

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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**April 5, 2020**

## 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,  
7:30 PM

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## Coronavirus Monitoring

Please be sure to review this Bulletin and visit our Parish Website (address above) daily for updates.

We are asking for your **HELP** during this difficult time to assist us in providing for the St. Clare community both now and as we move past this state of emergency. If you have not been able to make your normal weekly contributions to St. Clare, please consider enrolling in our Online Giving service. It's free and only takes a few minutes to enroll. Simply go to the address below or to our website to get started.



[www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=783](http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=783)

God Bless you for your continued support of our vibrant St. Clare Parish Community!

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Our Church is



accessible





# 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.

### **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**

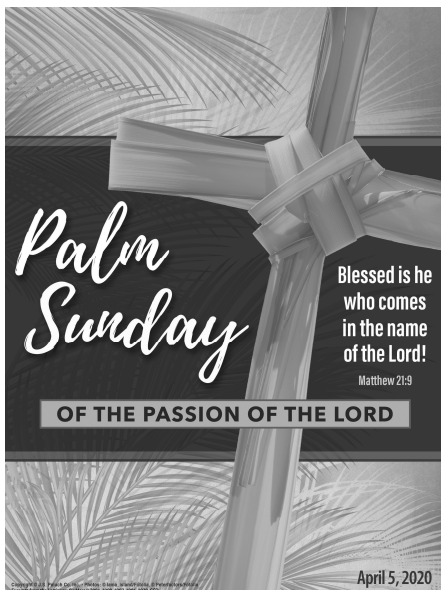
In honor of Our Lady of Fatima are said on the first Saturday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

### **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)



## CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

### Sunday, April 5th-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 AM Dennis Abate  
 8:30 AM Jeffrey Stark  
 10:00 AM Andrew Arrigo & Leo & Dolce Families & Margaret Magnavita  
 11:30 AM Joe Abbruzzese (19th Anniversary)  
 1:00 PM Francesco & Vincenzina Attardo  
 7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

### Monday, April 6th

7:00 AM Julie McWilliams  
 8:15 AM Julia DeWaters (23rd Anniversary)  
 9:00 AM Mildred Farlese

### Tuesday, April 7th

7:00 AM Michael G. Murdoch (7th Anniversary)  
 8:15 AM Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart  
 9:00 AM Joseph Vitale & Theresa Crescente

### Wednesday, April 8th

7:00 AM Felix Moskie, Sr.  
 8:15 AM Deceased members of the Gavigan & Conlon Families  
 9:00 AM John R. Esposito (10th Anniversary)

### Holy Thursday, April 9th

9:00 AM Tenebrae  
 8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday, April 10th

9:00 AM Tenebrae  
 3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday, April 11th

9:00 AM Tenebrae  
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass for the Parishioners

### NO 5:00PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

### Sunday, April 12th-Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM Phillip, Anna & Thomas Chicchetti  
 8:30 AM Frank Bruschetta (50th Anniversary) & Bruschetta Family  
 10:00 AM John Tashiro & Mattea Francavilla  
 11:30 AM Joseph D. Walz & Thomas Hayes & John Cameron  
 1:00 PM Salvatore Licari & Nicholas & Robert Maldarelli & Catherine & Cosmo Tirrito

### NO 7:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

## ENDURING HOPE

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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## 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.

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**Readings:** Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 40: 4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:88

### Question of the Week

**Adult:** How will I try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this Holy Week?

**Child:** What could I do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his Death and Resurrection?



### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY: OUR WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

We can call this Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter experience a different experience. The Coronavirus has put a stop to so many of our plans for the season, but the season perseveres. So next week we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection. May the resurrection of Christ continue to give us hope that this crisis will soon come to an end and life will be transformed. To prepare ourselves for this joyous occasion, please read: Acts 10:34A, 37-43, Psalm 118, Colossians 3:1-4; and John 20:1-9.

## Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus

Peace  
I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I  
give it to you. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled or afraid.

— John 14:27

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### FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

**Palm Sunday:** At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

**Holy Thursday:** Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

**Good Friday:** Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday:** In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

**Easter Sunday:** Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.

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## **ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

We continue to monitor the coronavirus & have made the following updates as of 3/23:

### **Canceled Programs/Activities: Effective Immediately Until Further Notice**

There will be no in person mass attendance. Masses will be offered by our parish priests and live streamed on our website: [www.stclaresi.com](http://www.stclaresi.com), our **Facebook page** and our **YouTube channel**.

