THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

ST. CLARE PARISH

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March 28, 2021

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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swing into SPRING

Try your luck today!
St. Clare is raffling
off 4 baskets for Spring.

Tickets are 1 for $5, 3 for $10 or 7 for $20

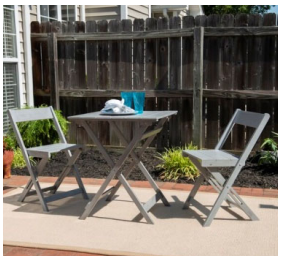
Fill out the slip below and return to the Rectory office attn. Gerri Smith by **Monday, April 5th**.
One basket number per slip.
Drawing date **April 6th**.
Make all checks payable to:
"St. Clare Church"

Basket #1
Welcome Spring
Gardening Supplies + $75 Christmas Tree Shop Gift Card

Basket #2
A Place to Sit
3 Piece Outdoor Bistro Set

Basket #3
Tote Me
Michael Kors Tote Bag

Basket #4
Call It Spring
Ceramic Bunnies + $100 Gift Card to TJ Maxx/ Marshalls/ Home Goods



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Fax: 718-966-8420
Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
The office remains open for limited business in the evenings until 8:30 P.M. and weekends till 8:00 P.M.

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Our Church is accessible

Find us on Facebook

About Our 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.

Served by:

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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)

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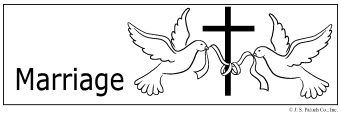
BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II
Randy D'Amato & Lauren Lobasso
Sean McManus & Courtney Collyer

I
Michael Sanders & Danielle Adone
Vincent Vilotto & Jennifer Randazzo



MARRIAGE IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the newly married couple:

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Lauro
(Jacqueline Pickering)

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 **Gaetana Torre** and **Robert Mutone.**

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil, March 27th-Eve of Palm Sunday
5:00 PM Brendan J. Gavigan

Sunday, March 28th-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 AM Philip Chicchetti
8:30 AM Richard J. Saccenti
10:00 AM John Tashiro
10:00 AM (Chapel) Msgr. Richard J. Guastella & Msgr. Joseph P. Murphy
11:30 AM Joseph Sergi
1:00 PM Anthony Iraci
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, March 29th
7:00 AM Mohr, Szwaba & Guzowski Families
8:15 AM Edwards & Fanelli Families
9:00 AM Jean Rathjen (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 30th
7:00 AM Rosalia Abate
8:15 AM Gerald Rex
9:00 AM Jean Rathjen

Wednesday, March 31st
7:00 AM Jeanette O'Brien
8:15 AM Brendan J. Gavigan
9:00 AM Felix Moskie, Sr.

Holy Thursday, April 1st
9:00 AM (Church) Morning Prayer & Tenebrae
8:00 PM (Church) Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 2nd-1st Friday
9:00 AM (Church) Morning Prayer & Tenebrae
3:00 PM (Church) Passion of the Lord
7:30 PM (Church) Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3rd
9:00 AM (Church) Morning Prayer & Tenebrae

Holy Saturday Vigil, April 3rd
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass for the Parishioners

Sunday, April 4th-Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:00 AM (Church) Rosemary Stark
8:30 AM (Church) Mary Falcone & Anthony Falcone
10:00 AM (Church) James Bulger
10:00 AM (Chapel) Eugenio Brucato
11:30 AM (Church) Cibelli, Smith & Padavano Families & Coletta Guastella
1:00 PM (Church) Sr. Maria Richard Jackson

****THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS****

Burning of Candles for the Week

The candle at the Church Tabernacle Burns:
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Martucci
Offered by
The O'Connor Family & O'Neill Family

The candle at the Holy Family Shrine Burns:
In Loving Memory of
Arnold Musella
1st Anniversary in Heaven
"Forever In Our Hearts"
From Your Loving Family

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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

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Question of the Week

Adult/Child: How am I experiencing Palm Sunday differently this year than I have in years before?

Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Next week the Church will celebrate the greatest Mystery of our Faith: Easter. What can we say about Easter except that it is the reason for our faith as St. Paul tells us. The resurrection of the Lord changes everything. It even changes the Sabbath from the 7th day to the 1st day of the week. After Jesus' death his disciples fearful for their lives locked up themselves in the upper room, but the Holy Spirit came upon them and helped them understand the mystery of the empty tomb and from that moment on, they willingly gave up their lives to preach the resurrected Christ. In the first reading Peter is boldly preaching the risen Christ. "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day" (Acts 10:34a, 37-43). The resurrection gives us hope. In the second reading Paul will tell us because of the resurrection, we die with Christ, we will also "appear with him in glory" (Col. 3:1-4). In the Gospel, the resurrection changed history, it is a woman, Mary Magdalene who becomes the apostle of the resurrection (Jn. 20:1-9)

Dear friends,

The most famous name for today's Liturgy is Palm Sunday. Most people come to Mass on this day to receive palms, which is a very beautiful thing. But this Sunday also has another name, it is called Passion Sunday. That's why when you walked into the Church today, you noticed that the Altar is dressed in red. We have red banners hanging up and the priest is wearing red. Red in the liturgy of the Church symbolizes two things: The fire of the Holy Spirit and the spilling of blood. Since today is Passion Sunday, red stands for the spilling of Jesus's blood.

This liturgy sets us up for Holy Week where we will find the single most consequential and holiest Liturgy in the entire calendar, the Blessed Triduum. This Liturgy prefigures Good Friday. So you see, this liturgy which we often refer to as Palm Sunday is much bigger than the distribution and blessing of palms. It is the key to preparing our hearts to enter deeper into the mystery of Christ's Passion, death and resurrection as we'll celebrate it during the Blessed Triduum. So it is no secret that my reflection on this holy Palm Sunday will focus not on the Palms but on the Passion of our Lord.

Every year when we celebrate Palm Sunday, the focus is often on the cross, rightfully so. But I want to focus on what happened before the cross, **the absence of God**. Jesus enters Jerusalem knowing the hour has come to make a decision, to give up his life to pay the debts of our sins or to walk away and save himself. At supper with his disciples he suffers the first abandonment, a betrayal: "one of you will betray me." The betrayal of a friend is one of the greatest betrayals because you never see it coming. It is someone you trust, someone you love, "one is eating with me." After eating supper, Jesus walks with his friends to Gethsemane, taking with him his most trusted trio, Peter, James and John. He tells them the weight of his agony, "my soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." You think having heard that they would press their bodies to stay awake, but no, they fell asleep, leaving him all alone. The second abandonment. Then he goes to speak to the Father and the Father remains completely silent, the third abandonment. Then finally his betrayer arrived accompanied with crowds with swords and clubs. Once they arrest him his disciples "left him and fled." In fact, one young man had a linen cloth on, when he was seized he took off naked. He rather suffer the symbol of shame and humiliation rather than staying with Jesus. The fourth abandonment. Hence why on the cross, Jesus feeling the absence of the Father and friends cries out psalm 22 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

This is a very grim picture, isn't it? But this is what we celebrate every Palm Sunday: **Jesus seemingly all alone.** Abandoned by his friends and abandoned by his Father. Sometimes we fail to behold the gravity of that moment because we know how the story ends. We fail to understand the confusion for the disciples, which is why they fled in the first place. They weren't aware that the story doesn't end on the cross and that there would be an empty tomb. At that moment they were bewildered by fear and uncertainties. So, they ran off.

Now think of Jesus and think of yourself. Have there been moments when you have been abandoned by friends? Have you been betrayed by someone you love and trust, someone who eats at your dinner table? Have there been times when you wondered, "where is God?" I know I felt that agony last year when on Palm Sunday the doors of the Church were shut, you weren't here, Fr. Richard was in the hospital and Fr. Brendan was just getting out. An invisible enemy composed of microbes and bacteria made me experience the absence of God. You might have had that same experience too sometime in this past year.

But that's not the end of the story. Throughout all of this, Jesus had a choice. He could have walked away and save himself. Hence why the crowd was mocking him, "He saved others but couldn't save himself." What they did not realize is that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus made a decision. Hence the 1st reading, "I did not shield my face from buffets and spitting." Not that I couldn't, but that I did not. The Father showed Jesus the price he would have to pay to ransom us. He looked at the price which made his heart so sorrowful to the point of death, he contemplates the love for us and he said "Not my will be done but your will be done." With these simple words, Jesus said yes to the Father. "Yes Father, I will pay the price." That's what St. Paul is telling us in the 2nd reading. As God he could have saved himself, but rather he humbled himself for the sake of love. What an amazing grace. Because of that wondrous love, even though it seems like the Father was silent, in his seemingly absence, the Father was actually carrying him.

