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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July 4, 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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We, the parish of St. Clare, are a family. As family we worship, learn, struggle, pray, reach out to others and grieve together. At the heart of our family is Jesus Christ whose love we passionately strive to reflect in our worship, our educational, pastoral, and social outreach ministries.

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

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

Rectory/Parish Office: 718-984-7873
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.

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

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.

Download this App...
For instant parish announcements and access to volunteer parish service providers and requests for help: "cmtyhelp" from the App Store or Google Play Store.

Served by:

Clergy

Rev. Arthur Mastrolia	*Pastor*	rectory@stclaresi.com
Rev. Patrick Amedeka	*Parochial Vicar*	rectory@stclaresi.com
Rev. Brendan Gormley	*Parochial Vicar*	rectory@stclaresi.com
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Administration

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Liturgy & Sacraments

Mr. Chris Alaia	*Sacristan*	calaia@stclaresi.com
Mrs. BettyAnne Santore	*Sacristan*	
Mrs. Marcella Mitchell	*Wedding Coordinator*	
Mr. George Poppe	*Music Director*	gpoppe@stclaresi.com

Youth & Family Ministries

Mrs. Catherine Adinolfi	*Family Ministry Director*	cadinolfi@stclaresi.com
Mr. Gerard Nicholson	*Sports Coordinator*	gnicholson1@stclaresi.com

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Contact the rectory at 984-7873.

Parish Membership
All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

Baptisms

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

Ruby Faye D'Aversa
Gabe Anthony Farina
Jason Nicholas Gentile
Kayleigh Rose Goldstein
Skyleigh Rae Johnsen
Serafina Jade Korkowski

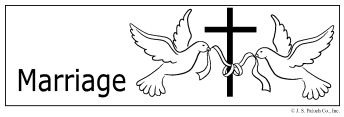
Congratulations to the happy parents!

Banns of Marriage

III
Anthony Inglima & Stephanie Cashman

II
James Buckley & Olivia Raimondo
Michael Roche & Nicole Genovese

I
Peter Toscano & Dana Wells
Michael Figliolia & Mary Sanicola



Marriage in Christ

Congratulations to the newly married couple:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baldalamenti
(Rachel Hillpot)

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 **Audrey F. Mc Quillen, Angela Trifiro, Michael V. DePersia** and **Eleanor Mattina.**

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil, July 3rd
5:00 PM Maria Dorso

Sunday, July 4th
7:00 AM Frank Gallo
8:30 AM Joseph J. Castelli
10:00 AM Grace, Francesco & Anthony
11:30 AM Marie D'Angelo
1:00 PM Irene Franzese
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, July 5th
7:00 AM Dennis Abate
8:15 AM Tess Elise Smith
9:00 AM Devon McQueen (2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 6th
7:00 AM Christina Datello
8:15 AM Mary Breslin
9:00 AM Patrick Mc Guirk

Wednesday, July 7th
7:00 AM Tom S. Rzucidlo
8:15 AM Michael Guzowski
9:00 AM Jean & Vincent Galgano

Thursday, July 8th
7:00 AM Malicay Family
8:15 AM Tom S. Rzucidlo
9:00 AM Vincent, Antoinette & Allen

Friday, July 9th
7:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
8:15 AM Theodore Thomasy
9:00 AM Rose Mc Tigue

Saturday, July 10th
8:15 AM Gloria Jean Perkins (29th Anniversary)
9:00 AM Arlene De Dominicis

Saturday Vigil, July 10th
5:00 PM Tess Cameron

Sunday, July 11th
7:00 AM Timothy James McDermott
8:30 AM Anna, Michael & Charles Guzowski
10:00 AM Bing & Kathy Tupe
11:30 AM Josephine & John Talamini
1:00 PM Francesco Attardo
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

Burning of Candles for the Week

The candle at the Holy Family Shrine
Burns:
In Loving Memory of
Timothy Boardman
Offered by
Ralph & Theresa Castagna

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.

