

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

August 4, 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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The 9th Annual

Feast of St. Clare

Saturday

August 10th, 2019

Fun Park – (11am to 4:45pm)

Vendors and Entertainment - (11am to 4:45pm)

BBQ Food Court & Snacks - (11am to 4:45pm)

Procession and Feast Day Mass - Church (4:45pm to 6pm)

Buffet Style Dinner – (6:15pm to 10pm)

Bring your family and friends to this event which will include: A procession with our patron Saint, arts & crafts for the children, games with prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, BBQ food stands, vendors selling their goods, raffle baskets, rock climbing wall and much more for the entire family.

We are still offering pre-paid bracelets for unlimited access to our Fun Park. At \$20. Bracelets will be available at the Feast for \$25 each. Take advantage of this early, money saving offer by using the form below by August 8th. Feast admission for adults is free. A Buffet Style Dinner will be held in the School Gym. To make reservations for this special dinner see page 5. You are welcome to come to the dinner even if you are not available to attend the other activities.

Thank you for your continued support and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Please return this portion to the Rectory Attn: Feast or Stem Camp

Family Name _____ **Phone#** _____

I am requesting _____ bracelets @ \$20 each and enclosing \$ _____

Bracelets can be picked up the day of the Feast at the Cardinal Cooke Entrance.

Rectory/Parish Office: 718-984-7873

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8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

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Our Church is



accessible





ABOUT OUR PARISH

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

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.

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:

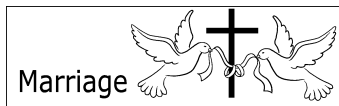
Olivia Anzalone
Michael James Bariletti
Eric Thomas Gregorio
James Peter Lavelle
Landon Carter Margaca

Congratulations to the happy parents!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III
Connor McCann
&
Katherine Rietberg



MARRIAGE IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the newly married couple:

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Scaparro
(Samantha Quirk)



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 **Arthur Mc Connell**, **William J. Smith** and **Joseph J. Marrese**.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday, August 4th

7:00 AM Arthur Palino
8:30 AM Barbara A. Kirwin
10:00 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
11:30 AM Margaret & William Stappert
1:00 PM James Fiore
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, August 5th

7:00 AM Dennis Abate
8:15 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr. (1st Anniversary)
9:00 AM Carmela Sergi (30th Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 6th

7:00 AM Christina Datello
8:15 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
9:00 AM Donna Esposito (11th Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 7th

7:00 AM Louis & Ida Moraco
8:15 AM Jennifer Oines
9:00 AM Henry Fitzgerald

Thursday, August 8th

7:00 AM Anthony Santoro
8:15 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
9:00 AM Laura Carito (13th Anniversary)

Friday, August 9th

7:00 AM Wilfredo Vargas
8:15 AM Matthew Pavis
9:00 AM Michael, Patrick, & Maurice Fitzgerald & Mary Coleman

Saturday, August 10th

8:15 AM Vincent Rasole
9:00 AM Vincent Michael Rasole
5:00 PM Abbruscato, Messina, & Ruvolo Families

Sunday, August 11th

7:00 AM Annette Silvestri
8:30 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
10:00 AM Patricia Paradiso (3rd Anniversary)
11:30 AM Vincent Rasole
1:00 PM Charles & Ann Dimino & Joseph Abbruzzese
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

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

In Loving Memory of
Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
1st Anniversary in Heaven
offered by
Umschweif, Scapelito & Deegan
Families

In Loving Memory of
Henry Fitzgerald
Birthday Remembrance
offered by
Marguerite & Peter Cundari & Family



In Loving Memory of
Tom Carty & Henry Fitzgerald
Birthday Remembrance
From the Fitzgerald Family



Burning of Candles for the Week

The candle at the Holy Family Shrine
Burns:

In Loving Memory of
Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
1st Anniversary in Heaven
With Love,
The Koenig 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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Question of the Week

Adult: Am I rich in what matters to God? When have my possessions become too important in my life?

Child: Have I been sharing my gifts with others or do I keep everything to myself?