St. Clare **School**, St. Clare **Religious Education** and St. Clare **Sports** are **cancelled**.

All activities scheduled to take place in the Cardinal Cooke Center and at St. Clare School are **cancelled**.

**Bible Study** on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Presentation Center and on Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Murphy Center are **cancelled**.

The **Parish Mission** that was scheduled for March 30th to April 1st is **cancelled**.

Friday **Stations of the Cross** is **cancelled**, but will be live streamed.

Weekly **Charismatic Prayer** Services on Fridays are **cancelled**.

Single Together is **cancelled**.

Book Club is **cancelled**.

Weddings and Funerals are **cancelled**.

### **Continuing Programs/Activities:**

**Bulletin:** Please be sure to find our weekly bulletin on the website on the left hand side of your screen. You can also pick up a hard copy at the rectory or in the chapel during the week.

**Weekly Donation:** Please we encourage you to keep up with the weekly donation for the continued support of our parish. Please contact the rectory and/or refer to page 7 of the bulletin to learn how to donate online.

Please **visit our website daily** for updates.

*Please continue to pray for one another.  
Keep healthy and keep safe.*

## **Parish Mass Updates as of 3/26**

Dear Parishioners, as we continue to monitor the coronavirus, the following changes are being implemented to help meet the Spiritual needs of the parish.

### **Schedule for Private Prayer:**

Our **Chapel** is open daily Sunday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for **personal prayer only**.

Our main **Church is closed** until further notice.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be live streamed on our website as well.

### **Masses Live:**

Daily Mass is live streamed into your home Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; Saturday: 8:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Our Sunday masses are also live streamed: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m..

To join us for prayer, please visit our website at [www.stclaresi.com](http://www.stclaresi.com), our Facebook page, and/or on our YouTube channel.

## **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jason	Joe Diaz	Aminah Khalifa	Arnold Musella
Emily Aiello	Virginia DiBella	Peter Kiefer	Gloria Nigriello
Rose Alfano	Carmen Di Benedetto	Ann Knoblauch	Frank Nigriello
Arlene Beers	Diane Di Pilato	Teresa Knowles	Mary Noto
Nancy Beil	Roberta Doherty	Lisa La Barbera	Amelia Odrechowski
Tim Boardman	John Donlon	Anthony A. Lamanna	Rosemarie Pace
Brianna Bove	Brendan Donnelly	Thomas Lapolla	Christina Paz
Margaret Buckley	Fran Edwards	Anna Lauria	Anthony Petro
Bobby Bulger	Benito Feijoo	Angela Leotta	Sebastian Rao
Joyce Calabrese	Thomas Ferreras	Linda Leotta	Mercedes Rasole
Anthony Caliendo	MaryLou Fiore	Theresa Leslie	Erick Reyes
Rosalie Calvacca	Kathy Fisher	Arlene LiCata	Myra Rivera
Denise Candia	Generosa Fusco	Maria Lima	Frank Roca
Dave Cappella	Coleen Garay	Erik Lipke	Lisa Romano
Sheri Cappella	Maryann Gargiso	Doreen Llagas	Richard Rooney
Rose Carlotto	Anthony Garguilo	Eleanor Lloyd	Jayson Rothstein
Helen Caterina	Barbara Giambrone	Elizabeth Lombardo	Isabella Rotundo
Michael Cavaliere	John & Sandra Gomez	Judy Luken	Yolaine SanFilippo
Jacqueline Cavicchio	Lorraine Graziano	Mary Mahoney	Carmela Scaletta
Caroline Chiapperino	Frances Grieco	Jamie Malae	Anna Scarcella
Agatha Cilmi	Sally Gruenberg	Walter Malae	Elaine Signorino
Maria Cimmino	Robert Hardin	Phyllis Maldarelli	Charlayne Sisco Ohland
Sandra Ciprello	J. Healy	Frank Marchese	Maryanne Stapleton
Louis Colletti	Kayla Herbert	Andrew Marziale	Tim Sullivan
Austin Pierce Corman	Peter Hofmann	Thomas Matonti	Lisa Ann Tarter
Rosalie Curatolo	Frank Iacono	Nick Mazzella	Mark Vaccaro
George Cusick	Michelle Iacono	Michael McCabe	Micheline Vitiello
Louis D'Angelo	Robert Jensen	Victor Mele	Nicky Zito
John A. DeSimone	Maureen Kanally	Msgr. Joseph Murphy	

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).



## ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

Excerpts from Cardinal Dolan's  
Memo of March 24, 2020

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York:

The coronavirus has attacked not only our city, state, nation, and world, but also our daily lives as we experience social isolation and quarantine. We pray with and for one another.

Like all families and households, the Archdiocese of New York has been adapting to these new protocols to ensure we can continue to practice the faith with our archdiocesan family. While public Masses at our churches have been cancelled during this crisis, our priests continue to celebrate Mass every day. Even though they are celebrated without any congregation present, many pastors have begun to livestream their Masses on Facebook and YouTube, and I understand more are planning to do so in the days ahead, and our churches are open for individuals to pray.

Although some of the visible work of the Church – like public worship and the sacraments – seems to have been “put on hold” during this crisis, the work of the Church in prayer, charity, and health care remains active and vibrant! Even more, the *invisible* work at the heart of the Church’s mission continues. God’s mercy and grace are just as abundant as ever, and our prayers and supplications are always heard!

**As Jesus told us, “Fear is useless. What is needed is trust.” Trust in the God who created us, who loves us completely, and invites us to trust in Him!**

**Just like you and your family, the parishes of the archdiocese are suffering from this crisis as well. Now, perhaps more than at any time in recent history, your parish and the archdiocese need your help. It can’t survive without you.**

Now that our public Masses have been cancelled for an undetermined period of time, I am appealing to you to support your parish by continuing to share your gift of Sunday offertory. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish at this unprecedented moment in time. Your parish does so much more than offer Sunday Mass. It is there in the happiest moments in your life – wedding, baptisms, 1<sup>st</sup> Communions – and is a source of comfort during some of the most challenging, during times of sorrow like the death of a loved one. There are prayer groups, food pantries, social activities, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! Please continue, at a minimum, with your current level of support. One easy way to do so is through your parish’s online giving provider; a majority of our parishes use Online Giving. Your parish’s online giving account can be accessed through the parish’s website. I know your pastors will be most appreciative and relieved to know that they can depend on receiving your continued offertory support each Sunday. **I am not being alarmist when I say that without your support, your parish may be seriously undermined.**

Our finance people have been very honest with me, expressing their grave concerns about our ability to cover our overhead during this crisis at this time. While I certainly do not want to even consider layoffs, it may be necessary to implement an archdiocesan wide salary furlough of up to 25% for all employees, with the prayer and hope for an early return to normality. We need your loyalty to the *Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* and *Renew and Rebuild* more than ever! Thank you for reading this somber letter, and know that I regret having to bring more uncertainty and worry during this already unsettled time. But you have told me that you appreciate honesty and transparency.

Yet, our most appropriate response is faith and confidence, along with charity to others.

With renewed gratitude for all that you do for our Catholic family, and prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lent, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,



Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

#### Cancelled

Unfortunately our 4 part series on the mystery of God's love as expressed in the Eucharist, and how God is really present in this sacrament to help and strengthen us at every step of life's journey has to be cancelled due to the current health emergency.

**The good news is that you can directly access this program from your home.**

Here is how:

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
Click on Sign Up  
Select "I belong to a parish or organization"  
Enter St. Clare  
Select St. Clare 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island  
Give your name and email address and you are signed up for this **free** online platform that offers many books, movies and programs for adults and children.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### The Impact of Covid-19 on Rel. Ed.: New Dates for the Sacraments

Dear Sacramental Parents,

I know you have received our emails regarding the new dates for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and I thank you for your understanding and graciousness. As you know, we have been carefully watching the events unfold regarding the novel coronavirus and the ramifications of this pandemic. At St. Clare, the health and safety of our children, parishioners, and their family members are our top priority. Thus, after much thought and prayer, it has been decided that St. Clare will postpone our second grade **First Holy Communion Ceremony to September 2020** and our **Confirmation Ceremony to October 2020**. Below is the new schedule.