14TH Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

Question of the Week

Adult: Why does having faith so essential to Jesus' mission and the lack of it so detrimental?

Child: Why do the people from Jesus' hometown question his background in today's Gospel? What do their questions tell us about their faith?

Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Missionary work is not a profession, it is a calling. Missionaries are chosen by God and set apart for their ministry. Therefore, when one welcomes a missionary, one welcomes God. This is the point next week's readings will highlight. In the first reading, Amos is called by God from tending sheep in the Southern Kingdom, Judah, to become a prophet to the Northern Kingdom, Israel. Instead of listening to the word of God, he is rebuked by the leaders and told go prophesy for his bread elsewhere. Since his prophecy is a message from God, he reminds them his prophesy is not a profession but a calling and so he goes where he is sent (Am. 7:12-15). For their lack of faith the Northern Kingdom will be taken into exile to Assyria and they will never return. There is a connection between the first reading and the Gospel. In the Gospel, Christ sends out his disciples in pairs because the work of ministry is done better in community. He orders them to pack lightly so that they may rely on God for their sustenance. Then he orders them to "shake the dust off their feet in homes that do not welcome them" but in homes that welcome them they are to make present the kingdom of God by healing the sick (Mk. 6:7-13).

From the Pastoral Staff

Looking with Faith

In this week's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6, Jesus and his disciples travel to Nazareth to teach. Unfortunately, the people of Nazareth were unable to see Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God; they lacked faith. To them, Jesus was the same as he always had been, a carpenter and Mary's son.

When I reflected on this Gospel, I thought about how we too often see others in a limited way.

This year, as part of our Covid protocols, I had the pleasure of visiting each of our K - 8 classrooms every morning to determine which students were attending school in person for the day. During these visits, I was greeted by the many unique personalities that made up each class. Some students were bubbly and practically jumping out of their seats to say "Hello". Others were more quiet and would give a little wave. Of course, our students are much more complex than these few minutes would indicate. I was reminded of this when one of our 3rd grade classes gave me a piggy bank of money they wanted to donate to our church poor box. They had forgone visits to Mrs. Penna's store for their donation.

Similarly, many of our 4th grade students had likewise donated their money to support a child in need.

These examples of our students living their faith helped me to appreciate that they are truly examples of God's love and as such are capable of great things.

I wonder if at the end of the day, we reflected on the day's events with eyes of faith, faith in our fellow man, faith that we are made in God's image, faith that we are capable of great things, would we see the world differently? Would we be inspired by the actions of others to act with kindness ourselves? Would we live our faith so that others would know the love of Jesus Christ?

Denise Olsen
St. Clare School

My name is Father Angelo J. Micciulla, "AJ" to my friends and "Captain Lou" to those who are part of the motorcycle community. I am the pastor of Holy Family Church on Staten Island and a priest of the Archdiocese of NY for the past 16 plus years. I am in need of a kidney transplant. Back in February of 2021 I was diagnosed with stage 4 Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) with a GFR# of 21 (15 or less is stage 5 renal failure). In recent weeks, my GFR# has fluctuated between 16 and 19. Although I still try to remain active in my priestly ministry, as well as riding my motorcycle and other hobbies, there are days that I find it difficult to do anything. I am reaching out to anyone who would be willing to help, which includes prayers and spreading the word in hopes of finding a donor willing to donate a kidney. The doctors say that a kidney transplant from a living donor is the best treatment option to not only extend my life expectancy, but to improve my quality of life by being able to return to a normal lifestyle, without having to undergo dialysis, so that I may continue my priestly ministry to my parish family for years to come. Many of you probably know someone close to you who has either received an organ donation or has donated an organ, as these procedures have become more widely available and successful. If you would be willing to be a living donor, please contact my donor coach, Lisa Russo at Holy Family Church (718-761-6663) so that she can give you any information that you may need to begin the screening process, as well as dispel any myths you may have heard about being a donor. If you cannot be a donor, I humbly ask if you can help spread the word and keep me in your prayers.

