

St. Clare Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

Rectory Hours

Monday—Friday: 9am—12pm, 1pm—4pm

Saturdays: 10am-2pm

Sundays: Closed

Please call in advance to make an appointment to see either a priest or a deacon.

Parishioners at St. Clare worship regularly at Mass, participate in the community life of the Church and make use of the weekly envelopes in support of the parish.

Parish Clergy and Staff

Rev. John Nimako, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Christopher Barber, Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Richard Hurst, Permanent Deacon

Ms. Dianne Sealy-Soon, Office Manager

Ms. Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation (718) 527-6153

Mr. Michael Zephyrine, Music Director

Ms. Sachara Valme, Youth Minister

Mr. Richard Sealy, Custodian

St. Clare Catholic Academy

137-25 Brookville Boulevard, Rosedale, NY 11422

Pre-K-Grade 8

Mrs. Providencia Quiles, Principal Mrs. Deanna Maynard, Assistant Principal Mrs. Joanne Pinnock, Dean Mrs. Lucy Diaz, Administrative Assistant (718) 528-7174

website: www.stclarecatholicacademy.org

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sundays: 8am, 10: 30am & 12:30pm Holy Days: *To Be Announced*

Devotions

Miraculous Medal said on Monday mornings after Mass. St. Clare Novena is said on Saturday mornings after Mass. The Rosary is said daily after weekday Mass, Sacred Heart Novena will be said after First Friday Mass, 20 Decades of the Rosary after First Saturday Mass. First Friday Holy Hour: 7:30pm

Sacraments

Baptism: Monthly (except during Lent and the summer months), on Saturdays at 12:30pm. We are pleased to baptize infants and children up to 7 years of age with at least one parent who is Roman Catholic. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation:

For Children and Youth from ages 7 to 17, please call Ms. Lisa Sampson at 718-527-6153

Order of Christian Initiation in Adults (OCIA)

Adults, 18 yrs. and older, who wish to become Catholic or if Catholic and wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, e.g., Confirmation & Communion. Call Ms. Lisa Sampson.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Rectory.

Confessions: Offered every Saturday from 3: 30pm—4: 30pm or by appointment.

Matrimony: Couples are asked, first, to make arrangements with parish clergy at least six months in advance prior to the wedding date.

12:30pm

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:00pm In Honor of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00am For You, the People of the Parish
10:30am In Loving Memory of Ismet Francisque,
requested by his Wife and Children

In Loving Memory of William Kraal,

requested by Maureen Kaczynski and Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30am In Thanksgiving requested by Adela

Santamaria

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30am In Thanksgiving requested by Adela

Santamaria.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30am Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Holanda

Macaya requested by Adela Santamaria.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30am Happy Heavenly Birthday to Anthony Preddie, requested by his Wife and Children.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30am Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Jacqueline Burrowes requested by the Pyle Family.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30am In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings to Chioma Ukazy requested by her Parents.

5:00pm In Loving Memory of Dorothy Margaret Raftery requested by Chiara Montalto Gianni.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00am Birthday Blessings to Rose Charles 10:30am Birthday Blessings to Rose Charles,

requested by Carline Turin.

12:30pm For You, the People of the Parish



The Holy Father, Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for NOVEMBER 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

2022 \$6,859.00 \$4,484.00 11/06/2022 11/05/2023

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wis 6:12-16, Mt 25:1-13, (154) Sun Mon Wis 1:1-7, Lk 17:1-6 (491) Wis 2:23-3:9. Lk 17:7-10 (492) Tue. Wed. Wis 6:1-11, Lk 17:11-19 (493) Wis 7:22b-8:1, Lk 17:20-25 (494) Thur. Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37 (495) Fri. Wis 18:14-16, Lk 18:1-8 (496) Sat. Wis 6:12-16, Mt 25:1-13, (154) Sun

THIS WEEK

Sunday November 12

8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass 12:00pm—Faith Formation 12:30pm Mass

Monday, November 13

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm— 100th Anniversary Committee

Tuesday, November 14

8:30am—Morning Mass

Wednesday, November 15

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, November 16

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Worship4Life

Friday, November 17

8:30am—Morning Mass

6:30pm—Youth Planning Committee

Saturday, November 18

TURKEY GIVEAWAY

8:30am—Morning Mass

12:30pm—Infant Baptism

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Vigil Mass





Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique
 pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability
 to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan

Bishop of Brooklyn



This year the Women's Ministry will be partnering with a local Domestic Violence Shelter that houses Men, Women & Children and they have provided a needs list which is below. If you would like to donate to this Drive, please place selected Items from this list into a Shoebox and call anyone from the contact list below to arrange pickup or deliver packed Shoebox to the Rectory office by Saturday Dec. 16th, 2023. Please attach a copy of flyer, checking off included Items. Pis contact anyone from the Women's team for more information.