What about you? Have you suffered for amazing love? Is your suffering an opportunity to die for the sake of another or an abandonment from God? When in our suffering we love, then even when we think God is absent, God is carrying us. Our story doesn't end in tragedy. It ends in triumph. Not superficial triumph but everlasting, resurrection triumph.

As you celebrate Palm Sunday today, go deeper. God beyond the palms. See the suffering. Welcome the suffering and use the suffering to love another. I don't promise it will go away overnight, but I promise you will be triumphant.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and Blessed Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Be sure to join us for the Blessed Triduum and Easter Sunday for the rest of the story.

God bless,
Marie Noel

Triduum/Easter Schedule

Monday, March 29, 2021 (Chapel)
Reconciliation Monday
Extended hours for confession
3:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30-31, 2021
Extended hours for confession
7:30-8:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021
No weekday Mass
9:00 a.m. Tenebrae (Church)
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2, 2021
No weekday Mass
9:00 a.m. Tenebrae (Church)
3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
w/sermon and veneration of the cross

Church opened for prayer during the day

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021
No weekday Mass
No confessions scheduled
9:00 a.m. Tenebrae (Church)
8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

Note: *There will be* ***NO 5:00 p.m. Mass*** *on Holy Saturday*

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Mass Schedule:

In the **Church** :

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

11:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

In the **Chapel: 10:00 a.m.**
(If necessary 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the chapel for overflow)

Note: *There will be* ***NO 7:00 p.m. Mass*** *on Easter*

All of the Triduum and the 11:30 a.m. Easter Mass will be live streamed.

We Pray for the Sick

John Arleo
Jerry Aversano
Nancy Beil
Kathleen Boardman
Tim Boardman
Cathy Bogin
Joseph Bonamo
Victoria Bryan
Lisa Cardello
Helen Caterina
Maria Cimmino
Tommy Curry
George Cusick
MaryAnne Decerescenzo
Angela DeMaio
Donald Dempsey
Joe Diaz
Mike Diaz
Diane Di Pilato
Roberta Doherty
Brendan Donnelly
Fran Edwards
Catherine Feeks
Kathy Fisher
John Foster
Ceasar Garay
Coleen Garay
Mary Gormley
Patty Jensen
Robert Jensen
Peter Kiefer
Lisa LaBarbera
Anna Lauria
Jeanne Leonard
Terri Leslie
Bill Lipke
Erik Lipke
Michael Loffredo
Pasty Mangi
Frances Mannoia
Tom Mannoia
Marchwinski Family
Phyllis Masi
Nick Mazzella
Vicki Mazzella
Kaitlyn McLendon
Jeanette Milione
Debbie Nappi
Frank Nigriello
Gloria Nigriello
Josephine Noonan
Damien Otero Jr.
Linda Owens
Rosemarie Pace
Carl Pansini
Gerard Pirillo
Alexa Rae Rigney
Fran Robertson
Frank Roca
Lisa Romano
Theresa Rossi
Jayson Rothstein
Richard Ruiz
Marie Russo
Fran Salinari
Anthony Scotto
Paula Scro
Donnie Siracusa
Steven Siracusa
Diane Stravato
Joe Stravato
Thomas Sullivan
Lisa Ann Tarter
Stephanie Vandenburg
Frank Vassallo
Kay Velleca
Elisa Vellucci

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

Pray for those in the Service

-Brandon W. A'Hara
-Lt. Kaitlyn Amundsen
-Anthony S. Barletta
-Joseph Burgund
-Sgt. Thomas F. Brown Jr.
-SFC Zachary Cannon
-Maj. Scott Thomas Capela
-Cpl. Patrick Denis Caridad
-John J. Coury
-Jeffrey Escuder
-Christopher T. Gale
-L.Cpl. Daniel C. Gale
-Gary P. Gale
-L.Cpl. Markus Garcia
-L.Cpl. Vincent P. Gennaro
-Jordan W. Glensor
-PV1 Vincent Guttilla
-Cpt. Connor P. Hanafee
-Kevin Iannacone
-SFC James C. Lee
-Michael Leonard
-PFC Michael Madino
-SSgt. Robert M. Maiorini Jr.
-Lt. Christina M. Milone
-2nd Lt. Steven E. Morrone
-Edward Murphy
-LCMR Melinda Musumarra
-Matthew P. Paperny
-Ryan Pavitt
-Vincent Rapacciuolo
-Daniel J. Ryan
-Michael Ruggiero
-Ryan Skinner
-2nd Lt. Kenneth Semon
-1st Lt. Luis Vazquez
-Stephen Wolenski

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.