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY: OUR WEEKLY SCRIPTURES Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

Next week as a family of faith we will celebrate the life of our Patron Saint, Clare. 825 years old, her life continues to be an inspiration to us as we strive to make Christ the center of our life. To prepare for this beautiful celebration instead of the Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time please read the following: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 18; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 12:32-48. Please remember to join us on Saturday, August 10th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for our Solemn Feast Day mass. Mass begins with a procession at 4:45 p.m. from the Cardinal Cooke Center.

Clare of Assisi, the Noble Lady who chose to become the Poor Lady

My dear friends,

As I reflect on today's amazing scriptural passages, I cannot help but to think of St. Clare, our Patroness. She truly embodies today's message: to rid ourselves of worldly possessions so we may possess heavenly riches.

In today's first reading, the wisdom writer declares, "vanity of vanities! All things are vanity" (Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23). The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines vanity in a person as "inflated pride in oneself or one's appearance" and in things, as "something that is vain, empty, valueless." Yet they are the things that we yearn for. Why are there so many breakdowns in our moral and social systems? Vanity. Why do we think there isn't enough to share with others? Vanity. Everyone seeks things. We are never satisfied. We live in a world of consumerism that tells us the more we have, the better we are. So we fixed our gaze on things we can acquire, the bigger, the better; the more, the merrier. We make great sacrifices to have things that others cannot have. On our quest for empty statuses, we take our eyes off of God-the only being, the only reality that is true and eternal.

Clare did the opposite. Born in nobility, with privileges and status, Clare refused to let her heart fixed on the things of this world. Rather, when other young women of her time concerned themselves more with their faded beauty, the noble men they can marry to acquire more land, more maids, bigger houses and more money, Clare rejected it all and turned in humility to God. She did what St. Paul calls us to do in the second reading, "If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above" (Col. 3:1-5, 9-11). In baptism, St. Clare was raised with Christ. When she heard Francis preaching Christ, she knew what the important reality was. It wasn't her beauty. It wasn't her nobility. It wasn't wealth, education and status, it was Christ. He is what is above.

Consequently, on the night of Palm Sunday 1212, she left behind beauty, wealth, family connections, marriage proposals, and ran to Francis to join his way of life: total surrender to

Christ in perfect poverty. On that night, Francis cut her beautiful long golden hair in order to consecrate her to God. She gave away her noble garments and clothed herself in the "Habit of Lady Poverty." From that moment, she became the Poor Lady.

In that poverty she was able to open her heart to Christ present especially in the Holy Eucharist. She beheld Christ. She was consumed by him. She and Christ became one. Clare found the treasure that will last forever. Clare listened to Jesus' teaching in the Gospel, "Take care against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possession" (Lk. 12:13-21). As the first woman to write her own rule of life for her religious order, Clare requires that her Poor Ladies give up their worldly possessions to the poor before they enter her cloistered community. When advised by Pope Gregory IX that her life of poverty was too harsh, she pleaded with him to enable her to maintain her "privilege of poverty." You see, St. Clare knew that by emptying herself of the vanities of this world, she had enriched herself with the greatest possession, Christ.

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of this incredible Saint next week, we too are called to seek what is above. We live in a world that tends to glamorize all the wrong things. However, if we like Clare keep our eyes on Christ, make Christ the center of our lives, and love Christ above all else, then we will not be "fooled" by the lies and empty promises of this world. We already have the reality: He is Christ.

There is so much more to learn about this remarkable Patron Saint of ours. That's why I am personally inviting you to please join us next Saturday, August 10th to celebrate her life and the life of our community that is privileged to carry her name. You can find the full schedule of day's activities on our website and on page 10 of this bulletin. *See you then.*

God bless you, Marie

WEEKLY CALENDAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT SCHEDULES & ANY CHANGES

Sunday August 4, 2019

Selling 50/50 St. Clare Feast Chances After All Masses		
9:30AM	Parish Library Open	Murphy Center
10:00AM	Children Mass	Church
2:30PM	Parish Baptisms	Church
4:30PM	Wedding	Church
5:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym

Monday August 5, 2019

9:00AM	Vacation Bible Camp	CCC Gym
5:15PM	Summer Basketball	CCC Gym
7:00PM	Summer Film Series	Murphy Center

