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

June 21, 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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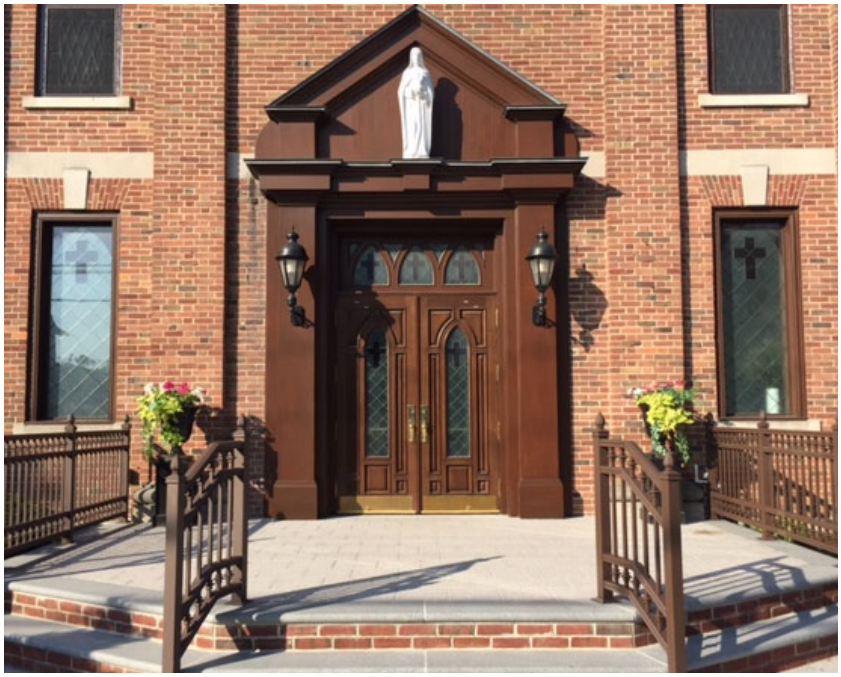

OUR CHAPEL IS OPEN

Private Prayer: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Maximum Occupancy: 10 People

Out of respect for others we ask that you limit your stay to no longer than 20 minutes each visit. Re-entry permitted if occupancy allows.

Please Do Not Enter unless you are wearing a FACE MASK.

Please Maintain Social Distance of at least 6 Feet from others.

If a need for a line for Confession arises please form that line on the exterior of the Chapel and enter as individuals exit to maintain the 10-person limit.

Also, in considering whether or not to visit the Chapel, please keep in mind that those of us who are "advanced" in age and/or have underlying health conditions should be more cautious than others. Additionally, please do not leave any property behind upon exiting the Chapel. We thank you for adhering to the guidelines above. Remember, we are all personally responsible for our own safety, as well as the safety of those around us!

Rectory/Parish Office: 718-984-7873
Fax: 718-966-8420
Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

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

Our Church is accessible

Find us on Facebook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

About Our Parish

Served by:

Clergy

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Guastella	*Pastor*	rectory@stclaresi.com
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Youth & Family Ministries

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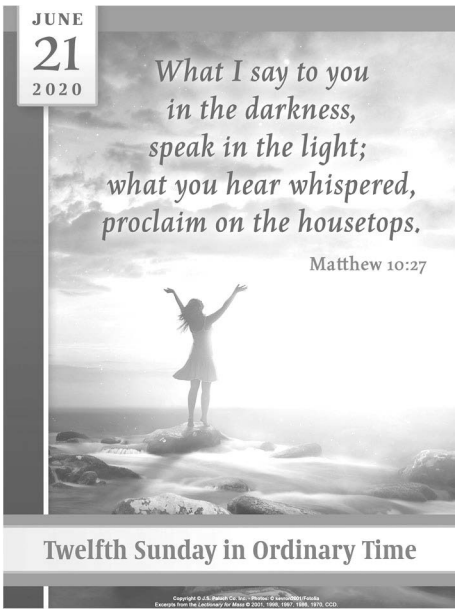
...and more than 500 Lay Ministers serving the 7,000 faithful families of Saint Clare Parish.

