

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

March 04, 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

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Religious Ed (CCD): 718-948-4829

Parish Nurse: 718-948-1505

Family Counseling: 718-984-8456

Sports: 718-554-8129

Our Church is



accessible





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

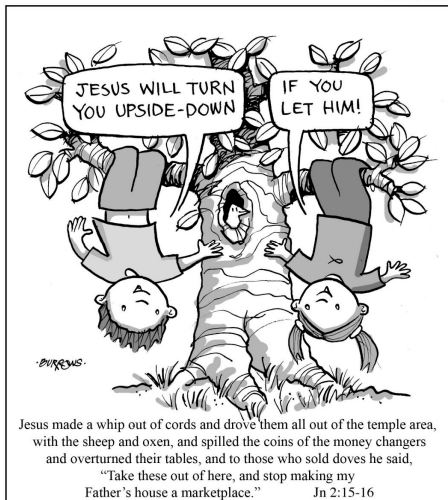
All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here 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)

Third Sunday of Lent

We Reform

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III.

Lawrence Barisciano & Nicole Carannante



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 **Kathleen Pugliese, Patricia Romano and Ann Siclari.**

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday, March 4th

7:00 AM Susan Healy
8:30 AM Peter Jr. & Peter Sr. McPolin
10:00 AM Onofrio Contorno (15th Anniversary)
11:30 AM Rabito Family
1:00 PM Tina Gorla
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, March 5th

7:00 AM Dennis Abate
8:15 AM James X. Stabile
9:00 AM Marie Giordano

Tuesday, March 6th

7:00 AM Christina Datello
8:15 AM Lawrence & Letitia Smiles
9:00 AM James Murdoch

Wednesday, March 7th

7:00 AM Saint Lucy
8:15 AM Patricia Graulich (2nd Anniversary)
9:00 AM Joseph Vitale

Thursday, March 8th

7:00 AM Louis and Ida Moraco
8:15 AM Edward Kessig
9:00 AM McNally & Yarusso Families

Friday, March 9th

7:00 AM Toby LaBella
8:15 AM Lillian Ingemi (9th Anniversary)
9:00 AM Caroline & Harold LaForge

Saturday, March 10th

8:15 AM Michael Congiusta
9:00 AM Vincent & Ralph Priola
5:00 PM Jean & Anthony Cacace

Sunday, March 11th

7:00 AM Patricia Murphy
8:30 AM Alice Yorks
10:00 AM Ed Edwards
11:30 AM Santo Miceli
1:00 PM Joseph Milici, Edward Day, Josephine Lopocaro-Waldron,
Lawrence Lopocaro & Regina Milici
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

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

In Loving Memory of
Michael Congiusta
Happy 7th Anniversary in Heaven
offered by
Grammy & Aunt Christine

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Burning of Candles for the Week

The candle at the Holy Family Shrine Burns:
In Loving Memory of
Rosemarie Garrison-Rispoli
Offered by
Helen and Sylvia Cava

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Question of the Week

Adult: Do I see the world as good or evil, and how does my view impact my life?

Child: What are some of the ways that God shows his love for me? How can I show God my love?

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY: OUR WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

4th Sunday of Lent

God's mercy is a gift of love because God keeps his promises. God does not mind going to the extremes to show his faithfulness to us even when we fail to keep our promises to him. This is the story of Lent and it is the story we will read next week in our scripture passages. In the first reading from the second book of Chronicles, the entire house of Judah, including the priests who should have known better, practiced abominations in the sight of God. They "scoffed" and persecuted the prophets who were sent to show them the way. Yet after they were taken into exile, the Lord acted through King Cyrus of Persia, to bring them back home (36:14-16, 19-23). In the Gospel, talking to Nicodemus who was trying to get closer to the Lord in secret, Jesus said, the reason for his coming is because God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" to save it (Jn. 3:14-21). We can choose to accept or not accept this gift of love. Those of us who accept this gift of love know what it means to be called children of God.

FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Friends,

My favorite reading in the New Testament is John 4:4-42. In this reading we learn of a conversation between Jesus and an unnamed Samaritan woman that takes place at Jacob's well. It is the story of the "living water." In those times, it was well known that the Jews utterly despised the Samaritans. And to make matters even more strained this woman was marked as immoral, an outcast to her own people. Yet, Jesus enters into a conversation with her. In their conversation, Jesus provides the woman with the lesson of the "living water." It was a living lesson for this woman.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Jesus shows himself in example to the power of the Holy Spirit. Reaching out to her in conversation, she learns that no matter who she is, where she is from, or what she has done in her life, she is valuable and worthy of drinking of the "living water." She can be saved by the Holy Spirit. We are reminded here that God loves us in spite of any wrong we have done, even when we can see no value in ourselves. This certainly is grace.

In this reading, we also learn three absolute truths about salvation:

- 1) Salvation comes only to those who recognize their desperate need for the spiritual life they do not have.
- 2) Salvation comes only to those who confess and repent of their sin and desire forgiveness.
- 3) Salvation comes only to those who take hold of Jesus as their Messiah. For the absolute truth is that salvation is found in no one else.

My best wishes for a Blessed Easter season!

Sincerely,
Linda Rizzotto, Parish Counselor

WEEKLY CALENDAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT SCHEDULES & ANY CHANGES

Sunday March 4, 2018

	Parish Mission Retreat	Church
	Committee Selling Chances for Parish Dance	
9:30am	Parish Library	Murphy Center
10:00am	Children's Mass	Church
11:30am	RCIA First Scrutiny	Church
1:00pm	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
2:00pm	Basketball	CCC
5:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00pm	Cheerleading	School Gym

Monday March 5, 2018

	Parish Mission Retreat	Church
9:30am	Monday Bible Study	Pres. Ctr. DR
9:45am	Book Club	Murphy Center
3:00pm	Parish Staff Meeting	Murphy Center
3:15pm	Basketball	School Gym
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Class	Pastoral Center
6:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School

Tuesday March 6, 2018

	Parish Mission Retreat	Church
12:00pm	Catholic Daughter's	Murphy Center
2:38pm	Drama Gr. 5-8	School Gym
3:00pm	Cub Scouts	Cafeteria
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Class	Pastoral Center
5:00pm	Basketball	School Gym
7:15pm	Basketball	CCC
7:30pm	ARE Group 1, Parish Retreat	Pres. Ctr. Chapel
7:30pm	ARE Group 2	Pres. Ctr. Chapel
7:30pm	Employment Group 1 on 1	Rectory DR

Wednesday March 7, 2018

	Parish Mission Retreat	Church
10:15 am	Play and Learn	Murphy Center
11:45am	Play and Learn	Murphy Center
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
3:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School
3:45pm	RE 5th & 6th Gr. Mission	Gym
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
6:30pm	Religious Education Classes	School
7:30pm	Bible Study	Murphy Center

Thursday March 8, 2018

9:00am	Crafty Ladies	Murphy Center
3:00pm	Children's Choir Practice	Church
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
3:30pm	Cheerleading	School Gym
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
6:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church

7:00pm	Cheerleading	Cafeteria
7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:30pm	AFF Committee Meeting	Presentation DR
8:00pm	Baptismal Catechesis	Murphy Center

Friday March 9, 2018

3:00pm	Cheerleading	School Gym
3:30pm	Basketball	CCC
4:00pm	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
6:00pm	SI Geological Society	Hicks Center
6:30pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria
7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Presentation Ctr.
7:30pm	First Reconciliation	Church
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

Saturday March 10, 2018

8:00am	Religious Education Classes	School
9:00am	Dance Classes	Pastoral Center
9:30am	Marriage Prep Discovery Program	Murphy Center
1:00pm	Wedding	Church

Sunday March 11, 2018

	Committee Selling Chances for Parish Dance	
10:00am	Children's Mass	Church
1:00pm	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
2:00pm	Mother Son Dance	CCC
5:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00pm	Cheerleading	School Gym

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of people to help clean the Church. We are also looking for people who wouldn't mind volunteering to iron



Parish Lenten

Reconciliation Service



As we prepare ourselves to renew our Baptism at Easter, the Lenten Season is the ideal time to encounter the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance.

Please join us this Tuesday for our Communal Reconciliation/Penance Service, which includes the Liturgy of the Word, music and songs, followed by individual confession and absolution. We will have all of our priests available along with additional visiting priests, including our Parish Mission Leader to help you experience the mercy of God. You won't want to miss this. If you have not been to the sacrament of Penance in a long time, do not worry, the priests will work you through it step by step. Be sure to bring a friend. All are welcome!

Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Church

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dylan
Natalia
Maryann
Emily Aiello
Rose Alfano
Lena Armetta
Millie Badalucco
Philip Barresi
Arlene Beers
Nancy Beil
Tim Boardman
Brianna Bove
Bobby Bulger
Adaline Buttacavoli
Rose Carlotto
Rosalie Calvacca
Denise Candia
Agatha Cilmi
Maria Cimmino
Louis Colletti
Ralph Cugno
Rosalie Curatolo
Stephen Curatolo

Patrick Deyo
Claudia DiLorenzo
Diane Di Pilato
Roberta Doherty
John Donlon
Brendan Donnelly
Fran Edwards
Zeina Encisco
Thomas Ferreras
Josephine Fioravante
Nicholas Foccillo
Sal Giardina
Jeanne Gioia
Richard Gillings
Sally Gruenberg
Holli Hupert
Anna Ingenito
Robert Jensen
Peter Kiefer
Alfia Kranfpool
Lisa La Barbera
Cathy Lauritano
Cheryl Lawler

Doreen Llagas
Joseph Luken
Judy Luken
Margaret Magnavita
Ellen Maher
Teresa Mainolfi
Jamie Malae
Walter Malae
Donald J. Maloney III
Rose Marino
Andrew Marziale
Thomas Matonti
Gloria Mele
Victor Mele
Pablo Muents
Msgr. Joseph Murphy
Geneva Narioni
Frank Nigriello
Mary Noto
Josephine Ochoa
Damien Otero
Rose Marie Pace
Maria Poppe

Carmen Ragona
Erick Reyes
Myra Rivera
Frank Roca
Lisa Romano
Nicholas Romeo
Mary Romero
Laurie Sanzio
Millie Shea
Charlayne Sisco Ohland
Gina Spina
Phillip Smith
Joseph Squatrito
Sage Talamanco
Lisa Ann Tarter
Babs Thomasy
Diane Toth
Grace M. Tummino
Mark Vaccaro
Michelina Vitiello
Mary Washington

Every worshipping 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
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the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

2018 Cardinal's Appeal Status as of 2/27/18

Parish Goal = \$199,000

Pledged Gifts = 254

Pledged Donations = \$54,509

THANK YOU to those who have already pledged their commitment to this year's Appeal. We are at 28% of our goal.

2nd Sunday of Lent (2018):

Sunday Collection	\$14,467.50
Children's Collection	\$ 86.00
Second Collections	\$ 58.00
Easter	\$ 92.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 158.00
Improvement Fund	\$ 249.00
	<u>\$15,110.50</u>

1st Sunday of Lent (2017):

Sunday Collection	\$16,659.00
Children's Collection	\$ 21.00
Second Collections	\$ 96.00
Improvement Fund	\$ 384.00
	<u>\$17,160.00</u>

Remember next weekend:



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16th Annual St. Clare Parish Dance **Shamrock Shindig**



Saturday, March 17th

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

\$40 per person

Beer, Wine, and Soda included

To purchase tickets or reserve a table, please contact **Geri Smith in the Rectory at (718) 984-7873**
or email: rectory@stclaresi.com or use this tear off:

Please return this portion to the Rectory Attn: Parish Dance

Name _____

Phone _____

Please reserve seats for _____ at \$40 per person

Enclosed is \$ _____

Would like to be seated with: Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____



Learning Opportunities
 Parish Library
 Faith in the Dark
 Jesuit Collaborative
 Conversations in Faith
 Faith on a Summer Night
 Mustard Seed
 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 at 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!

Parish Library Open Today!
Sunday, March 4, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

The parish library is located below the Our Lady Chapel.

TODAY! TODAY!

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
at 4 p.m. in the Church

NO GREATER LOVE
A Lenten Passion Play
See details at left



Marie Noel
 Director
 (718) 948-4829
 mnoel@stclare.si.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Penance



We welcome back all of our students to a busy sprint to the final months of Religious Education. This is especially true for our second graders who celebrating two sacraments. Here is the schedule for First Penance. Please note, the Sacrament will be celebrated in the Church, unless otherwise indicated. Also note, at least one parent must attend the sacrament with the First Penitent.

Schedule

Friday, March 9, 2018
Classes 2A-2B & 2-1
 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 17, 2018
Mrs. Donna Milone's classes
 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Saturday, March 17, 2018
Classes 2C, 2D & 2E
 @ 1:00 p.m.