We Pray for the Sick

Kenneth Alwon
John Ancona
Robert Arena
Nelson Auyeung
Jerry Aversano
Kathleen Boardman
Cathy Bogin
Victoria Bryan
Lisa Cardello
Marie Casse
Maria Cimmino
Michael Cosentino
Patrice Crowley
Tommy Curry
George Cusick
MaryAnne Decrescenzo
Angela DeMaio
Diane Di Pilato
Roberta Doherty
Brendan Donnelly
Anthony Edwards
Fran Edwards
Rosemarie Facciolli
Robert Fortuna
Frank Fortunato
John Foster
Ceasar Garay
Jimmy Gaynor
Sal Giardina
Mary Gormley
Patty Jensen
Peter Kiefer
Lisa LaBarbera
Anna Lauria
Jeanne Leonard
Terri Leslie
Bill Lipke
Erik Lipke
Michael Loffredo
Frances Mannoia
Tom Mannoia
Marchwinski Family
Phyllis Masi
Nick Mazzella
Vicki Mazzella
Kaitlyn McLendon
Jeanette Milione
Niki Montaperto
Richard Montaperto
Debbie Nappi
Gloria Nigriello
Josephine Noonan
Damien Otero Jr.
Rosemarie Pace
Carl Pansini
Anthony Pelle Jr.
Elaine Pollitto
Alexa Rae Rigney
Fran Robertson
Frank Roca
Lisa Romano
Theresa Rossi
Jayson Rothstein
Richard Ruiz
Marie Russo
Fran Salinari
Anthony Scotto
Donnie Siracusa
Steven Smalsvik
Diane Stravato
Joe Stravato
Lisa Ann Tarter
Eileen Touhey
Robert Vargas
Frank Vassallo
Kay Velleca
Jillian Walsh

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

-SFC Levac Acosta
-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.

Administration & Operations

Cardinal's Appeal
Communications
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- E-Mail

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

There will be no daily adoration during the months of July and August. The chapel will be open for private prayer. Daily adoration will resume after Labor Day.

Please note that in honor of the Independence Day holiday the parish offices will be closed on ***Monday, July 5th.***

A priest is always available by calling (718) 984-7873.

Office of the Cardinal
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022

July 4, 2021
Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus
Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

Currently serving happily as president of the board of directors of the *Black and Indian Mission Office*, I write to you today to offer thanks for last year's support of $149,000, and to ask for your generosity again as we prepare to collect an offering on Sunday, July 11 for the *Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People*. Established as the first national collection in 1874, it has proven itself to be a successful vehicle to provide for the needs of our African American, Native American and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

This appeal clearly authenticates the call of Pope Francis to work as a family to share the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ as we embark on another year of evangelization. Never have the needs within these communities been so great, especially during this unprecedented pandemic.

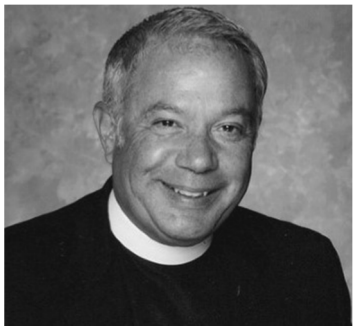
Your participation will provide the presence of missionaries in parishes, schools, religious education programs and many diocesan projects that strengthen the work of the gospel. Your partnership places bibles and catechetical materials, as well as food, shelter, and medical care, in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women and lay leaders where evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold.

Your help with the *Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People* will assist in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in these communities in the United States. You can learn more at www.blackandindianmission.org and help us invite all peoples to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families for a blessed summer, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Monsignor Richard J. Guastella
Pastor of the Church of St. Clare
2008 - 2020

Staten Island Council of Churches Honors Msgr. Richard J. Guastella

On Thursday, June 24, 2021 at the Old Bermuda Inn, the Staten Island Council of Churches, a group of Christian churches on Staten Island, honored our late pastor Fr. Richard with a plaque.