Tuesday August 6, 2019

9:00AM	Vacation Bible Camp	CCC Gym
11:00AM	Busy	Chapel
12:00PM	Catholic Daughter's	Murphy Center
5:15PM	Summer Basketball	CCC Gym
7:30PM	Busy	Pastoral Center
7:30PM	Holy Hour	Chapel
7:30PM	Safer Spaces Training	Pres. Ctr. DR

Wednesday August 7, 2019

9:00AM	Vacation Bible Camp	CCC Gym
4:00PM	Dance Registration, DVD Pick Up Pastoral Ctr & Feast Rehearsal	
5:15PM	Summer Basketball	CCC Gym

Thursday August 8, 2019

9:00AM	Vacation Bible Camp	CCC Gym
10:00AM	Family Welcoming	Pres. Ctr. DR
3:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym
5:15PM	Summer Basketball	CCC Gym
8:00PM	Baptismal Catechesis	Murphy Center

Friday August 9, 2019

9:00AM	Vacation Bible Camp	CCC Gym
5:15PM	Summer Basketball	CCC Gym
7:30PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Pres. Center

Saturday August 10, 2019

Feast Day of St. Clare		
3:30PM	Weekly Reconciliation	Chapel

Sunday August 11, 2019

10:00AM	Children Mass	Church
5:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Hicks Center
5:00PM	Cheer Practice	School Gym



If you have donations of lottery scratch offs, cases of water bottles or new items that can be used to make up raffle baskets it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations at the rectory.

For dinner reservations please return this portion to the Rectory Attn: Feast of St. Clare

Name _____ Phone# _____

_____ Adults at \$40

_____ Children (12 and under) at \$12

Total Enclosed \$ _____

9th Annual Feast of St. Clare Saturday, August 10th

Carnival Games

Food

Prizes



Climbing Wall

Raffles

Vendors

Trash & Treasure (Garage Sale)

“SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE”

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alexandra	Jack & Lucy Costa	Bernard Hoganson	Maya Montalbano
Natalia	Louis Colletti	Maria Horta	Charles Murphy
Emily Aiello	Rosalie Curatolo	Dawn Improta	Msgr. Joseph Murphy
Rose Alfano	Danna Cusick	Robert Jensen	Sharon Nelson
Antonio Alfeo	George Cusick	Dennis Kenney	Mary Noto
Robert Arena	Marilyn DeBiase	Peter Kiefer	Gloria Ortiz
Marie Balbi	Marilyn Diaz	Lisa La Barbera	Rosemarie Pace
Medel Merana Balgos	Diane Di Pilato	Anthony A. Lamanna	Maria Poppe
Arlene Beers	Roberta Doherty	Joann Laudando	Erick Reyes
Nancy Beil	Brendan Donnelly	Arlene LiCata	Myra Rivera
Tim Boardman	Carol Eberle	Doreen Llagas	Fran Robertson
Brianna Bove	Fran Edwards	Eleanor Lloyd	Frank Roca
Ronnie Bruschi	Anthony Eterginoso	Anna Loria	Lisa Romano
Bobby Bulger	Rosemarie Faccioli	Judy Luken	Patricia Rosenblum
Victoria Bryan	Benito Feijoo	Keith Luken	Erica Sanchez
Vincent Cacace	Thomas Ferreras	Jamie Malae	Anna Scarcella
Joyce Calabrese	Danielle Firsching	Walter Malae	Camille Scavullo
Rosalie Calvacca	Emily Gagliardi	Frank Marchese	Josephine Semente
Denise Candia	Liz Ghent	Andrew Marziale	Louis Serra
Rose Carlotto	Barbara Giambrone	Thomas Matonti	Elaine Signorino
Marion Castella	Connie Giordano	Nick Mazzella	Charlayne Sisco Ohland
Helen Caterina	Sally Gruenberg	Kris McQuaid	Ron Stahl
Agatha Cilmi	Robert Hardin	Victor Mele	Lisa Ann Tarter
Maria Cimmino	Elaine Healy	Donna Miceli	Mark Vaccaro
Sandra Ciprello	Kayla Herbert	Jeanette Milione	Michelina Vitiello

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
Communications
Bulletin
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Facilities & Maintenance
Finance Council
Fundraising
History & Archives
Improvement Fund
Memorials and Donations
Online Giving
Parish Council
Safe Environment
Parish Calendar
Tithing

ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS



**9th Annual
Feast of St. Clare
Saturday, August 10th
11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Something for everyone!**

Buffet Dinner!

