



St. Clare Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 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 Religious Education
(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

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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.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

5:00pm Health and Healing for Myles Ayoung

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00am For You, the People of the Parish.

10:30am In Loving Memory of Wilfrid Louis,
requested by Margalie Victorin12:30pm In Loving Memory of Luc Stephen,
requested by the Stephen Family**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**8:30am Birthday Blessings to Marvin Edmond
requested by Martha Edmond**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**8:30am For the Speedy release of Kristle Amuneke's
visa, requested by Kelechi Amuneke**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**8:30am Birthday Blessings to Ghuims Devis,
requested by Marie— Ann Devis.**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**8:30am In Honor of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest
and Doctor of the Church.**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**8:30am Birthday Blessings to Tawens Clark Polo,
requested by Margalie Victorin.**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**8:30am Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Darryl B.
Moses, requested by Veronica Moses and Family5:00pm In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of
Prague, requested by Martha Edmond**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**8:00am In Loving Memory of Fortune Turin,
requested by Carline Turin11:00am In Loving Memory of Rita Suzanna
DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family5:00pm Birthday Blessings to Margaret Whyte.
12Midnight For You, the People of the Parish

**The Holy Father, Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention for DECEMBER 2023****For Persons with Disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may
be at the center of attention in society, and that
institutions may offer inclusive programs which
value their active participation.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$4,474.00	\$4,544.00
12/11/2022	12/10/2023

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun	Is 61:2a, 10-11, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)
Mon	Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25 (194)
Tue.	Jgs 13:2-7, Lk 1:15-25 (195)
Wed.	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38 (196)
Thur.	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45 (197)
Fri.	1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56 (198)
Sat.	Mal 3:1-4, Lk 1:57-66 (199)
Sun	2 Sm 7:1-5, Lk 1:26-38 (11)

**THIS WEEK****Sunday December 17**

8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass

12:00pm—Faith Formation

12:30pm—Mass

5:00pm— Gaudate Lessons & Carols—

Guest Speaker—Msgr. Sean Ogle.

6:30pm—Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 18**ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

8:30am—Morning Mass

Confessions

10:00am—School Confessions—Grades 2—4

1:00pm—School Confessions—Grades 5—8

6:00pm—Penance Service**Tuesday, December 19**

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:00pm—Knights of Columbus—**Rectory Basement****Wednesday, December 20**

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, December 21

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Worship4Life

Friday, December 22

8:30am—Morning Mass

Saturday, December 23

8:30am—Morning Mass

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Vigil Mass



Dear Parishioners,

There are only two days in the whole liturgical year when the Church bedecks herself in resplendent rose. One day is Laetare Sunday, otherwise the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Laetare Sunday draws its name from the Latin prayer once uttered at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam." Rendered into English, "Rejoice, O Jerusalem and come together all you that love her." In Lent's austerity, we are glad that the Lord is nearing Jerusalem to accomplish the greatest work of salvation, His Death and Resurrection. In Advent's hope, rose is the color of this day, Gaudete Sunday. Its name drawn from another ancient prayer, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete." Again for modern ears, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!" With glad expectation, we--- with the shepherds and the Magi--- draw near the manger of Bethlehem to receive the Christ-child.

At the heart of today is joy, not happiness. Let me explain. Happiness is momentary. Joy is life-long. As a young child I remember the happiness I had when for my elementary school graduation, my mom purchased for me, the Nintendo 64 game system. At the time, it was a very advanced machine. I say now the happiness was momentary because the Nintendo 64 did not contribute to my being. It did not make me a better person, let alone a better student. My math grades in middle school were horrendous. In a due time, the Nintendo 64 became a machine of yesteryear when the Nintendo GameCube succeeded it. My old Nintendo 64, the source of youthful happiness, is collecting dust somewhere.

Joy, my brothers and sisters, is a deeper and more profound reality. Whilst in seminary, a classmate of mine, Fr. Anthony Giacona, opined, "Joy is to know that you have value and worth because God loved you before you even loved yourself!" There is no title, position, job, salary, house, or benefit, on earth that can bring us joy. Happiness is fleeting, but joy remains. It is thus, fitting, for the Apostle Paul to link joy with prayer. We must be in life-affirming and life-sustaining relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ order to know joy. Without that living link we cannot "in all circumstances give thanks" (1 Thess. 5: 18) nor authentically "test everything; retain what is good [and] refrain from every kind of evil." (1 Thess. 5: 22) Joy, by its nature, is an extension of grace, a reassurance of God's love for this fallen world. And once, we have known in God, we can know joy and share it in other people. Joy re-orders every human relationship. I can see and love in another, what God Himself sees and loves in me. The loving warmth that emanates from joy is a foretaste of heaven. The fidelity of marriage, or in my case, the celibacy of priesthood, are reminders that one is not only pledged to the good of another, but also to the salvation of another. In some of my dearest friendships, I can feel another presence, a divine presence, a divine joy. On this point, the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, once preached, "We can reflect on whether we are really aware of this fact that the Lord is present among us, that he is not a distant God but a God-with-us, a God in our midst who is with us here, who is in the Blessed Eucharist, he is with us in the living Church and we must be heralds of this presence of God. Thus, God rejoices in us and we can attain joy: God exists, God is good and God is close."

On this rosy Gaudete Sunday let us keep in mind that happiness comes and goes, but joy remains. It is a gift comes to us soon as babe in Bethlehem, and later as a man mounts the Cross for my salvation and yours. Christ is the Father's answer to every woe and sorrow, and the fulfillment of a promise offered long ago. Let us not only this Sunday, but every day, utter that time honored prayer, "Rejoice always in the Lord, again I say, Rejoice!"

