THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

ST. CLARE PARISH

110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10308

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January 27, 2019

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,
4:00 PM (school days), 7:30 PM

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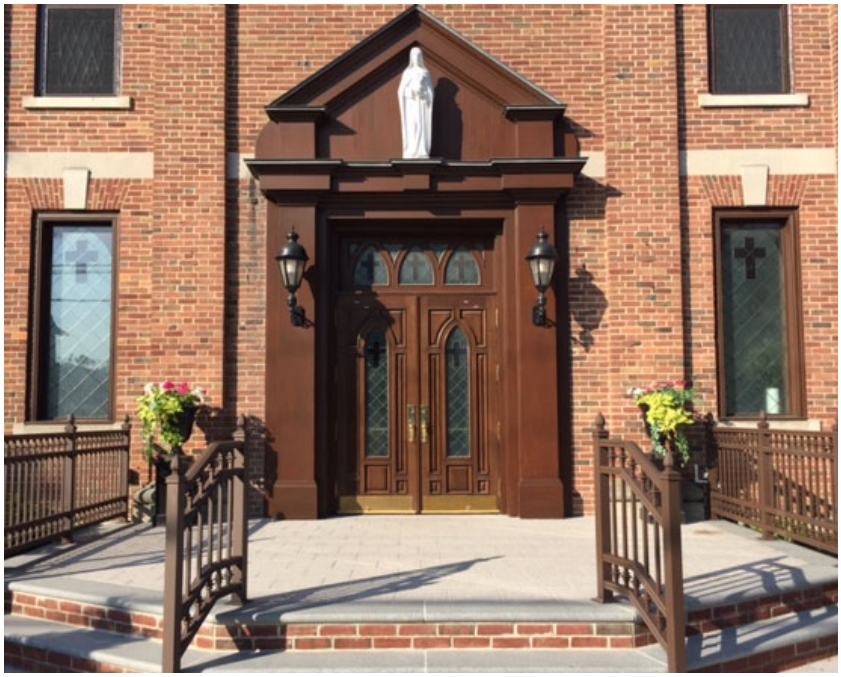

We, the parish of St. Clare, are a family. As family we worship, learn, struggle, pray, reach out to others and grieve together. At the heart of our family is Jesus Christ whose love we passionately strive to reflect in our worship, our educational, pastoral, and social outreach ministries.

Based on our mission, we as a parish family challenge ourselves:

- to enrich and enliven our family gatherings around the table of the Lord so that all who come to the family feast will experience the invigorating power of Christ and the community.
- to embrace a commitment to life-long learning for all members of our community and dedicate ourselves especially to the education of our children, our youth, and our young adults.
- to be bold and passionate in our witness to the Gospel in our homes, in our Church, and in the marketplace.
- to be unceasing and generous in our compassionate outreach to the hungry, the homebound, the homeless, the grieving, the unborn and all those in need.
- to be uncompromising in warmly welcoming our distant brothers and sisters when they experience the need for our friendship and celebrations.

Rectory/Parish Office: 718-984-7873
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
The office remains open for limited business on weekends till 8:00 P.M. and evenings until 8:30 P.M.

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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

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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)

Baptisms

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Church and our parish family:

Giulia Cannata
John Joseph Datello
Margaret Catherine Feltus
Nico Joseph Hoff
Lucas James Lauria
Christopher Thomas McGuire
Evelyn Jules Miller
Matteo Vincent Neto-Reitano
Anella Rose Ryan
Steven Nicholas Scotto

Congratulations to the happy parents!

Banns of Marriage

II
Jack Cosenza & Marianna Rossi

I
Rosario Zodiaco & Kristina Gabrielidis

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 **Mary Margaret Washington** and **Daniel D'Alessandro.**

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Sunday, January 27th
7:00 AM Deacon Nunzio Sorrentino
8:30 AM Louise Cangro
10:00 AM Joseph Sergi
11:30 AM Ann Antonucci (9th Anniversary)
1:00 PM Andrew Tsarsis (3rd Anniversary)
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, January 28th
7:00 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
8:15 AM Vito D. Colella
9:00 AM Maria Cannizzaro

Tuesday, January 29th
7:00 AM John Smith (12th Anniversary), & Patricia Smith
8:15 AM Aura Rodriguez
9:00 AM Lea Maniaci