Friday., March 23, 2018
Classes 2F-2G & 2-2
 @ 7:30 p.m.

Please pray for our children so that they and their parents may truly encounter and experience God through this sacrament of love and mercy.

Family Penance

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

Please note: at least one parent must come with students on the day of their sacrament. No class for students on the day of their sacrament.

Congratulations

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, our Confirmation candidates had their Confirmation retreat. A very important step in their sacramental preparation. We congratulate them and we ask the church to please pray for these candidates so that the sacrament may truly be an initiation into full life of the church. Pictures are on our website.

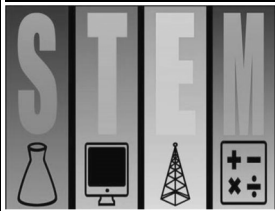
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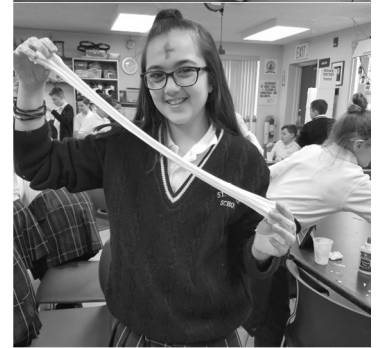
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SCHOOL NEWS



The 5th grade completed a STEM lab where they were making slime. Some were stretchy and some formed perfect snowmen! Fun was had by all!



Kindergarten celebrated Valentine's Day and our 100th Day of School! In the morning, our class moms completed a "Love Monster" craft with the children. Their creations were adorable! In the afternoon, the children presented their projects, each showing a unique way to represent 100. They were very excited to decorate their special crowns with 100 stickers.



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

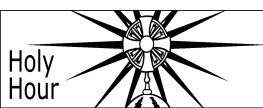
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 Lectors
 Liturgy Committee
 Ushers

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 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



No Holy Hour Tuesday, March 6th

There will be no monthly holy hour on Tuesday, March 6th due to the Parish Lenten Mission. All are welcome to join us at the Mission starting with silent prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Hope to see you there.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross this **Friday** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Please join us.

Come to the Table: A First Communion Retreat



Our First Communion Retreat for 2nd Grade students and their parents will be held **March 24th in the School Cafeteria beginning at 9 a.m.** Please go to the website, www.stclaresi.com, to register. If you prefer you may email or call Marie Noel (mnoel@stclaresi.com or 718-984-7873 x1724). Breakfast will be provided.

Reconciliation

Monday

March 26th

3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. &

7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Chapel

Please join us as we come together as a community of faith to experience God's loving mercy. Bring a friend. All are welcome!



Palm Sunday Lector Training

March 20th &

21st

7:30 p.m. in the Church

Calling on all lectors serving on Palm Sunday to please attend this training to over the readings and liturgy for Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday Family Mass



Plan to join us with your children on **Palm Sunday, March 25th at 10 a.m.** in the Church for a special Mass that will be celebrated by our 7th graders from both St. Clare's School and St. Clare's Religious Education. Please note, there will be **no separate** children liturgy that day.

2018 Elect



On Sunday, February 18th, the First Sunday of Lent, our Elect—Azael Valquez & Audra Tracy Gurnich, shown above in St. Patrick Cathedral with Fr. Richard and Fr. Patrick—were sent forth from the community to Cardinal Dolan who elected them for the Easter Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. They have come a long way and we are so proud of them. Please continue to pray for them.

2018 Candidates



Last Sunday, February 25th, those who are already baptized but are preparing for their Confirmation and some First Communion were called to conversion by Fr. Richard and Fr. Joseph. They are: Amber Esposito, Alyssa Esposito, Alessandra Guarnera, Armando Riccobono, Krizia Guarnera, Nicole Tumbarello, Cristina Terjesen, and Nicholas Alessandaro. Missing from the picture are Gabrielle SanFelice and James Aiello. Please keep them in your prayers as well. If you are reading this and you have not completed your sacraments of initiation, may their journey inspire you to join you.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Palm Crosses for Sale

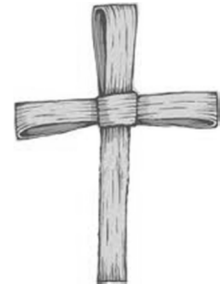
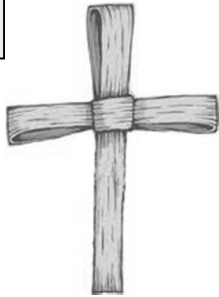
St. Clare Musical Theatre
will sell palm crosses
on:

Saturday, March 17 & 24
after the 5 p.m. mass
and

Sunday, March 18 & 25
after the

8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. masses.