In Christ,

Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley,
Pastor



ADVENT 2023 at St. Clare Church



Join us this Advent, in prayer and praise, to herald the Savior's birth.

Vespers & Benediction

Sunday, December 3, 3:30 PM

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Mr. Joseph 'Joe' Dass

Sunday, December 10, 3:30 PM

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Richard "Rick" Riccioli, OFM. Conv.

Three Day Revival

December 11-13, 6 PM

Guest Revivalist: The Rev. Trevor Nathasingh

Lessons & Carols

with the Blessing of the Parish Christmas Lights & Trees

Sunday, December 17, 5 PM

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Msgr. Sean Ogle

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 18

Confessions heard after the 8:30 AM Mass & 6 PM Penance Service

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ORNAMENT SALE EXTENDED



Youth MINISTRY

\$5 Christmas Ornament Sale

Nov. 19th- Dec. 10th

Buy an ornament for the tree.
place your prayer intentions inside
for Christmas Blessing

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CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH

Special Christmas envelopes collection for the parish has gone out, and by now you should have received it. The Christmas letter from the Pastor asks that every parishioner prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season.

Extra Christmas collection envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. The Pastoral Staff thanks you for your "Christmas Gift to My Church" this year.

	CHRISTMAS	
	OFFERING	
	Name _____	
	Address _____	
	City _____	State _____ Zip _____
		Amount \$ _____

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**Goal:** \$55,051.00**Pledged:** \$56,690.77**Received:** \$37,768.07**Amount Needed to Fulfill Amount Pledged:
\$18,922.70**

Please remember to continue making your pledge payments to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We are **almost \$18,000.00** short of our goal with just 2 more weeks to go in the year. You can make it easier by going online at www.AnnualCatholicappeal.org, because if we go over our goal that amount comes back to the parish. If you have not yet made a PLEDGE, prayerfully consider making one to this year's **Annual Catholic Appeal**.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

The parish seeks to reach out to the infirmed and hospitalized parishioners. If you or any of your family members, ill or infirmed, wish to have Communion or Anointing of the Sick in your home or at a local hospital please contact the Rectory Office at 718-341-1018, or Hilary Michael at 347-668-2076.



CHRISTMAS PLANTS DONATIONS

Plants that decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **In Memory of or In Honor of** a Loved one.



The donation is \$15.00. Christmas Donation Envelopes are available in the Church, please return your offering in the collection baskets or at the Parish Office.

**PARKING ISSUES AROUND THE CHURCH**

We ask everyone's cooperation when parking cars around the church on Sunday mornings. Please do not block our neighbors' driveways or block each other in the parking lots, you never know when an emergency might arise and someone has to leave right away.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

Tomorrow, Monday December 18th, 2023, our Diocese will celebrate **Advent Reconciliation Monday**. On this special day, St. Clare Church will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** after the 8:30am Mass, and during the 6pm Penance Service. This is in preparation of the great **Feast of the Lord's Nativity**.



Worship Schedule for Christmas & New Year's at Saint Clare Church, Rosedale

Sunday, December 24, 2023, Christmas Eve

8 AM & 11 AM Morning Masses *(for Sunday of the Fourth Week of Advent)*

5 PM Youth & Family Mass with Children's Pageant

11 PM Carol Service

12 AM Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023, Christmas Day

10 AM Morning Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2023, New Year's Eve

8 AM & 11 AM Morning Masses *(for the 7th Day of Christmas)*

10 PM Confessions

11 PM Carol Service

12 AM Midnight Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024, New Year's Day

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

9:30 AM Rosary, 10 AM Morning Mass

followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena

The Rectory Office will be closed on Christmas & New Year's Day



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TAKING ADVENT HOME

During the season of Advent as we await the birth of our Lord, may you experience Hope, Joy, Love and Peace. Every family is encouraged to place an **Advent Wreath** in the home and light the candles each evening. Today, Sunday December 17th, is the **Third Sunday of Advent,**

LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE ON YOUR ADVENT WREATH



**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

Myles Ayoung

Evelyn Farquharson

Matthew Zinser III

Ann English

Rosemary Nolan

Phillip Wright

Nancy Joseph

Hugh Myton

Huguette Leroy

SAVE THE DATE OF 02/10/2024



ST CLARE CHURCH ROSEDALE
 THE MEN OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 PROUDLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

**Mardi Gras
&
Valentine
Dinner Dance**

WHEN : SAT FEBRUARY 10, 2024
TIME : 6 : 30PM - 10 : 30PM
WHERE : ST CLARE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TICKETS : \$30 SINGLE / \$50 COUPLE

COMPLIMENTARY MARDI GRAS MASK OR BEADS WITH EACH TICKET
GREAT MUSIC! GREAT FOOD! GREAT FUN!
 TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY OFFICE AND AFTER EACH MASS

**GIFT BASKETS
50/50 RAFFLES**

137-35 BROOKVILLE BLVD. ROSEDALE NY 11422



SAVE THE DATE— AUGUST 3RD, 2024

100th Anniversary of St. Clare Catholic
Church Dinner & Dance Gala

\$175.00 (4 Part Payment Plan Available)

Yellow Limo Will take You To and From Venue

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON AT THE RECTORY OFFICE,
JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT OCCASION.**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18th—Advent Reconciliation Monday
 December 24th—Christmas Eve
 December 25th—Christmas Day—(Office Closed)