Cardinal's Appeal
Communications
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Facilities & Maintenance
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Fundraising
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Improvement Fund
Memorials and Donations
Online Giving
Parish Council
Safe Environment
Parish Calendar
Tithing

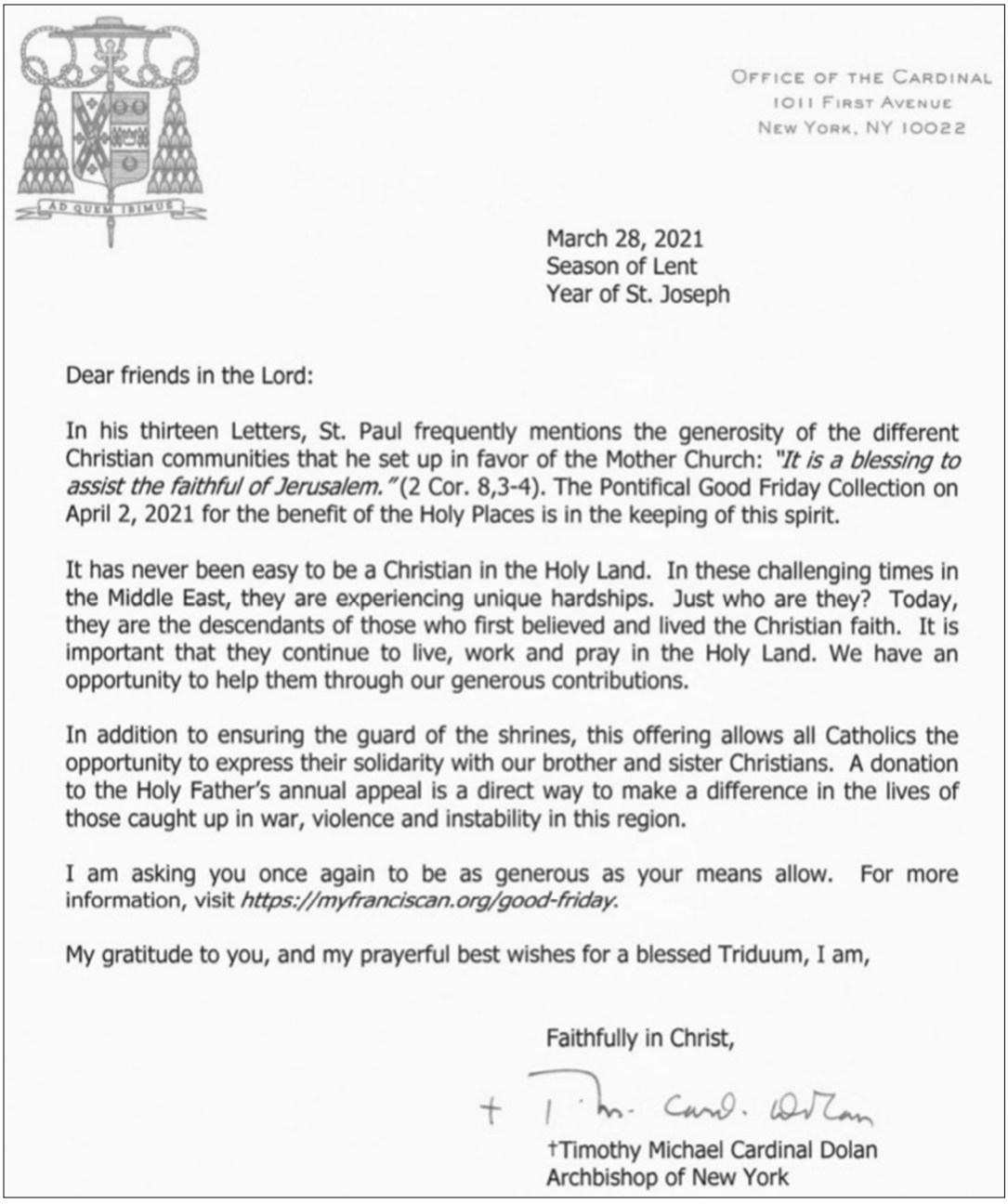
ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