Please show your support!



Family Stations of the Cross

& Pizza Night

Wednesday, March 21

6:00 -7:30 p.m.

Murphy Center

(Chapel basement)

What do I need to know?

- Pizza** will be served to all participants
- This is event for parents & children (Pre-School & up)
- Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- Children will color Stations of the Cross
- Families will participate in a service in the Chapel

There is **no cost** to attend: a "free-will" offering basket will be available to off-set the cost of materials and food

Space is very limited! Registration is necessary

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From Our Parish Nurse ...

Bursitis (Part 1 of 2)



Bursae are the small fluid-filled sacs that cushion the bones, tendons and muscles near your joints. Bursitis is a painful condition that occurs when the bursae become inflamed. The shoulder, elbow, and hip are the most common areas of this condition. It can also occur by your knee, heel and base of your big toe. Bursitis can occur near joints that perform frequent repetitive motion. The treatment involves resting the affected joint and protecting it from further trauma. In most cases, the pain disappears within a few weeks with proper treatment, but recurrent exacerbations can occur.



The most common causes of bursitis are repetitive motions or positions that apply pressure on the bursae around a joint. Some examples include: throwing a baseball or lifting something over your head repeatedly, leaning on your elbows for long periods and extensive kneeling for tasks such as laying carpet or scrubbing floors. Other causes include trauma or injury to the affected area, inflammatory arthritis such as gout, rheumatoid arthritis and infection.

Some of the symptoms of the affected joint include: feel achy or stiff, appear swollen and red and more discomfort when you move it or press it. You should consult your doctor if you have the following: disabling joint pain, sudden inability to move a joint, excessive swelling, redness, bruising or a rash in the affected area, sharp or shooting pain, especially when you exercise or exert yourself and a fever.

Anyone can develop bursitis, but certain factors can increase your risk: bursitis becomes more common with aging, occupations and hobbies that require repetitive motion on particular bursae (carpet laying, tile setting, gardening, painting and playing a musical instrument), medical conditions such as gout, diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis and being overweight can increase



your risk of developing hip and knee bursitis. Doctors can often diagnose bursitis based on a medical history and physical exam. Ultrasound or MRI may be used if it can not be easily diagnosed by a physical exam alone. Your doctor might order blood tests or an analysis of fluid from the inflamed bursa to determine the cause of the inflammation and pain.



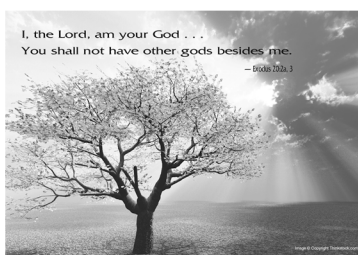
EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS

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

Presenter: Jim Veneziano,
 CRPC, Financial Advisor
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Topic— *Managing Finances During a Job Transition*

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www.stclaresi.com for more information.



Book Club will not meet on March 5th. The next meeting will be March 12th at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in the Murphy Center (chapel basement). Please finish Chapter 50 (L) in Middlemarch, by George Eliot for the meeting.



Catholic Daughters of America

The CDA mission is to engage in creative and spiritual programs which gives its members the opportunity to use their God given talents in ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people in need.

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be held in the Msgr. Murphy Center on Tuesday, March 6th at 12 Noon.

New members are always most welcome!

BEYOND ST. CLARE

Eat, Pray, Play **Father/Son Celebration**

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

*Facilitated by Grace Conte,
Fee: \$25 per pair, \$10 per additional family member*

This event is open to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and sons for boys grades K-5th. Come together to celebrate your special bond with a morning of games, crafts, and laughs with faith-filled fun activities.

Program Schedule

9:00-9:30 Breakfast
9:30-10:45 Activities honoring your father-son relationship
11:00 Mass (optional)

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Friday, March 23, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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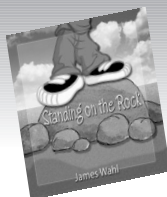
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