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)



Celebrations of the Eucharist

Sunday, June 21st
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:30 AM Thomas J. Smith, Sr.
10:00 AM John Egan
11:30 AM Tess & Fred Cibelli & Family
1:00 PM Raymond Conway
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, June 22nd
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:15 AM Coletta Guastella & Msgr. Richard J. Guastella
9:00 AM Richard Gillings

Tuesday, June 23rd
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:15 AM Rosemary Stark
9:00 AM Maria Gancayco

Wednesday, June 24th
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:15 AM Marion Ruehl
9:00 AM Jack Bagnara & Arthur Rupp

Thursday, June 25th
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:15 AM Ann Manganato
9:00 AM John Boenzi, Jr.

Friday, June 26th
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:15 AM Barbara Patinella
9:00 AM Jackie Shea Lange

Saturday, June 27th
8:15 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
9:00 AM Helen Mancini
5:00 PM Lisa Davis (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, June 28th
7:00 AM For All Our Fathers Living & Deceased Novena
8:30 AM Catherine, John & Donald Walz
10:00 AM Robert O'Conner
11:30 AM Vita Giammarrusco & Salvatore Giordanella
1:00 PM Joanne DiEugenia
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

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 family of **Catherine O'Mara**.

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

In Loving Memory of
Lisa Davis
1st Anniversary
offered by
Anthony & Anne Marie Vassallo & Family
+

Burning of Candles for the Week

The candle at the Church Tabernacle burns:
In Loving Memory of
Dominick Cannizzaro
Happy Father's Day in Heaven
offered by
Your Loving Family
+

The candle at the Holy Family Shrine burns:
In Loving Memory of
Lisa Davis
1st Anniversary
offered by
Donna Vassallo & 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.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Question of the Week

Adult: What causes me great fears today? What reassurance does Jesus offer in today's Gospel to help me face and overcome those fears?

Child: How can I help encourage a friend whose feeling afraid today?

Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a beautiful saying, "Be kind to strangers because you might be entertaining angels." If we understand this simple statement we will understand next week's readings. In the Gospel Jesus is sending his disciples on a mission. As he sends them out, he reminds them that he is in them. Those who receive them, receive him; just as those who receive him, receive the Father. If they welcome them and are generous to them, they will receive the blessings of those who have received God (Mt. 10:37-42). That's precisely what happens in the first reading from 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A. The woman receives Elisha with love. She never asks for anything. She creates in her home a guest room specifically to accommodate the prophet of God. Consequently, through the prophet God blesses her with a son. On the surface it appears that the woman has everything, but without a son and her husband advancing in years, she would have been left destitute upon her husband's death. That's why her blessing is a son. Now her future is secure. Even if her husband dies. Because of her kindness, she is blessed beyond measure.

From the Pastoral Staff

Going Forth

In today's Gospel (Matthew 10:26 - 33) Jesus tells the apostles to go forth to share all that He has shared with them. He warns them that doing so will be difficult but that He will acknowledge them to His Father in heaven.

We too are sent forth to live our faith. Doing so can be difficult, but we are called to persevere.

When I was reflecting on this week's Gospel, I thought about how we, at St. Clare, are blessed to have such strong guidance in living our faith. Our parish is a living family of believers, built on a foundation of active faith modeled by Fr. Richard and Msgr. Murphy.

Bible study, sacrament preparation, bereavement group, prayer shawl ministry, book club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and adult faith formation are just a few of the many activities here at St. Clare that help us to learn about our faith and reach out to others.

The past few months have been a very difficult time for us. We have not been able to worship together. We have not been able to learn together. We have lost loved ones.

But we go on.

Our priests and parish staff have gone to great lengths to bring worship virtually to our homes. Our teachers, school staff, and parents have worked hard to provide remote learning for our students. Our students have amazed us with their willingness to continue to learn in this new environment and to inspire us with their smiles and love.