4th Sunday of Lent (2021):

Sunday Collection	$22,640.50
Easter Collection	$ 125.00
Easter Flowers	$ 278.00
Second Collections	$ 58.00
Improvement Fund	$ 316.50
	$23,418.00

4th Sunday of Lent (2020):
Pandemic Closure

Sunday Collection	$ 6,804.50
Children's Collection	$ 60.00
Easter Collection	$ 770.00
Easter Flowers	$ 210.00
Second Collections	$ 257.00
Improvement Fund	$ 268.50
	$ 8,311.00



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March 28, 2021
Season of Lent
Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

In his thirteen Letters, St. Paul frequently mentions the generosity of the different Christian communities that he set up in favor of the Mother Church: *"It is a blessing to assist the faithful of Jerusalem."* (2 Cor. 8,3-4). The Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April 2, 2021 for the benefit of the Holy Places is in the keeping of this spirit.

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, they are experiencing unique hardships. Just who are they? Today, they are the descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that they continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land. We have an opportunity to help them through our generous contributions.

In addition to ensuring the guard of the shrines, this offering allows all Catholics the opportunity to express their solidarity with our brother and sister Christians. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

I am asking you once again to be as generous as your means allow. For more information, visit *https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday.*

My gratitude to you, and my prayerful best wishes for a blessed Triduum, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ T. Dn. Card. Dolan

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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

Reconciliation Monday, Tomorrow Monday, March 29th

Our Priests will be available for confession in the Chapel from **3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Additional reconciliation opportunities will be on **Tuesday March 30th and Wednesday, March 31st from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Rise Up with Christ: 2021 Virtual Confirmation Retreat with Array of Hope

Congratulations to our 2021 Confirmation class students

Today is Palm Sunday and next week is Easter Sunday. Can you even imagine that last year on this very day the doors of our Church were shut and no one was able to get palms? Do you remember getting your beautiful Easter dress or suit just to hang it up and watch the Mass on your electronic device locked up at home in your sweat pants or pajamas? That was our reality last year. Never in a lifetime would we have thought that the Church would be closed on any Sunday, let alone on Palm and Easter Sundays, the holiest Sundays in the Church calendar. But that was our reality last year.

Thank God this year we are celebrating Palm Sunday and we will be celebrating Easter. The doors of the Church are wide open. So find that Easter Dress and suit and join us for Mass.

April 1 - 3rd, 2021

As you prepare to return for Easter, consider joining us for the Holy Triduum. While the Holy Triduum is celebrated in three days, it is truly one Liturgy. The days flow from one another, keeping a unity between them. The Liturgy begins on Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continuing into Good Friday with the celebration of the Lord's Passion and concluding on Holy Saturday with the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. This Liturgy is the single holiest celebration in the life of the Church. In it is the full mystery of our faith, Christ's passion, death and resurrection. It is not to be missed.

Religious Education

Marie Noel
Director

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Online Registration for New and Returning Students Open

Complete New Students Form if..
- ✞You have a child entering 1st Grade in in September 2021
- ✞You have a child in 2nd grade or higher who has never attended Religious Education
- ✞You have a child in a different program that you would like to register here at St. Clare's Religious Ed.
- ✞You had a child at St. Clare's School or any Catholic School that is now moving to public school

Complete Returning Students form if..
- ✞You have a child currently attending the program in grades 1-6 and will be moving up to the next grade (e.i 2 or 7)
- ✞If your child was once registered in the program but because of Covid or other reason skipped a year
- ✞As long as your child was in the program at one time, please complete the returning student form

How to find and complete form:
- ✞You can find the form at reled.stclaresi.com
- ✞You can also go to our main website at www.stclaresi.com
- ✞Click on down so you get the fillable form
- ✞Complete form, save it on your computer
- ✞Then email the complete form to joconnor@stclaresi.com
- ✞If your child is new to the program, please scan and attached your child's baptismal certificate with the form.

No Religious Education Classes from March 29th-April 10th.