The plaque reads:

In memory of Msgr. Richard J. Guastella of St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church we, the Staten Island Council of Churches present this award in recognition of his commitment and dedication to ecumenism.

Pastor Joseph Chevere, President of the Staten Island Council of Churches, presents the plaque to Fr. Arthur Mastrolia and Gerri Smith.

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

Holy Hour & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday July 6, 2021 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Our faith tells us that Jesus is fully present body, mind, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament is spending time with Jesus. Join us.

Friday, July 16, 2021 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

We will be celebrating our monthly Healing Mass on **Friday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel** followed by the Charismatic Prayer Group.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Email: mnoel@stclaresicom

Catholic Devotions in the Home

We have a rich faith. The faith we celebrate at Mass every Sunday can be nourished and sustained daily through the devotions. One of the greatest of all devotions is praying the Rosary. Since November some of our parishioners have been praying the Rosary on zoom every day at 9:00 p.m.. Why not join us? https://zoom.us/j/2235392448?pwd=Rk5WVi9pdHlvM1ZkazI1RTdqNDB2UT09
Meeting ID: 223 539 2448
Passcode: j69Cyc

You can also call in: +1 646 876 9923

Religious Education

Marie Noel
Director

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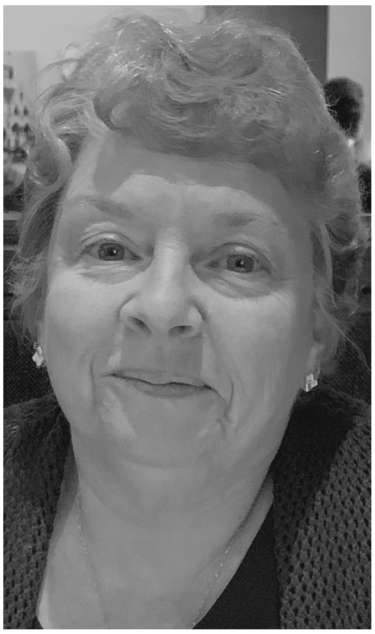
Thank You and Farewell to Mrs. Jo Ann O'Connor Upon Her Retirement:



On Tuesday, June 29, 2021 our Office of Religious Education bid farewell to our tireless and committed Assistant, Mrs. Jo Ann O'Connor. For over 15 years, Mrs. O'Connor was the face and the voice associated with the Religious Education Office. While most of the parents may not know the Director, they know Mrs. O'Connor. She was the "go to person" with every question regarding registration, class assignments, payments and more.

Mrs. O'Connor's service to our families started 27 years ago, when as a parent herself she started volunteering in the office. She served in that capacity for 12 years before becoming a member of the staff,. Then 15 years ago she assumed the position as our Assistant.

Mrs. O'Connor truly cared for our program and the success of its mission. But what she loved the most was serving you. She would get excited when she made a parent's day. We will all miss that.

While we are all so very happy for well deserving retirement, it is difficult imagining our office without her. Thank God, Mrs. O'Connor is a faithful parishioner and a lector, so we will see her at Mass.

On behalf of our children and their families whom she has served so lovingly and with great commitment, a sincere and deep thank you to Mrs. O'Connor. When you see her at Mass, please thank her for her service and congratulate her upon her retirement.

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Mrs. Denise Olsen
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Mrs. Michele Twomey
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School News

Thoughts From a National Junior Honor Society Member

Why we celebrate the Fourth of July
by:
Christian Wildes

July 4th, Fourth of July, Independence Day, and the day of fireworks. All of these are names of the day in which we dedicate to showing our patriotic pride. This federal holiday of the people marks the day in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. This began the official separation of the colonies from Great Britain with the Revolutionary War. We celebrate this holiday with red, white and blue decorations, representing our national colors, helping us show our pride.