Car parades have become one of the new 'norms'. A way to celebrate birthdays, baby showers, graduations, etc. while remaining socially distant.

Like many schools, we have had many car parades at St. Clare to celebrate some of the things that we have missed this year. But, unlike many schools, our car parades are an example of how we strive to make our faith a part of all we do.

Fr. Brendan has been at all of our car parades (to my knowledge there have been 6) individually blessing every child. Fr. Joseph, Fr. Patrick, and Seminarian Jonathan have been at all 6 as well, cheering for the children and telling them how much they miss them. Our teachers, school staff, religious ed, and rectory staff have been out in force showing their love and support. We thank our class moms for organizing these truly moving events.

Tomorrow is our official last day of school. We are not sure what school will look like in September. But we do know that our teachers, school staff and parish staff will be hard at work all summer planning and preparing for whatever September brings. We will work diligently to live our faith as we worship and learn together. We will remember Fr. Richard and Msgr. Murphy as we continue our work.

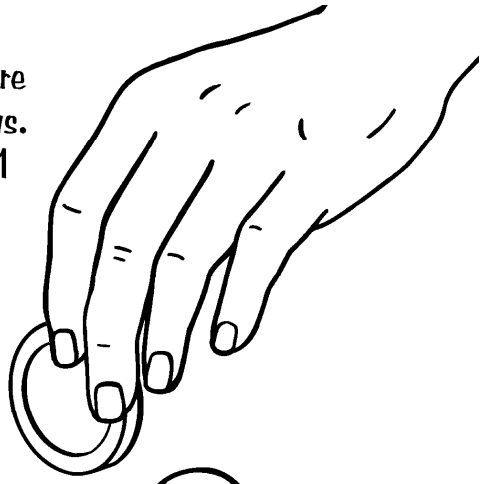
They have prepared us well.

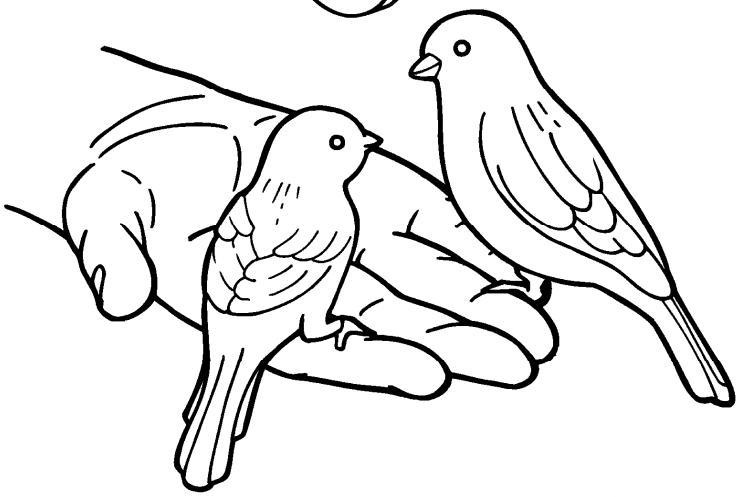
We will go forth.

Denise Olsen
Asst. Principal
St. Clare School

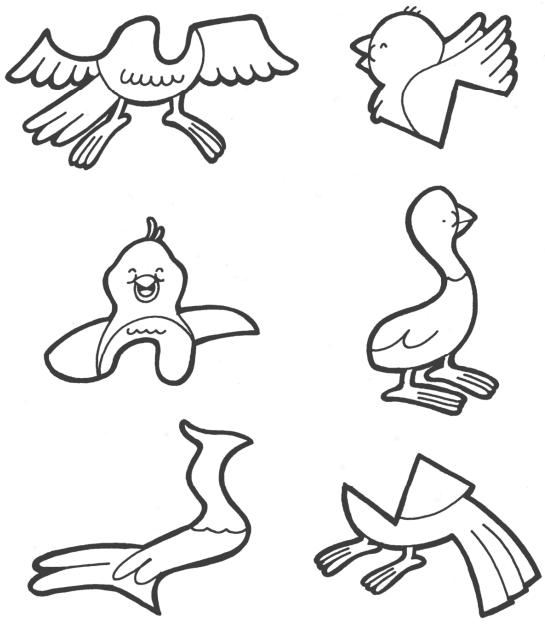
God's Word for Children

You are worth more
than many sparrows.
Matthew 10 : 31





God knows what happens to every sparrow!
If God is this watchful over the birds,
we can trust God to take care of us, too.
Draw lines to connect the bird halves together.