Wednesday, January 30th
7:00 AM Rosalie Abate
8:15 AM Lawrence & Letitia Smiles
9:00 AM Paula Amato

Thursday, January 31st
7:00 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
8:15 AM Giustino Giovanni
9:00 AM Maria Ruscitti

Friday, February 1st-1st Friday
7:00 AM Donna Esposito
8:15 AM Donald Casey
9:00 AM Rosemarie Garrison Rispoli (1st Anniversary)

Saturday, February 2nd
8:15 AM Zita Flegar (5th Anniversary)
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Blue Army
5:00 PM Anna Cerretani

Sunday, February 3rd
7:00 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
8:30 AM Anna & James Wynne & Family
10:00 AM Maria Nardulli
11:30 AM Anthony Vitale
1:00 PM Margaret Galligan (1st Anniversary)
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

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

In Loving Memory of
John Cameron
Happy Birthday in Heaven
Love,
Tess and Family

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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Question of the Week

Adult/Child: How can I bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are broken hearted?

Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we were to come up with a theme for next week's scriptural passage, it would be "the price of being a prophet." In the first reading, we meet one of the most abused prophets, Jeremiah. When God called him, he was only a young boy and the people of his time did not want to listen to the message he was preaching. At times he second guessed his abilities and God's purpose for using him. In the first readings, we will hear God reassuring him that he is well qualified for the mission because God knows him intimately and has appointed him for this mission, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and before you were born I dedicated you" (Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19). Then God will tell him what Jesus is reminding the people in the gospel who questioned his authority to teach, "No prophet is accepted in is own land" (Lk. 4:21-30). The is a parallel between the first reading and the Gospel. In the first reading, God tells Jeremiah that they will fight him, but they won't win. In the Gospel the people try to kill Jesus, but he walked right through their midst and they didn't harm him. As we prepare for next week's Liturgy think about these questions, does God sometimes ask of you things that are beyond your ability? Have you been despised because of the work of God?

From the Pastoral Staff

Let Us All Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare,

St. Clare School is happy to celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year from January 27th to February 1st. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's young people. St. Clare School is proud of our educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in our students. This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic schools, especially our own St. Clare.

Our rich history - a tradition of academic, social, and spiritual excellence- has provided us a very solid foundation to prepare students for a promising future. Saint Clare emphasizes teaching of basic skills, critical thinking, and problem solving within the context of our Catholic teachings. At Saint Clare our staff is committed to educating our students for the future challenges that lie ahead of them.

We have developed a progressive technology program utilizing Chromebooks and ipads; an award winning Environmental and Robotics Program, updated to a state of the art STREAM Computer Lab; garnered numerous academic and civic awards; instituted a Junior National Honor Society; and have school wide learning expectations to live and learn by. We have fun Pretzel Days along with foreign language, art, drama, music, assemblies, plays, and other extra-curricular classes. Our commitment to our students who graduate is for them to be faithful Christians, responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and effective communicators for the twenty-first century.

Our past is rich, our present is vibrant, and our future is promising. Our school community is welcoming and warm, supported by parents, friends, parishioners, and benefactors who sacrifice and value the gifts Catholic education provides.

I encourage you to invite families and friends to browse and familiarize yourself with some of the things God is accomplishing through our work together. Our Open House is scheduled for Monday, January 29th. I invite all prospective family and friends to come for a visit and tour. I know you will be impressed with our children - our true gifts from God.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Open House!

Mrs. Theresa Signorile

Theresa Signorile
Principal

WEEKLY CALENDAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT SCHEDULES & ANY CHANGES

Sunday January 27, 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

10:00AM	Children's Mass	Church
1:00PM	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
1:00PM	Seamless Garment	School Gym
2:00PM	Basketball	CCC Gym
4:00PM	Single Together	Murphy Center
5:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym

Monday January 28, 2019

9:00AM	Open House	School Gym
9:30AM	Bible Study	Pres. Ctr. DR
4:00PM	Basketball	Both Gyms
5:00PM	Girl Scouts	Murphy Center
7:00PM	Religious Education Classes	School
7:00PM	Venturing	Cafeteria
7:30PM	Parish Council Meeting	Murphy Center
7:30PM	Wedding Music Workshop	Church
8:45PM	Basketball	School Gym