We release fireworks into the night sky to show our fiery spark of independence within us and how loud and proud we are about our freedom. We also barbecue because of the warm season and celebrate with a meal with family and friends. Overall, The Fourth of July is a time of celebration and independence. At this time we celebrate our freedom and we share the spark of freedom with the world. The Fourth of July is a time to show the world our patriotism and our American culture.

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

Youth and Family Ministries

University Basketball Camp Summer 2021

UBC is an instructional basketball camp for boys and girls entering 2nd - 9th grade.

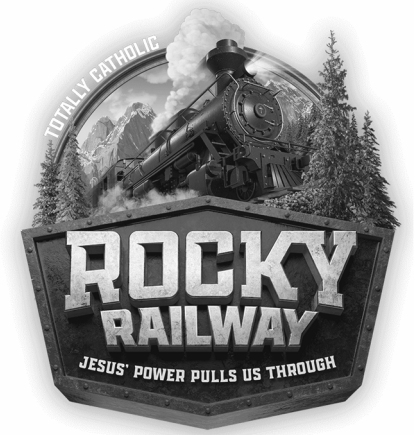
There is one session left for girls:
Session 2: July 26th - July 30th.

There are three sessions for boys:
Session 1: July 5th - July 9th ,
Session 2: July12th - July 16th ,
Session 3: July 19th- July 23rd.

The camp is located at The Cardinal Cooke Centre 150 Nelson Avenue. For additional information and brochure call 718-980-2267 (CAMP), visit the website at: www.universitybasketballcamp.com or visit them on Facebook.

Covid-19 precautions are explained on the UBC website.

This Summer:
Vacation Bible School



August 2nd – 6th
Register online.

Questions: cadinolfi@stclaresi.com

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
- Individual
- Family
- Couples
- Referrals

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

Parish Ministries & Services

From Our Parish Counselor...

HOW TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT GRATITUDE
Part IX

Create a Family Gratitude Project

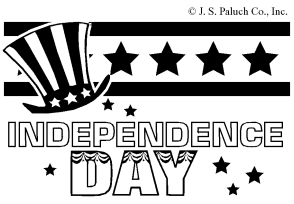
A family project can be a good way to get everyone involved in expressing gratitude. For example, you could create a family bulletin board where everyone can add notes about what they're thankful for. Whether you use sticky notes, a whiteboard where everyone writes with a marker, or colorful pages that can be tacked up, either way it's a great family project.

It can be a great conversation piece as well. You might talk about certain things someone feels grateful for or you might talk about how fast the board fills up because you have so many good things going on in life.

You could also create a gratitude jar that everyone contributes to. Keep a jar in an easily accessible place, like the kitchen, and keep some slips of paper handy. Encourage everyone to write down something they're grateful for (maybe once a day) and put it in the jar.

Then, you can read over the slips of paper together as a family—maybe once a week or once a month. It can be a great way to honor all the good things happening in everyone's lives.

No matter what type of family project you start, make it something that gets everyone thinking and talking more about gratitude. Listening to the things everyone else is grateful for can encourage even more gratitude in the family.



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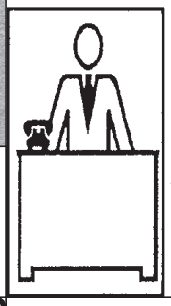

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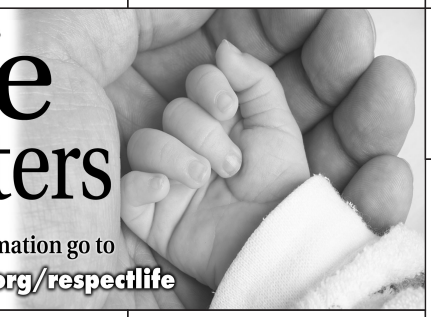

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