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus wanted his disciples to be bold!
They didn't need to be afraid—God was with them.
Write the name of each picture.
When you're done, read the new word that has been spelled.
It's where Jesus wanted his followers to shout what was whispered.

Parish Updates as of 6/15

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

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

The **Chapel** is open for private prayer. Please see the front cover for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation resumes on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Monday and Friday at 3:00 p.m. will be livestreamed on our website.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Masses Live:
Daily Mass is live streamed into your home Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass is live streamed: **11:30 a.m.**

To join us for prayer, please visit our website at www.stclaresi.com, our Facebook page, and/or on our YouTube channel.

Please remember that this information is tentative. Be sure to visit our website daily for updates.

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.***

We Pray for the Sick

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

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

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

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

Cardinal's Appeal
Communications
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Finance Council
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History & Archives
Improvement Fund
Memorials and Donations
Online Giving
Parish Council
Safe Environment
Parish Calendar
Tithing

ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

Holy Trinity (2020)

Sunday Collection	$15,465.50
Easter	$ 423.00
Easter Flowers	$ 65.00
Second Collections	$ 407.00
Improvement Fund	$ 530.50
	$16,891.00

Holy Trinity (2019)

Sunday Collection	$14,571.00
Children's Collection	$ 18.00
Second Collections	$ 1,576.00
Improvement Fund	$ 348.00
	$16,513.00

Remembering Fr. Richard

You may have seen Commemorative Lawn Signs around the neighborhood honoring the memory of Fr. Richard. A limited number of signs are still available. To order please go to scsfa@stclaresi.com or see information on our website for further details. God Bless You!

Father's Day Novena Cards are available in a basket on the steps of the rectory and in the back of the chapel. Please drop your intentions in the rectory mail slot or put them in the mail. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles or those special men who have a fatherly role in your life will be remembered through the rest of the month.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
Supporting His Church for 40 years

2020 Cardinal's Appeal Status as of 6/12/20

Parish Goal = $182,000
Donors = 570
Pledged Gifts = $157,766
87% of goal

Thank you to those who have pledged their commitment to this year's Appeal. For those who have not made a donation yet, please go to www.stclaresi.com and click on the link to make a contribution.

Update on Weekend Return to Worship

A letter has been posted to our website, emailed, as well as mailed to all registered parishioners regarding returning to weekend worship as soon as the government regulations allow and the Archdiocese gives the go ahead. An excerpt from that letter is below for your review. Please read the letter and check our website often for further updates:

"While we do not yet know the exact date when we will be able to resume Masses, we can offer this information from **FAITH FORWARD** and encourage you to keep these guidelines in mind as we prepare for our return.

HEALTH FIRST: His Eminence stated that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently SUSPENDED and will be until further notice. Therefore, when considering returning to the Church please keep in mind the following:

- **Respecting underlying conditions:** If you have underlying conditions that make you at risk from the virus, or anxiety now about being in a crowd, we ask you to continue to pray with us from home where you are safe.
- **Respecting your age:** If you are part of the age group that is high risk (65+), think twice before returning to the church building right now.
- **Exposure to the virus:** If you think you may have been exposed to the virus or if at any time you feel like you might have the symptoms, we ask you to definitely stay at home.
- Always err on the side of **caution and safety**."

