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 11, 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.

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**Fax:** 718-966-8420
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday,
8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
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**School:** 718-984-7091
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**Our Church is** accessible

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# 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:

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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.

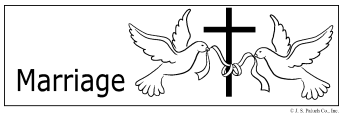
### Parish Membership
All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests 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)

## Banns of Marriage

**III**
James Buckley & Olivia Raimondo
Michael Roche & Nicole Genovese

**II**
Peter Toscano & Dana Wells
Michael Figliolia & Mary Sanicola

**I**
Michael Santos & Briana Di Tore
Anthony Fernandes & Krizia Gupiteo




## Marriage in Christ

**Congratulations to the newly married couple:**

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Inglima
(Stephanie Cashman)

## 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 **Christopher Mann, Barrett Healy, Rose Orlandi, Marie (Louise) Fazzina, Dolores Bossert and Robert A. Buonsiglio.**

## Celebrations of the Eucharist

**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

**Monday, July 12th**
7:00 AM Toms S. Rzucidlo
8:15 AM Anthony Browne
9:00 AM Michael Milici

**Tuesday, July 13th**
7:00 AM Katherine Philip Stasuk
8:15 AM Nicholas Cucurullo
9:00 AM Anthony Giaramita (1st Anniversary)

**Wednesday, July 14th**
7:00 AM Popeye, Cino, Cinini, Vcha, Jina & All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 AM John Gannone
9:00 AM The Nuara Family

**Thursday, July 15th**
7:00 AM Stella Morelli
8:15 AM Grace Iannone
9:00 AM Samantha Belusic

**Friday, July 16th**
7:00 AM Anthony "Butch" Pannone
8:15 AM Carmela Puglisi
9:00 AM Giuseppina Gnerre & Angela & Luigi Melone & Melone Family

**Saturday, July 17th**
8:15 AM Giuseppe Abate
9:00 AM Grace Piccione (2nd Anniversary)

**Saturday Vigil, July 17th**
5:00 PM Jean & Anthony Cacace

**Sunday, July 18th**
7:00 AM James Quinn
8:30 AM Caroline & Harold LaForge
10:00 AM Helen Mellon
11:30 AM Oscar Ortiz
1:00 PM Salvatore Varbaro
7:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

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

In Loving Memory of
**Barbara Stanzione**
offered by
Yolanda Ferrentino

## 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.

### 15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**Readings:** Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

### Question of the Week

**Adult:** Is Jesus sending me out to share the Good News? If so, how do I trust him to provide for my journey?

**Child:** How can I share the Good News of Jesus this week?

And Jesus called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. (Mark 6:7)

### Preparing for Sunday: Our Weekly Scriptures

### 16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time:

What beautiful readings we have next week. In the first reading God has very harsh words for the shepherds who misled his people, "I will take care to punish your evil deeds." But he has words of hope for the sheep, "I will raise up a righteous shoot to David" who will pasture the sheep in doing what is right and just (Jer. 23:1-6). In the second reading, St. Paul identifies that Shepherd as Jesus. Unlike the shepherd in the time of Jeremiah who scattered the sheep, by his blood, Jesus brings near to God those who are far. He comes to reconcile man with God (Eph. 2:13-18). The Gospel picks up where today's Gospel ends. Jesus' disciples return from their mission and Jesus invites them to take a rest after their labor. A righteous teacher concerned about his disciples. Then the people come looking for instructions, his heart is moved with pity (Mk. 6:30-34). So for Mark, this great shepherd is not a mighty king, but a humble teacher with words of hope that lead others to the heart of God.

# From the Pastoral Staff

**On Christian Discipleship and Ministry**

Friend, today let's begin a new conversation on discipleship and ministry. Call it discipleship spirituality. Jesus commissioned his disciples to go into the whole world and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:18–20) and also admonished them saying, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Mt 10:16). This commission and the admonition are as imperative today as they were over two millennia ago. Throughout my formation to become a priest and in the few years of ministry, everything makes it clearer to me that ministry is coterminous with discipleship. Every Christian is called to be a minister and a disciple. St. Peter the Apostle reminds us of our common calling that we "are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pt 2:9).

Like the Apostles, God sends out bishops and priests to preach and heal through the word and the sacraments (Mk 6:7–13). Like Amos the prophet, God sends out ordinary parents, grandparents, guardians, godparents, catechists, lectors, extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, administrators, managers, secretaries, teachers, deacons, and the religious as powerful messengers of God in our midst (Am 7:12–15). Here in the family of St. Clare's Church we find a good example: we are blessed not only with the ministry of the ordained (priests and deacons) but also with varied enriching ministries of the laity who devote themselves to the building of the kingdom of God in our midst. Who I am and who I could be I owe it first of all to the ministry of my parents and siblings who laid the foundation on Christ upon whom others have built and are still building. Besides, prior to my ordination as deacon, I benefited from the unique ministry of a mother (not my biological mother) in her capacity as a Pastoral Companion, an archdiocesan initiative in which seminarians had a specific lay person to journey with them in their formation. That companionship served as a bridge between seminary formation and ordained ministry, made the transition from seminary training to priestly ministry so meaningful, and deepened my understanding of ministry as discipleship.