Join us for a buffet dinner after our
Feast Day Mass at 5 p.m.

*Food from Italian Village Caterers,
soda, beer, wine, dessert
and live entertainment!*

Cost is \$40 for Adults and \$12 for children 12 and under.

17th Sun.-Ordinary Time (2019):

Sunday Collection	\$17,321.00
Children's Collection	\$ 22.00
Second Collections	\$ 117.00
Improvement Fund	\$ 595.00
	<u>\$18,055.00</u>

17th Sun.-Ordinary Time (2018):

Sunday Collection	\$16,729.00
Children's Collection	\$ 28.00
Second Collections	\$ 27.00
Improvement Fund	\$ 689.00
	<u>\$17,470.00</u>

Vacation Reminder

As you prepare your "To Do" list for your Summer Vacation please be sure not to forget your Church Offering Envelopes for the week(s) you'll possibly be away. We ask that you drop your envelope in the collection either prior to or after your return from vacation. You can also drop the envelope(s) at the Rectory if that's more convenient for you. Unfortunately our commitments to the upkeep of the Church and Facilities never take a vacation. As always, Thank You so much for your generosity to St. Clare!

GREAT NEWS - For Now!

We have received notice from the New York City Department of Construction & Design that the anticipated Nelson Avenue Sewer Construction project has been postponed until next Summer. The project is estimated to take a full 2 months and as such, must take place while schools are not in session. Due to start-up delays, the contractor could not guarantee completion by the end of August.

We are anticipating that the project will take place during the Summer of 2020. Stay tuned for updates!

Living Stewardship

THE PIZZA GUY

Thomas Monaghan is a businessman who has made a fortune through a hugely successful chain of pizza stores. Brought up in an orphanage, he once thought the accumulation of expensive possessions was justifiable, even necessary. Yet, in reading *Mere Christianity* by the noted author C. S. Lewis, Monaghan realized that the root motivation beneath his love for wealth and show was the need to impress others, which is a form of pride. Released from the hold that possessions once exercised over his heart, Monaghan simplified his life—no private jet, no fancy cars, no huge mansion—and now experiences joy in giving to causes that further Christ's kingdom. A few years ago he described his new understanding of stewardship and discipleship. He said that people think that he is making huge sacrifices, but he believes that they do not understand giving. He credits God for everything he has, so any money he has is also God's. Yes, he certainly had to work hard, but where did the enthusiasm, the energy, the willpower and persistence to work hard come from? From God. Monaghan is convinced that he has no right to credit himself for abilities and skills that came from God. So whatever he has produced with those talents is not ultimately his: it all belongs to God. So, Monaghan says that his motivation for the so-called sacrifices he makes is blindingly obvious. He was brought up with this belief that the true value of life is to get to heaven while dragging along as many people as he can with him! He is always taken aback when people refer to him as a devout Catholic for sharing so much wealth. He is very flattered by the compliment, but says he is too much of a struggling sinner to deserve such praise.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith in the Dark Summer Film Series



Join us at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings during August to view some of the best, recent films. All films are shown in the Murphy Faith Formation Center.

Save the dates! Mondays, August 5 and 19
All are welcome!

Join us **Monday, August 5** when our film will be **"Mission Impossible: Fallout"**, an action-packed adventure starring Tom Cruise. An arms dealer and a group of terrorists plan to use three plutonium cores for a simultaneous nuclear attack. When the weapons go missing, Ethan Hunt and the IMF team must race against time to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands.

On **Monday, August 19** we will be watching **"All Saints,"** a fact based story about a small Episcopal parish and the pastor (John Corbett) who was assigned to shut it down. But he and a group of devout refugees launch a scheme to preserve the church and help the newcomers build a future for themselves.