Please note that in honor of the Independence Day holiday the parish offices will be closed on ***Friday, July 3rd.***

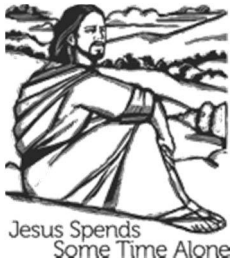
Learning Opportunities
Parish Library
Faith in the Dark
Jesuit Collaborative
Conversations in Faith
Faith on a Summer Night
Mustard Seed
Social Opportunities

Adult Faith Formation

The Positive Side of Solitude

Most people do not like to be alone. But why? Solitude comes from the Latin, "solus," meaning alone, connoting seclusion and isolation. Loneliness has an undesirable connotation of being friendless, rejected, forsaken and forlorn. Some people embrace solitude, others find it intolerable. Examining its relation to silence and recollection reveal it can be a cherished gift during the pandemic. Silence means being still, quiet or at rest, implying composure and poise. There is the saying that only a person who is silent can speak meaningfully. Silence generates interior insight and understanding, prompting us to plumb the depths of our soul, to listen to it attentively to get through life as best as possible.

Life normally revolves around friendliness, helpfulness, being present to one another and living in community. But what do we bring to these conditions? Do we really give ourself to them completely? Or do we concentrate more on self-satisfactions to the neglect of them? How often do we take time out to truly listen to ourself to learn the answer? The temptation during COVID-19 is to embrace distractions – anything to fill space and time – and to ignore the power of recollection that unifies our spirit and uses the solidifying strength of contemplation.



Author and aviator Anne Morrow Lindbergh once wrote, "We seem so frightened of being alone that we never let it happen. ... We choke the space with continuous music, chatter and companionship to which we do not even listen. It is simply there to fill the vacuum. When the noise stops, there is no inner music to take its place." Solitude that is caused by COVID-19 is an opportunity for achieving the inner music of which Anne Morrow Lindberg spoke. It is not an enemy but a friend helping us through a difficult moment.

Fr. Eugene Hemrick, Catholic News Service

Marie Noel
Director

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Religious Education

Dear Friends,

A tilt of the hat to all of you. Religious Ed. Re-registration is going very well. Thank you for re-registering your child(ren).

If you have not already done so, please complete your re-registration form and email it to: joconnor@stclaresi.com.
If you did not receive a re-registration form, call us and we will email it to you. Please be sure to register all of your children.

New family registration is open online. It will only take you 5 minutes to register your child. Please visit our Religious Education website at *http://reled.stclaresi.com/* and there the form will be available to you.

Please note, to receive first communion in the second grade, a child must first attend and complete first grade Religious Education. So plan to register your first grader with us this summer. If you have any question and/or concern, please contact our office.

2020-2021 Class Times

✞**Saturday 8:45a.m.-10:15 a.m.**
Grades 1-5

✞**Monday 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.**
Grades 1-7

✞**Monday 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Grades 5-7

✞**Wednesday 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.**
Grades 1-7

Remember, registration for your desired time period is always on a first come for first serve basis.

All Are Welcome

St. Clare welcomes all children into our parish Religious Education program. If you have a child or family member with special needs and would like to register him/her to our program, please contact our office and see how we may be able to serve your family. Every child regardless of ability is prepared and encouraged to receive the sacraments.

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Mrs. Denise Olsen
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Mrs. Michele Twomey
Assistant Principal
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School News

PreK 4-3F
When the world stayed apart this was our favorite place to be.

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

One with God, First in Excellence

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

Liturgy and Worship

Continues

While the Church is beginning the careful process of reopening for the celebration of Mass and the sacraments, we will continue to offer the mass via live stream on our website: www.stclaresi.com, our St. Clare YouTube Channel, and on our Facebook page**.**

Live Stream Schedule:

11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Monday & Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayer for an end to Covid-19

Fridays: Charismatic Prayer Service at 7:30p.m via zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2623244025. You can also call 646-876-9923 to join by phone. Meeting ID: 262 324 4025

Saturdays: 12:00 Noon - Family Rosary Each Saturday with Fr. Brendan imploring the Blessed Mother's continuing protection of our families. Hopefully, we will gather on **August 15, 2020** to thank her with a Rosary and roses.