You will agree with me that the twenty-first century has witnessed increasing aggression as well as genuine hunger for true values. Technological advancement, globalization, cross-cultural and interfaith encounters give rise to an increasing diversification of persons and societies, making our world one of multiplicity and diversity, aggression and need, and a quest for a spirituality that sets people apart for God but does not set them apart from other people. The spiritual path is unique for everyone but Christian discipleship stands out as a fundamental, dynamic, authentic, indispensable, all-embracing, and global model of spirituality that we need if we are to be effective ministers of Christ.

To be continued …

Your friend,
*Fr. Patrick*

GOD ALWAYS IN ALL WAYS

When I began these series of bulletin inserts, I hoped to re-assure you of the continuing presence of God during the pandemic. I did not anticipate we would be examining God's presence in the various parts of the Holy Mass. I, for one, have enjoyed pondering God with us in the liturgy. We are focusing at this particular point of the Mass – reception of Holy Communion – because this supreme way God is with us: in the Holy Eucharist. Rather than rely upon my rhetorical skills, this column will present quotes from the saints on the Real Presence of Jesus in Communion. The first quote will come, not from a saint but from the Lord Jesus: "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." --St. Padre Pio

"Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me - it is the Eucharist." --St. Faustina

"When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food."--St. Francis de Sales

"With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."--Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist."--Mother Teresa

"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation. In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."--St. Francis of Assisi

*Suggestion of the week: In Holy Communion, Jesus offers you all He is. Pray to receive Him, love him and join to His Sacred Body as He gives Himself to you.*

*Fr. Brendan Gormley*

## 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
Mary Ferrares
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.

*Reprinted from flocknote.*

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

June 30, 2021
Year of Saint Joseph

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

May I raise two points with you today?

First, as we approach the Independence Day weekend, allow me to wish all of you an enjoyable Summer. It is my hope that, after the trials and difficulties of these past 16 months, you will have an opportunity for some much-needed rest and relaxation. I am very much looking forward to spending some time with family and friends that I have not seen for more than a year!

Second, let me remind you that there is still a sacred obligation to attend Sunday Mass, even if you are on vacation. Unfortunately, there has been some confusion recently over whether or not a "dispensation" from Sunday Mass has been in effect. Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there has never been a dispensation from Sunday Mass, because no man can "dispense" or set aside a Divine (as opposed to man-made) law. The Third Commandment says, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day," and I can no more say that this no longer applies than I can say that we can forget about "Thou shalt not steal" or "Honor thy father and thy mother." To deliberately miss Mass is a sin.

Of course, the Church has always held that there may be some justifiable reasons why a person can miss Mass, including old age, illness, and infirmity; this is still the case. During this pandemic, public Mass was not being celebrated for several months, and when Mass resumed, there was still a possibility of catching or spreading the coronavirus, and individuals could, after carefully consulting their conscience, decide not to return to Mass right away. However, now that vaccination rates are up, Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, and people are returning to a more normal way of living, this excuse cannot be said to exist any longer. If you're going to the mall, having dinner out in restaurants, heading to the ballgame, visiting the hairdresser, and the like, then you should also be at Mass!

Please be assured of a remembrance in my Mass and prayers during these Summer months. Might I ask for a remembrance in yours?

A blessed Summer.

Faithfully in Christ,

***Cardinal Timothy Dolan***
*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*
Archbishop of New York

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

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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## Why Adult Faith Formation?

In a column in "Catholic New York", Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan addressed the need for a continuing growth in faith. He praised catechesis for children in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs calling it intensive and consistent, but stated that it should not end when they graduate. He said that lifelong faith formation is not a luxury but a duty.

He also said, "now, more than ever, our Catholic people are called upon to explain and defend their faith. If you're not well-grounded in it, get ready to have it taken away from you by people from other religions who are indeed well-versed in their own, by the best-selling atheists, by the high priests of secularism (the new religion), by op-ed pieces which distort our faith, or by late-night comedians who poke fun at it."

Only by becoming an adult in the faith are we able to fulfill the vocation given to us at our Baptism, i.e. witnessing to the Gospel in our words and deeds in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods and centers of culture.

Saint Pope John Paul II called the catechesis of adults the principal form of catechesis because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibility and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form. It consists of a deepening of the faith received at Baptism with a view to helping individuals all life long to grow to full maturity in Christ.

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

**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.

**St. Clare Feast Day**
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**
**9:00 a.m. Mass—Church**

Please join us in celebrating St. Clare of Assisi Feast Day, the patron Saint of our parish, on **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** We will have light refreshments in the Murphy Center following Mass.