(Please note -No used or travel sized Items accepted).

Personal Care

Feminine Hygiene Products

Body Wash Shaving Cream

Washcloths, loofa sponge puffs

Adult Diapers

Hair care products

Body Lotion (fragrance free)

Toothbrushes

Full size toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant (Men & Women)

Duffel bags/Weekend Bags

Clothing items

New Underwear (assorted types & sizes)

New Women's Bras

Socks

Sweat Pants (assorted sizes)

Infant Items

Diaper rash cream

Children's Toothpaste Baby Wipes

Diapers & pull-ups (assorted sizes)

Household Items

Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent

Toilet Paper

Household Cleaning Supplies

For Details Please Contact:

Beverly Carr (646) 255-7968 Michelle McKenzle (646) 270-7689 Monique Sampson (917) 453-5115 or Email us: Stelarewm@gmail.com



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

With so much uncertainty in the world, the resolve of our priests and religious, ministers and teachers, and all people of faith has not only grown stronger in Queens and Brooklyn, but so have their needs.

To date you have pledged \$49,190.77 and paid \$30,690.52, we are still short of our total goal of \$55,051.00 by \$19,360.48. If we do not reach our goal by

December 31st, 2023 this year, the discrepancy must be paid by the parish, if we go over our goal the surplus comes back to us. **Please make a special effort in helping us reach our goal**.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AROUND THE CHURCH

The Christmas season is just a month and a half away, we at Saint Clare Church are thinking ahead. Once again we have convened a Christmas Lights Committee to spearhead the decoration of the church building and surrounding grounds for the holiday season. If you wish to sponsor lights In Memory of, or In Honor of a loved one, you can make a donation by cash, check, or money order addressed to the parish, with "Christmas Lights" in the memo line, or on the envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to committee chair Cheryl Ann Lee or call the Rectory Office. Whatever amount you give will help our parish church shine at night in honor of Our Savior's birth.



PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS

Our Thanksgiving Mass will take place on **Thursday November 23rd at 10:00am**. Let us come together as a parish family and give thanks for all God's bounties

Each family is asked to bring one food item to be blessed and returned to their table at home. Again this year each family will receive a decorative placemat containing prayers to be offered before the Thanksgiving Dinner.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

During the season of Advent as we await the birth of our Lord, may you experience Hope, Joy, Love and Peace



Youth Ministry New Shoes 4 Children

We are collecting clothing, shoes, and hygiene kits for displaced men, women, and children. We are also accepting Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bath Soap, etc. and Monetary Donations

For more information contact the **Youth Ministry Office at 718-341-1018 X 1015**.

A Spaghetti Dinner + 4hr service credit is awarded for this endeavor.



BOOK OF NAMES OF THE DEAD

All parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in our book of remembrance located in the back of church.

They will be prayed for, at all the Masses celebrated here at St. Clare throughout November, the month of All Souls, as we reflect on the certainty of death and the "Hope of the Resurrection."



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ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

In November we remember and pray for the souls of the dead, especially our family

members, friends & fellow parishioners.

Feel free to take an envelope and fill in the names of your beloved dead whom you wish to have prayers offered during November. Return the envelope with your offering in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.



IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized,

Send in the names of your loved ones who are
ill, so that we may pray for them daily.

Edgar Grove Rosemary Nolan
Myles Ayoung Errol Granderson
Evelyn Farquharson Matthew Zinser III
Hugh Myton Nancy Joseph
Phillip Wright Annette B. Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23rd—Thanksgiving—Office Closed

November 23rd—10am Thanksgiving Mass

November 24th—Office Closed

December 8th—The Immaculate Conception

December 11th— 13th— Advent Revival
Guest Speaker: Fr. Nathansingh

December 16th—Infant Baptism

December 24th—Christmas Eve

December 25th—Christmas Day