Returning to Public Worship

PRIVATE PRAYER: As you know we have already started our re-opening process. **Our Chapel is open for private prayer every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Please **Do Not Enter unless you are Wearing a FACE MASK**. 10 people maximum at a time. Social distancing rules apply.

RECONCILIATION:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is now available to you. Our priests **are** available **every Saturday from 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. in the Chapel** to offer you the sacrament.

SUNDAY/WEEKDAY MASSES:

While we do not know exactly when we will resume masses we encourage you to keep these guidelines in mind as we prepare our return:

One Entrance: When we return to mass in the Church, please enter only through the main door on Nelson Avenue. You will be greeted at the door by an usher.

25% Capacity: To create an environment where we can practice social distancing at mass, the Church will only accommodate 25% of its seating capacity. That's 125 worshipers in the Church and 50 in the chapel. ***Family and people who drive to Church together can sit together.***

Overflow Mass in the Chapel: If we reach the mandated capacity, the Chapel will be designed with a screen for you to watch the mass live. During the Communion Rite, a minister will bring over and minister the Eucharist to those watching there. If you must leave or we have reached capacity, you could come back to another mass or watch the livestream of the 11:30 a.m. mass via our website at home.

Masks at Mass: Everyone two years old and older will be required to wear a mask before entering the Church or Chapel. Please wear the mask the entire time you are present at Mass except when you go to receive Holy Communion.

Cleanliness: Hand Sanitizers will be positioned at the rear of the Church for you to disinfect your hands as needed. You may want to bring your own hand sanitizer.

Changes in Liturgy: To prevent the spread of infection, choir singing, presentation of the gifts, sign of peace, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue and sharing of the communion cup will be temporarily omitted. For the same reason we will be removing missalettes and hymn books. The ushers will direct everyone during communion one section at a time to maintain the six-foot social distance from one another.

Marked Pews: During the mass we will continue to practice social distancing. The pews will be marked to help ensure we are indeed keeping each other safe.

Departure: Please exit the Church by the nearest exit, remembering the circumstances we are in and maintaining a six-foot distance from others at all times. The Church will be closed for 10 minutes after the conclusion of each mass to clean and sanitize for the next Mass.

Thank you to all for adjusting to the new guidelines which are all for the health and safety of our parish community.

- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Dance Classes
- Family Faith-Building
- Girl Scouts
- Musical Theater Group
- Sports
  - Baseball
  - Basketball
  - Cheerleading
  - Swimming
  - Track
- Parent Education
- Play and Learn
- Vacation Bible School

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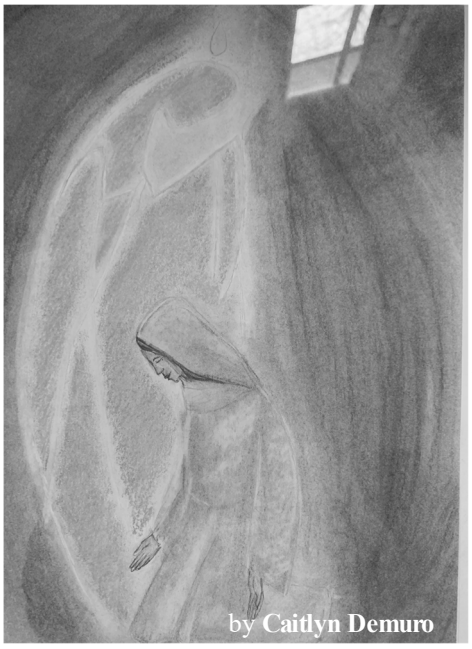
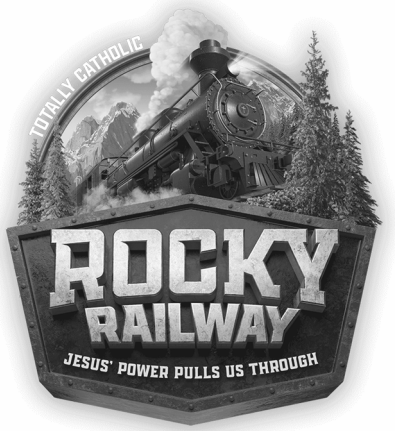


O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross,
united with Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the people of God,
know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
He who took our suffering upon Himself,
and burdened Himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross,
to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

It is with disappointment that we announce...