Tuesday January 29, 2019

10:00AM	Mahjong Club	Murphy Center
1:00PM	2nd Grade 1st Friday Rehearsal	Church
2:30PM	Drama	School Gym
4:00PM	Basketball	Both Gyms
4:00PM	Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria
4:00PM	Dance	Pastoral Ctr
4:30PM	ARE Classes (Group 1)	Pres. Center
6:00PM	ARE Classes (Group 2)	Pres. Center
7:30PM	Employment Group 1on 1	Pastoral Center
8:00PM	RCIA Weekly Formation	Pres. Center

Wednesday January 30, 2019

10:15AM	Play And Learn	Murphy Center
11:45AM	Play And Learn	Murphy Center
3:45PM	Religious Education Classes	School
4:00PM	Basketball	CCC Gym
4:30PM	Dance	Pastoral Center
5:15PM	Basketball	School Gym
7:00PM	Religious Education Classes	School
7:30PM	Bible Study	Murphy Center
8:45PM	Basketball	School Gym

Thursday January 31, 2019

3:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym
3:00PM	Children's Choir Practice	Church
4:00PM	Basketball	CCC Gym
6:00PM	Cheer Practice	Cafeteria
6:30PM	Robotics Research Showcase	Cafeteria
7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:30PM	Young Adult Bible Study	Murphy Center

Friday February 1, 2019

8:30AM	2nd Grade 1st Friday Mass	Church
3:30PM	Basketball	School Gym
4:00PM	Basketball	CCC Gym
4:30PM	Dance	Pastoral Center
6:30PM	Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria
7:00PM	Talent Show	School Gym
7:30PM	Boy Scout Meeting	School Gym
7:30PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Pres. Center
7:45PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Church

Saturday February 2, 2019

8:00AM	Biddy Basketball	CCC Gym
8:45AM	Religious Education Classes	School
9:00AM	Basketball	CCC Gym
9:00AM	Dance	Pastoral Center
9:00AM	RE 1st Saturday Mass at Daily Mass	Chapel
9:00AM	Religious Education Classes	School
10:00AM	Ignatian Spirituality Group	Pres. Ctr. DR
11:00AM	Religious Education Classes	School
11:15AM	RE 1st Saturday Mass at Daily Mass	Church
12:00PM	Parish Baptisms	Chapel
1:00PM	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
3:30PM	Weekly Reconciliation	Chapel
6:00PM	Biddy Basketball	CCC Gym

Sunday February 3, 2019

9:30AM	Parish Library Open	Murphy Center
10:00AM	Children's Mass	Church
11:30AM	Rite of Welcoming (Adult Confirm.)	Church
1:00PM	Biddy Basketball	School Gym
2:00PM	Basketball	CCC Gym
5:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym

Through Baptism we are all made members of the body of Christ.

Directions: Find the words in the puzzle below.

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Mass Intentions

The 2020 Mass Book open on:

Thursday, February 21st from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
In the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Road).

Requests will continue to be accepted on the following day during regular office hours in the rectory.

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate the initial abundance of requests Mass intentions continue to be limited with a maximum of 2 (two) on Saturday evenings. The offerings are as follows:

$15 for Weekday Masses
$20 for Sundays & Holy Days

2019 Announced Masses

There are still a limited number of masses available in the 2019 Mass Book. Please contact the rectory at 718-984-7873 for more information.