Parish library open today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
The library is located below the Chapel.

Stop by the parish library table at the 9th Annual Feast of St. Clare.
 Saturday, August 10th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marie Noel
 Director
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 mnoel@stclare.si.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Community Service Hours at the Feast of St. Clare

I'm so excited that so many of our upcoming 7th grade students both from the SCS and SRE have registered to join us next week for the Feast of St. Clare and earn community service hours towards confirmation. If you are an upcoming confirmation candidate have not registered yet to join us for this amazing community event, please do so this week.

All Religious Education students are called upon and invited to be present at our parish feast. There will be banners to carry and other ways to show a presence. Please plan to join us, Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the 5 p.m. Mass. Procession begins at the CCC at 4:45 p.m.. Please arrive at 4:15pm the latest.

Volunteers Needed



I am pleased to announce that so many amazing friends have responded to my call to serve as hallway monitors and/or teacher's aides. However, I can still use some more. I especially encourage high school students who will need community service hours to consider joining us.

If you are willing to help us, please give Marie Noel a call at 718-984-7873 ext. 1724. Thank you in advance for saying yes.

Catechist Meeting Monday, August 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.

It is time to start planning for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Year.

Catechists and aides are cordially invited to this meeting.

The meeting will begin with Mass in the Church. Then we will move to the Cafeteria for the meeting refreshments will be provided.

*See you
 then!!!*



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Mrs. Michele Twomey
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SCHOOL NEWS

Living Environment Class

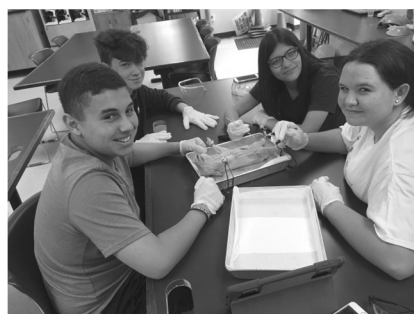
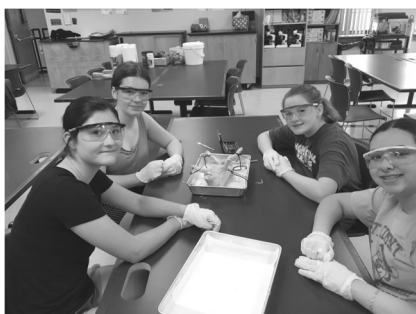
Enjoys Dissection Session



Who would have thought going to school on a Saturday for a full-day review session might be appealing to an eighth grader on the verge of graduation? Come meet our Living Environment crew who opted to take on an additional course this year to prepare for the Regents exam in June!

Back in June all 22 students came to a full-day review session at the school that kicked off with a morning pig dissection, and then some test review in the afternoon provided by Science teachers Mary Lee (St. Clare) and Kathy Poggioli (New Dorp High School). The day also included pizza and treats as well as some football fun and ended with an ice cream party!

Special thanks to Mrs. Poggioli for giving her time to our students for the third year in row, all the parents who donated treats and drinks, and to Mrs. Marcolini for helping serve the ice cream.



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
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Join us for The Feast of St. Clare **Our Parish Feast** **Saturday, August 10th**

There are many reasons to come and join us.
This is our Community event,
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Come to pray



Come as Clares and Francises



Liturgical Itinerary for Feast Day

There will be many opportunities for prayer and faith renewal in the Chapel. Please find the itinerary below.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** **Chapel**



Make sure to stop by in the chapel to spend some-time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can come for private and personal prayer or you can join one of the groups who will be leading prayers throughout the day.

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Reflection on the Life of St. Clare followed by benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Light a Candle and Write a Prayer **9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** **(Chapel)**



The Statue and Relic of St. Clare will be exposed in the back of the chapel. Come and light a candle.

Then write your prayer(s) on a piece of paper. With your prayers we will create a...



Prayer Chain
 around the statue of St. Clare. These petitions will process in with the statue to be lifted up to God. You can also take a picture with Clare outside the chapel for your souvenir.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.: Contemplating Jesus with Mary. Join a group of friends led by Mrs. Carolyn Davis to pray the Holy Rosary.

