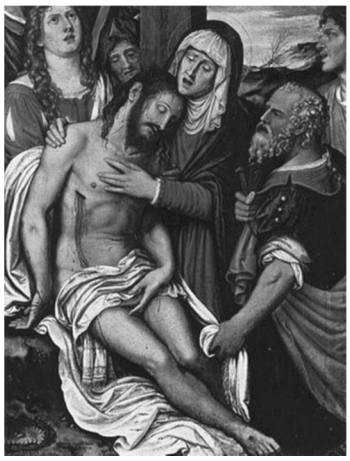
Social Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

No Greater Love
A Lenten Passion Play
presented by
The Xavier Company



The Passion of Christ in drama, song and dance
Sunday, March 4, 2018
4 p.m.
The Church of Saint Clare

The Xavier Company, a group of professionally trained actors, singers and dancers, perform original works focused on themes of faith and social justice. Founded in 1982, The Xavier Company is known for performances that display both spiritual content and artistic excellence. Don't miss this wonderful Lenten opportunity!

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. All are welcome!

Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Presentation Center

Marie Noel
Director

(718) 948-4829
mnoel@stclaresi.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Classes

Saturday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Please note, we resume classes on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

Enjoy the break.

Family Penance
February 26, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Classes: 5K, 5L, 6A, & 6B

Family Penance
March 12, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Classes 6C, 6D, E, & 6F

Please note: students are to report with **at least one parent** to church on the **day of their assigned Penance service**. No class on the day of their penance service. Everyone else, reports to class..

Saturday, February 24, 2018
Time: **1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Come to the Table:
A First Communion Retreat
Registration Now Open

To register: Call 718-984-7873 or visit our website: ww.stclaresi.com to register.

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Mrs. Denise Olsen
Assistant Principal
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Mrs. Michele Twomey
Assistant Principal
mtwomey@stclaresi.com

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Catholic School Week

During Catholic School Week the students at St Clare did many different and fun activities during the week. Students were able to wear crazy hats, socks, and hair. Then students were even able to visit other grades and do a fun activities such as having the older students read a book the younger students. All grades recited the Rosary. They all had a great time!

To learn more about our school and view our photo gallery, visit our web page http://school.stclaresi.com

One with God, First in Excellence

Liturgical Ministries
- Altar Servers
- Art and Environment
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Communion Ministers
- Consolation Ministry
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Ushers

Music Ministries
- Adult Choir
- Children's Choir
- Contemporary Group
- Cantors

Spirituality
- Bible Study
- Charismatic Prayer Grp
- Prayer Experiences

Sacramental Preparation
- RCIA
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Marriage

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

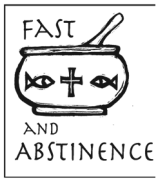
LENT 2018

Take Home Ashes and Prayer

Ashes and prayer will be provided to take home to elderly or sick family member or friends who cannot make it to Church for one of our masses or prayer services.

Please make sure you see the Sacristan on Ash Wednesday to pick up a home package.

Lenten Regulations
Days of Fast, Days of Abstinence



During the season of Lent, the Church urges us all to reflect a spirit of penance in our daily lives by performing acts of fast, abstinence and service.

Abstinence:

All Catholics 14 years and older must **abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and on Ash Wednesday.** Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent they are able.

Fasting:

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting is not required if there are medical reasons that make it unsafe or unwise.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent **at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel**. Come bring your worries and burden to the Lord as we walk the way of the cross with him. See you there.

Interfaith Vesper Service

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for an Interfaith Vesper Service with Pastor Wolfgang of Christ Lutheran Church on February 25th at 4 p.m. Pastor Wolfgang will be offering the reflection.

Lenten Retreat

We will be holding Lenten Retreat beginning Monday March 5th through Wednesday March 7th. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Radiating God's love through Acts of Kindness

Instead of giving up stuff this Holy Lenten Season, ***embrace kindness and mercy***

Challenge yourself this Lent to perform small acts of kindness.
Starting on Ash Wednesday, February14, 2018 start performing acts of kindness and mercy.
Write about your acts of kindness in a journal and pray over them.
Then every Sunday when you come to mass, write a kind act you did for the week on a strip of paper and we will create the act of **kindness and mercy chain.**

Here is a great resource to help us enter deeper into the season of Lent. It is presented by Dynamic Catholics and free of charge to all. Please check it out and make lent meaningful this year.
To register please visit www.bestlentever.com and sign up for all the Lenten activities.

- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Dance Classes
- Girl Scouts
- Musical Theater Group
- Sports
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  - Cheerleading
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- Play and Learn
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Staten Island Young Adult Mass & Social

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Calling all young adults (ages 21-39), join Fr. Patrick Amedeka to have Mass with other young adults from all across Staten Island. The group will meet at the parish of St. Joseph and Mary Immaculate (Rosebank), 463 Tompkins Ave., Staten Island, and following the Mass will go to a nearby restaurant for a social.