We Pray for the Sick

Alexandra Natalia
Emily Aiello
Rose Alfano
Antonio Alfeo
Barbara Allen
Arlene Beers
Nancy Beil
Tim Boardman
Brianna Bove
Ronnie Bruschi
Bobby Bulger
Victoria Bryan
Rose Carlotto
Rosalie Calvacca
Alfonso Cataldi
Thomas Celentano
Agatha Cilmi
Maria Cimmino
Annette Cipriano.
Dennis Cleary
Jack & Lucy Costa
Louis Colletti
Rosalie Curatolo
Stephen Curatolo
Marilyn DeBiase
Diane Di Pilato
Roberta Doherty
Brendan Donnelly
Carol Eberle
Fran Edwards
Zeina Enciso
Thomas Ferreras
Danielle Firsching
William Flood
Barbara Giambrone
Michael Giest
Richard Gillings
Sally Gruenberg
Elaine Healy
Kayla Herbert
Bernard Hoganson
Maria Horta
Dawn Improta
Robert Jensen
Peter Kiefer
Lisa La Barbera
Anthony A. Lamanna
Arlene LiCata
Arienne Lima
Doreen Llagas
Jeanna Lodestro
Bridgett Lucciola
Joseph Luken
Judy Luken
Teresa Mainolfi
Jamie Malae
Walter Malae
Thomas Matonti
Rose Marino
Andrew Marziale
Nick Mazzella
Victor Mele
Jeanette Milione
Maya Montalbano
Justo Mori
Charles Murphy
Msgr. Joseph Murphy
Arnold Musella
Sharon Nelson
Frank Nigriello
Mary Noto
Robert O'Connor
Rosemarie Pace
Joseph Paloscio, Sr.
Angelo Passaro
Jean Pensabene
Serafina Pintacuda
Maria Poppe
Erick Reyes
Myra Rivera
Frank Roca
Lisa Romano
Richard Rooney
Jayson Rothstein
Domenico Salimari
Camille Salerno
Camille Scavullo
Josephine Semente
Charlayne Sisco Ohland
Ron Stahl
Sage Talamanco
Lisa Ann Tarter
Babs Thomasy
Mark Vaccaro
Michelina Vitiello
Mary Washington
Christian Zaccagnino

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).

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ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

2nd of Ordinary Time (2018):

Sunday Collection	$13,998.00
Children's Collection	$ 52.00
Second Collections	$ 268.00
Christmas	$ 450.00
Improvement Fund	$ 416.00
	$15,184.00

2nd of Ordinary Time (2018):

Sunday Collection	$15,087.00
Children's Collection	$ 78.00
Second Collections	$ 99.00
Christmas	$ 925.00
Improvement Fund	$ 452.00
	$16,641.00

It's Never to Early to Think About Spring!

Mark your calendar and join us at the:

2019
Parish Dance

Saturday, April 6

The 2018 Annual Contribution statements will be mailed to all parishioners who have made annual contributions of $200 or more. These statements are being prepared and set to be mailed on/before January 31st.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The office remains open for limited business on weekends from 9:00 a.m. till **8:00 p.m.** and weekday evenings until **8:30 p.m.**

A priest is always available if needed.

Living Stewardship

KNOWING YOUR GIFTS

A few years ago, a parish held a Women's Day of Reflection. Each participant was asked to compile a list of what they perceived as their God-given talents. Many seemed to get stuck at this point. Some gazed out of the window, others chewed on their pencils, and a few wrote things down and then vigorously crossed them out. One woman whispered, "This is so difficult. I could have written much more if I'd been asked about my faults and failings." Finally time was up, and the facilitator asked everyone to share what they had written. She looked around the room and asked someone to start things off. Rather reluctantly, Kerrin stood up. Many people there knew her well. She was deeply involved in service to others throughout the community. She studied scripture with other parishioners, she belonged to a prayer group, she helped organize annual parish retreats, and she ran a local food pantry. She said, "I really had to think hard about this. I couldn't come up with a list, because I don't believe I'm all that special. But I do know that my family says I'm a gentle person." There was an audible gasp of astonishment that this wonderful woman could not see her own gifts. Many of us have never stopped to think what our real talents are. Alternatively, we may think that we know what they are but we believe that to acknowledge them is to show undue pride. Either of these approaches may hold us back from the fullness of life to which we are called. It is part of the adult life of faith, however, to recognize what skills and capabilities God has blessed us with and then decide, in gratitude, to use those gifts to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

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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

Ignatian Prayer Group Meeting

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month in the Presentation Center located at 169 Lindenwood Road.
Next meeting is Sat., Feb. 2nd.
Gathering for coffee after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
Prayer begins at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome.

Parish Library

The Parish Library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. next Sunday, Feb. 3. The library is located in the Murphy Faith Formation Center. The library contains many books and DVDs for children and adults.

Seamless Garment
TODAY - January 27, 2019
1 p.m. Mass in the church with reception at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium

Please join us to hear how homelessness affects many Staten Islanders including over 2,900 children who attend grades K-high school.