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Adoration in Spanish. Join our Spanish speaking friends in the community for adoration and praise.

2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: Charismatic Praise and Worship. Join us for a vibrant praise and worship session right before the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:45-6:00 p.m.: Holy Mass beginning with procession from the Cardinal Cooke Center to the Church. Mass will be followed immediately by a communal dinner. Be sure to RSVP to the rectory for the dinner, \$40 for adults, \$12 for children - 12 and under.

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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Blessing of Little Children

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Monday, September 9th, 2019

11:00 a.m.

In the Chapel, Nelson Avenue

Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to bring their children to a special blessing. We will gather together to pray in gratitude for our children. Each child will receive a blessing and a medal. Light refreshments to follow.



Book Club had their annual luncheon at Jade Island last month. Members who could make it are pictured above.

New members are always welcome to join them on Mondays at 9:45 a.m. in the Murphy Center

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From Our Parish Counselor...

Understanding Depression

by Phillip Chappell, MD, MBA; Donna R. Palumbo, PhD;

Elizabeth Pappadopoulos, PhD

(Part 1)

Depression affects millions, yet many people may go untreated because the illness is often unrecognized or because people with depression may feel damaged or too afraid of what others will think about them to seek treatment. This is called *self-stigma*. Unlike sadness, which people may feel from time to time, depression is an illness that significantly interferes with everyday life. Depression is a serious mood disorder that causes severe symptoms affecting how you feel, think, and manage normal activities such as sleeping, eating, or working, lasting for at least two weeks.

How common is depression?

Depression is one of the most common medical illnesses in the US, affecting more than 16 million adults and 3 million adolescents 12 to 17 years old. What's more, approximately 37% of adults and 60% of adolescents with a major depressive episode do not receive treatment, even though treatments are available.

The most commonly diagnosed form of depression is major depressive disorder. In 2015, about 16 million adults 18 years or older in the US had at least one major depressive episode in the last year. This figure represents almost 7% of all adults in the US. Depression is the leading cause of disability in the US among people 15 to 44 years old.

EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS

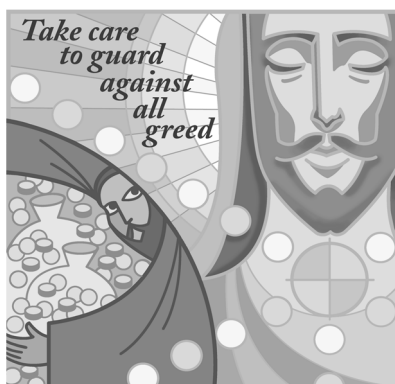
The next *Employment Group* meeting will be **Thursday, August 15th** in the **Presentation Center Dining Room at 7:30 p.m.**

Presenter: Michelle Wilson,
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The Book Club will not meet on August 5th. The next meeting is 8/12 at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in the Murphy Center (chapel basement). Please finish The Little Paris Bookshop, by Nina George for the meeting.

Next book will be The Love Season, by Elin Hilderbrand.

Feast of St. Clare Family Festival



Saturday, August 10th ~11:00 a.m.

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50th Reunion

Msgr. Farrell Class of 1969

The Msgr. Farrell Class of 1969 is planning a 50th Reunion in October on Staten Island. Contact Vic Cenci at 908-693-0924 for more information. Friday October 18, 2019, at the Liberty Tavern Grill at 382 Forest Ave. is a Guys Night Out with food, drink, and great conversation for \$50 per person. Saturday October 19, 2019, at The Staaten Restaurant, 697 Forest Ave. A buffet dinner, open bar, music and a chance to see some teachers, your friends and their spouses. \$100 per person.

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-Vincent Rapacciuolo
-Michael Ruggiero
-Ryan Skinner
-2nd Lt. Kenneth Semon
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If you would like us to add a name of someone who is currently serving in the military to this list please email: bulletin@stclaresi.com.

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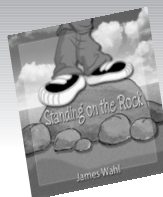
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