"Like" the Catholic Staten Island page on Facebook to be kept up to date on ongoing events or join the Facebook event:
https://www.facebook.com/events/541051286253214/

For any questions and to RSVP
Please contact Fr. Patrick
or
Email MaryElise.Zellmer@archny.org

Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field Team Registration

Tuesday, February 27
8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Murphy Center

All children K thru 8th grade. are eligible. The fee for the two season registration is $100 and for outdoor only is $85. All fees will be collected through the Smart Tuition program. NO CASH will be accepted. All parishioners must provide an envelope number. If there are any questions Contact: Jack Lewandowski at bethjack@aol.com or (718) 356-0579.

If you have lost a child of any age, having died by any cause, Emmaus Ministry's offers one day retreats for grieving parents.

The cost is $25 per person, $40 per couple. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For dates, information and to register go to:
www.emfgp.org/2018-archny
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Parish Ministries & Services

From Our Parish Counselor...

Read David Douglas' Story

Part II of IV

Because of access to treatment I was able to start a years long process that has brought me to right where I am today. Sitting here typing this blog to you. Sitting here with a career beyond my dreams, a family life I dreamed of having as a kid, and a peace in my soul that I thought I would never attain. Because I was able to access treatment I was able to begin to look inside my mind, heart, and soul and heal the past that had become my reality.

Because of the support of people in positions of power I was able to find a humanness that helped me to see I was worth more that what I believed at the time. Many counselors along the way helped cement in me the belief that I was worth living a good life. Because of certain institutions I was able to see what I didn't want for myself. I learned where I didn't want to spend my days. Because of family I was able to learn of the unconditional love of a mother, sister, and brother. With this I was able to learn that I wasn't what I thought they believed about me. I learned that my family did love me and I was ok being who I was and am.

Linda Rizzotto, LCSW, CASAC Parish Counselor
718-984-8456 E-mail: counselor@stclaresi.com

EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS

The next ***Employment Group*** meeting will be **Thursday**, **February 15, 2018** in the **Presentation Center Dining Room** at **7:30 p.m.**

Presenter: Nancy Gentile, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Staten Island ACCES-VR

Topic— *How Staten Island ACCES-VR Can Help an Individual with a Health Problem Get Back to Work*

Please visit our website at **www.stclaresi.com** for more information.

The next meeting will be February 12th at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in the Murphy Center (chapel basement). Please finish chapter 30 (XXX) in Middlemarch, by George Eliot for the meeting.

The following excerpt is from a letter received last month:

Angel Tree

Dear Friends at St. Clare Parish,

Silver Lake Head Start is a not-for-profit organization servicing pre-school age children and their families in our community. Our services include, but are not limited to, providing center-based early education to children from 1—5 years of age and home-based services from birth to 2 years old, of low income families. All of our services are provided to the family at no cost.

On behalf of our families, I'd like to thank you all for your very generous donation of toys for our children. With your donation, we were able to provide every child with a Christmas and Three Kings gift. Our children were thrilled to be visited by Santa Claus and his many gifts.

We appreciate ALL your efforts, time and contributions to give our little guys a holiday they will remember. Thank you for being a part of our family!

With warm appreciation,

Jessica Fallon
Center Coordinator
Silver Lake Head Start

Beyond St. Clare

The Challenge of Jesus' Parables

Saturday, February 24th
9:30-12:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Sr. Barbara Gondek, Fee: $25

Have you ever had the experience of longing for something only to find out it wasn't all you thought it would be? You return home and realize "there is no place like home." A chance encounter with Rembrandt's Return of the Prodigal led Henri Nouwen on just such a spiritual journey. He asked himself "where has my life led me?" Through prayer, song, slides and reflections join with others during Lent to identify with the loving father, prodigal son and elder son and ask yourself, "where has my life led me?"

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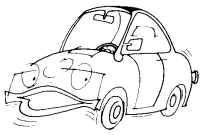

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- Does talking about it make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. It consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend, February 9-11, will be held in Somerset NJ. All inquiries are confidential. For further information contact the Metuchen NJ Family Life Office: (732) 243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuanno: (732) 236-0671, or Tom & Pat McTague: (732) 583-4468 (evenings).

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Saint Francis Catholic Singles

Movie Night:
"And Then There Were None"

Thursday, February 22 at 7:15 p.m. at Holy Family Parish basement 366 Watchogue Road, SI. 10314. $5 - $10 donation appreciated at the door. Come explore the themes of justice and vigilantism with Agatha Christie's classic. Popcorn, hot chocolate and snacks will be served.

For more information, check their website: www.sgspsi.org, find them on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email: sfcssi@gmail.com

Mission: St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

Prayers for Those in the Service

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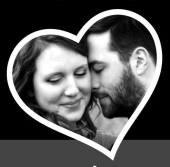

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