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Mrs. Michele Twomey
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School News

Happy Birthday

PreK 3-3F celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday!
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Play and Learn
Vacation Bible School

Youth and Family Ministries

By birth or adoption

Come join us at the:

Expectant Parents' Mass
Saturday, May 8th
5:00 p.m. in the Church

Each family will receive a baptism blanket made by the St. Clare Prayer Shawl Ministry if they register at:

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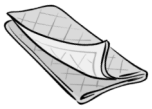

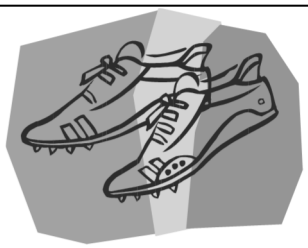

OUTDOOR
TRACK & FIELD
REGISTRATION

Registration for the coming outdoor season will be conducted during our practice sessions due to the current indoor restrictions. All children K-8th grade are invited to join. The registration fee is $85.00 per child and all payments must be by check. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. Practice sessions are 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Jack Lewandowski for locations and further information. Email: bethjack@aol.com H: (718)356-0579 C: (718)702-3249.

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- Book Club
- Crafty Ladies
- Geological Society
- Parish Welcoming

Parish Ministries & Services

From Our Parish Counselor...

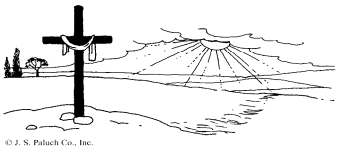
HOW TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT GRATITUDE
Part II

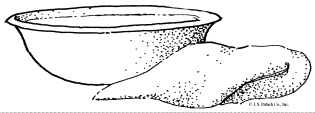
Research and Evidence

A 2019 study published in the *Journal of Happiness Studies*[1] found that gratitude is linked to happiness in children by age 5. This means that instilling gratitude in your kids at a young age could help them grow up to be happier people.

According to a 2008 study published in the *Journal of School Psychology*[2], grateful children (ages 11 to 13) tend to be happier, more optimistic, and have better social support. They also report more satisfaction with their schools, families, communities, friends, and themselves. Grateful kids also tend to give more social support to others as well.

According to a 2011 study published in *Psychological Assessment*[3], grateful teens (ages 14 to 19) are more satisfied with their lives, use their strengths to improve their communities, are more engaged in their schoolwork and hobbies, and have better grades. They've also been shown to be less envious, depressed, and materialistic than their less grateful counterparts.





EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS

The next ***Employment Group*** meeting will take place via **"Zoom"** on **Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.**

Presenter: Monet Rankins-Dorsainville
Community Partner Manager,
Staten Island Island Workforce1 Career Center

Topic—Current Recruitment Opportunities

To request a link to the meeting, please call the Rectory at 718-984-7873 and provide your name, telephone number, job objective, zip code, and email address.

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Announcements
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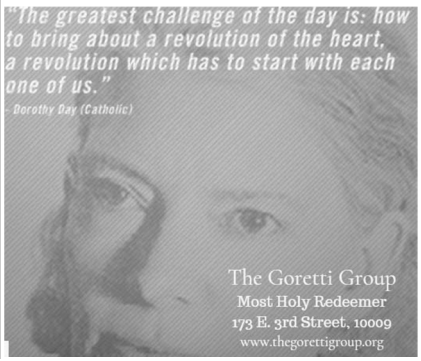
Community Events

Beyond St. Clare

Goretti NY Event
Friday, April 9th
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Most Holy Redeemer
173 E. 3rd Street, 10009

Join us for a Latin Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a talk about Dorothy Day given by Thomas Hackett, a Catholic Worker in PA and co-founder of Tradistae. Check out our Goretti New York Youtube and Instagram.

Email ny@thegorettigroup.org for more information



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Flea Market/Vendor Fair
Saturday, April 10th
10-4 p.m.
22 Hillside Terrace

There will be raffle baskets and 50/50. Vendors are welcome. Please email columbiettes1662@gmail.com for information on renting a table.

We also invite Catholic women to join our wonderful organization! Email:columbiettes1662@gmail.com We are beginning to meet in person and will continue to have zoom available. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month The next meeting is April 12th at 7:30 p.m. at 22 Hillside Terrace. New members are welcome to stop by at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12th.

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

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to attend the Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick Cathedral on Sunday, June 6 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 5/10 to register. Pews will be reserved for the Golden Jubilee couple only. Up to two additional family and friends can sit in the pews outside of the reserved section.

Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can register to receive a certificate.

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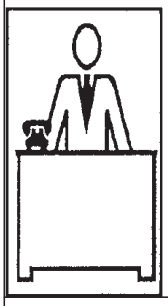
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