#### Saturday First Holy Eucharist Schedule

September 19, 9 a.m. **Class 2-1** (Ms. Revello)  
September 19, 12 p.m. **Class 2-2** (Ms. Meagher)  
September 26, 9 a.m., **Special Needs Chapel**  
September 26, 9 a.m. **Classes 2C and 2E**  
September 26, 11 a.m. **Classes 2A and 2F**  
September 26, 1 p.m. **Classes 2B and 2D**

#### Sunday Mass First Holy Eucharist Schedule

September 19, **5 p.m. Mass**  
September 20, **10 a.m. Mass**  
September 20, **1 p.m. Mass**  
September 27, **11:30 a.m. Mass**  
Please note, you keep your same Sunday Mass Time

#### Confirmation

Thursday, October 22  
**1 p.m.** 7-1 and 7-2  
Thursday, October 22  
**5 p.m.** Those schedule for the **5 p.m. ceremony on May 28th**

October 23 **1 p.m.** (New Time):  
Those schedule for the **10am ceremony on May 29th**

Please note, you must keep the same time.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### St. Clare Summer STEM Adventures

*All welcome – this is a community-based program!*

*Summer program held at St. Clare School, 151 Lindenwood Road, Staten Island, New York 10308*

*New programs, new format for Summer 2020*

#### Explorers Trilogy

*For those entering PreK4-Grade 6 in September*

**Week 1 –Earth Week**  
June 22-26, 9 a.m.-noon

**Week 2 –Ocean Week**  
June 29-July 3, 9 a.m.-noon

**Week 3 –Space Week**  
July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon



#### "Battle Bots" Week

*For those entering Grades 4-8 in September*



**LIMITED EDITION!**  
**One Week Only**  
July 13-17, 9 a.m.-noon

**EV3 Robots Do Battle!**



*In all programs, groupings and tasks will allow for grade-level and skill-level differentiation.  
Problem-solving STEM-based activities and challenges will be incorporated.*

**Cost per child: \$150 for each week**

\*\*\*Fee includes camp T-shirt while supplies last; extra t-shirts are \$10 each and must be pre-ordered.  
To guarantee placement and t-shirt, please send completed registration form and payment by May 15

All applications and payments should be sent to:

Gerri Smith, St. Clare Rectory, 110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10308

- For registration and billing, contact Gerri Smith (Office Manager) at the rectory (718-984-7873) or email [Gsmith@stclaresi.com](mailto:Gsmith@stclaresi.com)
- For program information, contact Mrs. Mary Lee (Science teacher) at the school (718-984-7091) or email [Mlee@stclaresi.com](mailto:Mlee@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



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 Altar Servers  
 Art and Environment  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Communion Ministers  
 Consolation Ministry  
 Lectors  
 Liturgy Committee  
 Ushers  
 Music Ministries  
 Adult Choir  
 Children's Choir  
 Contemporary Group  
 Cantors  
 Spirituality  
 Bible Study  
 Charismatic Prayer Grp  
 Prayer Experiences  
 Sacramental Preparation  
 RCIA  
 Baptism  
 Confirmation  
 Marriage

# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## Covid-19 Prayer Dependence on God Matthew 6:25-30, 34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they?"

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."

*Do not worry and do not fear, God loves you and he will be with you and guide during this difficult time.*



## Schedule for Private Prayer:

Our Chapel is open daily **Sunday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** for personal prayer only

Our main Church is closed until further notice.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed

†Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

†Friday 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also live streamed on our website .

## Masses Live:

As we have been doing with daily and weekend masses, it is our hope to live stream all the Triduum and Easter celebrations.

To join us for prayer, please visit our website at [www.stclaresi.com](http://www.stclaresi.com), our Facebook page, and/or on our YouTube channel: The Church of St. Clare Staten Island, NY.

If for one reason or another we are not able to offer you the celebrations live from St. Clare, please find on channels 97 and 460 if you have Spectrum. Please call your cable provider for a list of channels where you can get the mass, including EWTN. You can also watch live from St. Patrick Cathedral.

You can also watch Pope Francis' mass on Vatican TV.



The following liturgical events are cancelled until further notice.

**Bible Study:** Mon. at 9:30 a.m. in the Presentation Center and Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

**Parish Mission:** Mon. March 30 - Wed. April 1.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fri. at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

**Charismatic Prayer Services:** Fri. at 7:30 p.m. in the Presentation Center.

**Reconciliation Monday:** Mon., April 6th

All weddings, funerals and baptisms are cancelled until further notice.

Please visit our website daily at [www.stclaresi.com](http://www.stclaresi.com) for all current and upcoming cancellations.

## Holy Week and the Triduum:

**The Triduum Liturgy:** Our Triduum liturgies will be live streamed on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel. The 9a.m. Tenebrae Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper & Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Our Easter Vigil mass and all masses on Easter Sunday will be live streamed as well.