Main speaker: Rev. Terry Troia, President & CEO of Project Hospitality

Listen to testimony from members of our community who have personally experienced homelessness.
Hear from Congressman Max Rose's office about what can be done to remedy the situation here on Staten Island.
NYPD Deputy Chief Scott Henderson will also speak.

Come and see the "care kits" our religious ed and school children have made to show their concern for children who are homeless.
All are welcome!

Marie Noel
Director

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Religious Education

Mandatory 5th Grade Mass
Sunday,
February 10, 2019
10:00 a.m. in the church

Parents please note, this mass is counted toward the 30 required classes for Religious Education. If your child will not be attending for a good reason, please let us know so we may excuse them. But it is imperative that they are present at this mass.

Thank You.

Religious Education Monthly Masses

Once a month our Religious Educations students attend mass as a class. The mass is the number one and primary public prayer of our Church. It is our family gathering and how we share faith with each other. Therefore, we want to provide that authentic Catholic experience with our children. Please find below the pictures for January's mass, where the three Kings shared gifts with the Children and Fr. Patrick taught the upper grade students, that "We build the community." More pictures can be found on our website.

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School News

St. Clare School

The mission of St. Clare's School is to provide every student with an exceptional academic and spiritual foundation, with Jesus as the focus of all we do, within a safe and nurturing family environment.

SAINT CLARE SCHOOL

Open House

Monday, January 28th

9:00 a.m.
Pre-K through 8th Grade
151 Lindenwood Road
School Auditorium
(718) 984-7091
www.stclaresi.com

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
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  - Art and Environment
  - Children's Liturgy of the Word
  - Communion Ministers
  - Consolation Ministry
  - Lectors
  - Liturgy Committee
  - Ushers
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  - Contemporary Group
  - Cantors
- Spirituality
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  - Charismatic Prayer Grp
  - Prayer Experiences
- Sacramental Preparation
  - RCIA
  - Baptism
  - Confirmation
  - Marriage

Liturgy and Worship

Wedding Music Workshop Tomorrow Monday, January 28, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Are you planning a wedding here at St. Clare? If so you might want to take advantage of our upcoming Wedding Music Workshop tomorrow evening, **Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church**. Our music ministers will help you pick out music for your special day. No need to RSVP simply just show up. All our welcome!

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials!

Holy Hour Tuesday February 5, 2019 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Come and spend an hour beholding and contemplating Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. Adoration to follow with benediction by Deacon Rich. All our welcome.

Love should be celebrated at every moment, especially marital love in which a man and a woman devote themselves to serve and support each other in good and bad times. This is a commitment worth celebrating daily.

Here at St. Clare we would like to highlight the importance of celebrating marital love, which models for us the ultimate love of God. We are so excited about this, that we think why celebrate only 25th or 50th anniversaries, why not also first anniversaries?

If you were married here at St. Clare or in another Catholic Church within the last year please plan to join us.

Sunday, February 10, 2019
1:00 p.m. Mass

Please call the rectory by **February 1st** to RSVP: 718-984-7873 or email: rectory@stclaresi.com. We hope you will join us.

Blessing of Throats Monday, February 4th, 2019

On the occasion of the Feast of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, the church will be offering the blessing of the throats to all who are suffering from the illnesses of the throat at **our morning masses in the chapel: 7:00 a.m, 8:15 a.m., and 9:00 a.m.** It will be celebrated this year on February 4th since the feast day is on a Sunday.

Winter/Spring Bible Study

Our winter/spring Bible Study sessions with Fr. Patrick will begin again tomorrow, Monday, January 28, 2019. We have two sessions, one morning per week and one evening per week.

Morning Sessions: **Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Presentation Center Dining Room.** Starting 1/28.

Evening Sessions: **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy Center.** Starting 1/30.

Father is also offering an option for young adults. Check with him.

Your Prayer Petition

Please remember to drop them off in the basket in the back of the Church so we can pray for you the entire week

- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Dance Classes
- Girl Scouts
- Musical Theater Group
- Sports
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  - Basketball
  - Cheerleading
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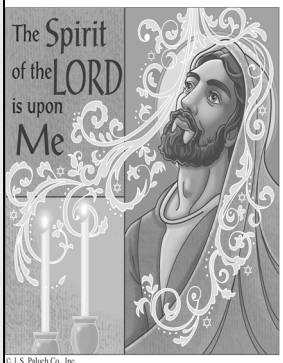

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From Our Parish Counselor...