## Remembering 9/11: 20 Years Later

On September 11, 2021 we will be commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11. If we were asked "where were you or what were you doing on 9/11?" You would be able to describe the day as if it was yesterday. So on this major anniversary, we want to take time to remember, to pray and to commemorate.

The evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a remembrance service by the Eternal Flame near the Pathway of Prayer. This prayer will include the calling of names of the deceased, placing individual flowers near the flame in their honor, and lighting a candle of hope to remember them. The prayer service will continue with a solemn procession with candles to the Church for the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, which will be celebrated in their honor.

Here at St. Clare we lost many parishioners on 9/11 itself. But for the last 20 years, we have lost many more parishioners to 9/11 related illness. On September 11, 2021 we want to honor and remember all of these beloved parishioners. Therefore, if you have a family member who died in the last 20 years since 9/11 due to 9/11 related illness, please email their names to: mnoel@sclaresi.com. We don't want to miss any names. So please get the names to us. We also want you to save the date and time, **September 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to join us.**

A formal invitation letter will be sent home to all who have lost a loved one on or as a result of 9/11. May God bless their memories.

# Religious Education

Marie Noel
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## Welcome our New Coordinator of Religious Education: Ms. Siobhan O'Brien

It is with great joy and the warmest affection we welcome our new Coordinator of Religious Education, Ms. Siobhan O'Brien.
Ms. O'Brien grew up in our Church. She attended St. Clare School from grade K-8th. Upon her graduation from our school, she attended St. John Villa Academy High School.

Ms. O'Brien is a careered educator, with over 27 years of teaching experience. After graduating from College Ms. O'Brien returned to St. John Villa Elementary School as a religion teacher. She served in that capacity from 1994 until the school closed in 2018. From there she taught at Our Lady Help of Christians until they closed in 2019. She comes to us from Moore Catholic High School where she was teaching theology for the past two years.

Ms. O'Brien remains an active member of our Church. You might have seen her serving as a lector at our Sunday Masses. I know you will join me in making her feel welcome as our Coordinator. If you have question about registering your child for Religious Education, please email Ms. O'Brien at sobrien@stclaresi.com. You can also find the registration form online at www.stclaresi.com. Complete the form and email it to her. She'll be very happy hearing from you.

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# School News

## A Thought from the National Junior Honor Society

Question: What St. Clare School Has Meant to Me
by: Margaret O'Brien

During my time at St. Clare School, I have learned many life lessons that have prepared me for a higher education. Although some would argue that high school is what prepares you for life beyond the academic walls, I prefer to believe that it is the combined years of elementary and middle school that teach you this. During these school years, we learn so much about ourselves, others, and what we want to do with our lives. I am beyond grateful I could spend my developmental years at St. Clare's. The community is welcoming and warming, always willing to help. The multiple afterschool programs and sports helped me branch out socially and learn while having fun. One of my favorites is ELF (our school's Environmental Leaders Fellowship). School liturgies have helped me connect with my faith.

Over the years, I have felt that I have been able to flourish academically while maintaining beautiful friendships. Moving towards High School was something that often made me anxious and I always worried about it. However, because of the amazing guidance of the teachers and administrators, I will miss St. Clare's but will always keep them in my heart, mind, and prayers.

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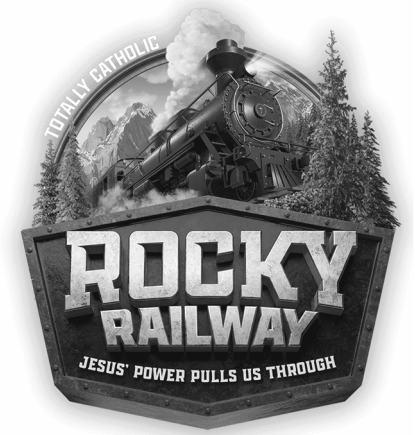


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Part 2 of 3

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Narcotics – If your pain is severe, your physician may prescribe medications containing codeine, such as hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Vicodin, Norco) or oxycodone/acetaminophen (Tylox, Percocet, Roxicet). Narcotics can be habit-forming.

Antidepressants – Tricyclic antidepressants, such as amitriptyline, are often used to control chronic pain - especially if it is keeping you awake at night.

Anti-seizure drugs – The epilepsy medication gabapentin (Neurontin) can be used to control chronic pain.

***EMPLOYMENT GROUP NEWS***

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

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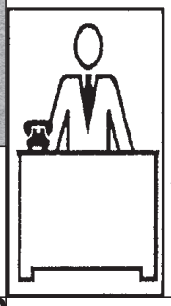

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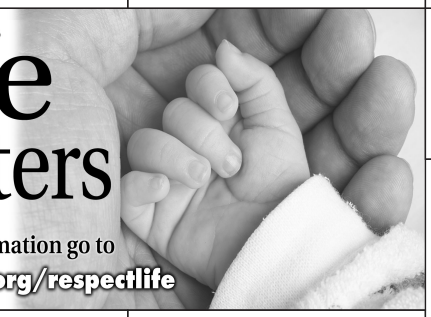

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