Please be sure to tune in with family and friends and celebrate these special liturgies as a Church family.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

### **Anxiety Because of Coronavirus Is Normal.**

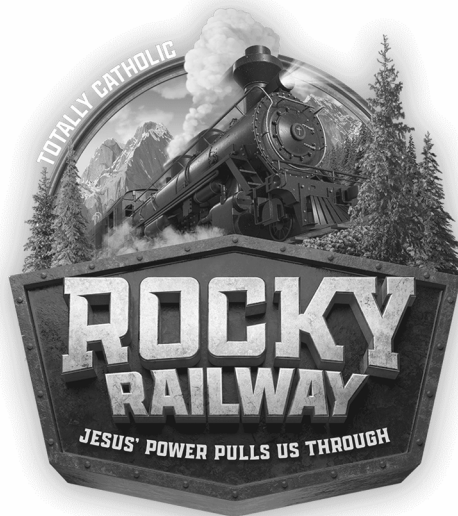
Over 80 percent of people are significantly more stressed and anxious because of the coronavirus outbreak. This small step may help you manage the uncertainty.

### **Schedule time to go outside.**

Even just a few minutes will help you recharge and fight any anxious feelings that are bogging you down. Vitamin D from the sun is critical for our immune system health.

Outdoor physical activity, has been shown to lower anxiety levels.

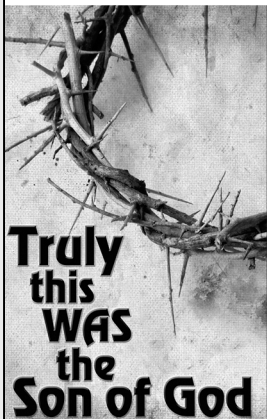
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## PARISH MINISTRIES & SERVICES



*From Our Parish Nurse ...*

### **Itchy Skin**

Part 1 of 2

Itchy skin is an irritating feeling that can cause you to scratch. This condition can be the result of or worsened by dry skin. It is more common in older adults since their skin becomes drier with age. Itchy skin is also known as pruritis. Your skin may appear normal, red, rough or bumpy. Scratching can cause the skin to bleed or become infected.

Itchy skin can occur on an arm or leg or over your whole body. It can occur without any noticeable changes on the skin. It may be associated with redness, bumps, spots or blisters, dry, cracked skin and leathery or scaly skin.

#### ***Causes of itchy skin include:***

- ✦ Skin conditions – dry skin, eczema, psoriasis, scabies, burns, scars, insect bites, hives.
- ✦ Internal diseases – liver disease, kidney failure, iron deficiency anemia, thyroid problems, certain cancers – multiple myeloma and lymphoma.
- ✦ Psychiatric disorders – anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder.
- ✦ Irritation and allergic reactions – wool, chemicals, soaps, poison ivy, cosmetics, certain drug reactions – narcotic pain medications.
- ✦ Pregnancy – during pregnancy, some women experience itchy skin.

In some cases, the cause of itching is unknown.

#### ***See your doctor or dermatologist if the itching:***

- ✦ Lasts more than 2 weeks and does not improve with self-care measures.
- ✦ It distracts you from your daily routines or prevents you from sleeping.
- ✦ Affects your whole body.
- ✦ Comes on suddenly and there is no explanation.

### **EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS**

The next **Employment Group** meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, April 16th** in the **Presentation Center Dining Room at 7:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: Jay Anderson,**  
Industrial Business Manager  
and

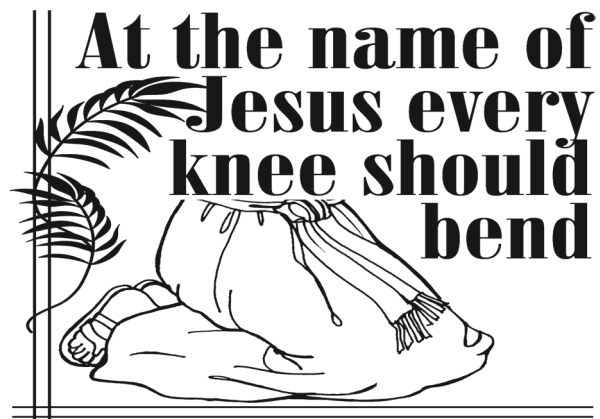
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### Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration at St. Patrick's Cathedral

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Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Everyone attending must have a ticket including all family members. Please contact the rectory at (718) 984-7873 by 5/7 to register. Pews will be reserved for the Golden Jubilee couple only. Up to 4 additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside the reserved section in general seating.



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