Vacation Bible School is postponed until next summer.

Parish Ministries & Services

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Angel Tree
- Bereavement Support
- Blood Drive
- Catholic Daughters
- Consolation Ministry
- Employment Support
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Parish Nurse
  - Health Education
  - Home Visits
  - Patient Advocacy
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Short Term Counseling
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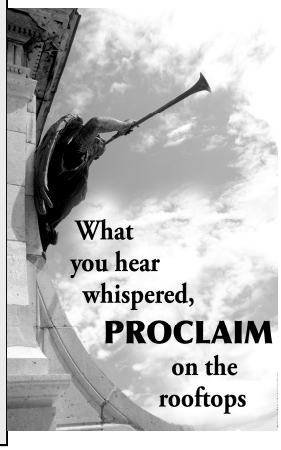

Food Drive Continues

We continue to gratefully accept food for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

Items especially needed include:

Coffee –decaf & regular, tea, healthy cereal, canned fruit, tuna, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, apple juice, and cookies or other snacks

Thank you for whatever you can donate. **Please drop off any donations at the Rectory.**

Book Club will be cancelled until further notice.

From Our Parish Nurse …

Allergy Medications

Part 1

Antihistamines can be taken as pills, liquid, nasal spray, or eye drops. After exposure to an allergen, immune system cells (mast cells) release a substance called histamine, which attaches to receptors in the blood vessels causing them to enlarge. It also binds to other receptors in blood vessels causing redness, swelling, itching and changes in secretions. By blocking histamine receptors, antihistamines prevent these symptoms.

Examples of antihistamines: OTC – Claritin, Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetapp, Allegra, Zyrtec.

Prescription – Clarinex and Astelin (nasal spray). OTC eye drops – Zaditor and Occuhist. Prescription eye drops – Optivar, Elestat and Patanol.

Side effects: Many OTC antihistamines cause drowsiness. Non-sedating antihistamines are available by prescription.

Decongestants can be taken as pills, liquid, nasal spray, or eye drops. They relieve congestion and are often prescribed with antihistamines. They shrink swollen nasal tissues and blood vessels to relieve symptoms of nasal swelling, congestion, mucous secretions, and redness. Nasal spray and eye drop decongestants can only be used for a few days, since long-term use could make symptoms worse. Pills and liquid form may be taken longer safely.

Examples of decongestants: OTC – Sudafed tablets or liquid. Neo-Synephrine and Afrin nasal sprays, and Visine eye drops.

Examples of medications that are combination of both antihistamine and decongestant: OTC – Zyrtec-D and Allegra-D.

Side effects: may raise blood pressure, so not recommended for people with high blood pressure and glaucoma. They can also cause insomnia, irritability, and restrict urine flow.

EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS

The ***Employment Group*** meetings have been postponed until further notice.

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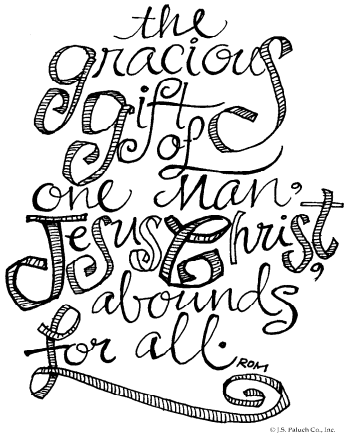

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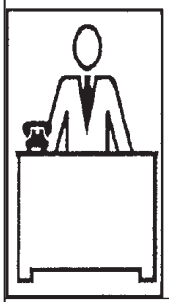

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