Is Sitting Behind Your Desk Bad for Your Health?

(Part 2 of 2)

In the United States—and around the world for that matter—people are not as active as they once were. Research estimates that we're sedentary (not physically active) for an average of 7.7 hours a day. What's more, less than 20% of us have jobs that require physical activity, with many people spending more than half of the work day seated. All of this time spent sitting can lead to serious health issues—even in people who aren't usually sedentary. Learn more about these health impacts and what you can do to avoid them.

Steps you can take to reduce your risk

Even if your job requires you to sit at a desk and/or spend long periods of time working on a computer, there are things you can do to help avoid or prevent some of the health risks.

1. Make movement part of your workday

- Get up and move at least once every 60 minutes.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator when possible.
- When you're in meetings, stand instead of sitting.
- Take a walk outside during your lunch and break times.
- Instead of sending emails or calling your co-workers, walk over to talk to them.

2. Use a standing desk

- Research has shown that people who use a sit/stand desk had less upper back and neck pain and felt more energized, comfortable, productive, and focused than people who didn't use one.

3. Set up your workstation properly and pay attention to your posture

- Your computer screen should be about an arm's length away from you and the top of your monitor should be at forehead level. This will help you avoid having to look up or down.
- Your keyboard and mouse should be at a height that keeps your elbows at your side and bent at 90 degrees. This will help you avoid having to reach too far to use them.
- When sitting, your hips and knees should be at 90-degree angles. Support your feet on the floor or foot rest.
- Keep your head directly over your shoulders. Don't lean forward toward your computer.

While you may not be able to avoid sitting at a desk or working on a computer for long periods of time, following these tips can help you avoid some of the health risks of doing so. Talk with your healthcare provider to learn more.

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 21st
in the
Presentation Center Dining Room at 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: Connie Thanasoulis-Cerrachio ,
Career Expert and Coach
www.sixfigurestart.com
Please bring a copy of your resume to the meeting.

Topic— Networking - the Key to Job Search Success
For more info visit our website at **www.stclaresi.com**

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. there is a meeting of AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) held in the Fr. Hicks Center (please use Lindenwood Road).

All are welcome.

The next Book Club meeting will be 2/4/19. Please finish Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate for the meeting.

Announcements
Apartment Rentals
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Community Events

Beyond St. Clare

St. Patrick's Parish
Pre-Cana Class
Sunday, February 10th
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The class will be held in the St. Patrick's School Building. To register call 718-979-4227 or visit the website at stpatrickssi.org and complete the registration form and send with the required fee to:

St. Patrick's Parish Office
3560 Richmond Road
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Once the form is received you will receive a telephone call or email to confirm the registration.

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http://
www.newyorkencounter.org.

Feminine Genius Brunch
Saturday, February 16th
10:00 a.m.
Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn Staten Island.

To all women of the parish, the Sisters of Life invite you to a brunch that borrows its name from those amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity—all of which make up the feminine genius!! In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, the director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite a friend, mother, or daughter (in-law)!

RSVP by February 11th, at: https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com.

Any questions, please contact sr.virginia.joy@archny.org.

Special Couple's Retreat!
Thursday, February 14th
The Marital Heart and Theology of the Body: A Married Couples'
Valentine Retreat
6:00-10:00 p.m.

Fee: $75 per couple; Overnight accommodations available for $150 per couple. Facilitated by Anne Louise DePalo and Mark Matuza. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner with your spouse in celebration of Valentine's Day. Father Thomas DeSimone will then offer a reflection on the marital heart and theology of the body. This will be followed by a renewal of vows and a blessing for married couples.

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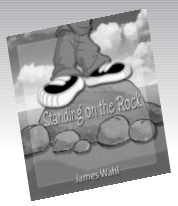

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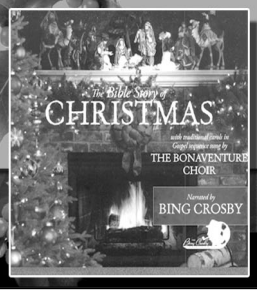

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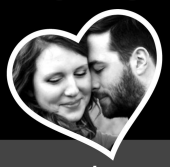

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