



## St. Clare Catholic Church

**The Reverend Daniel O. Kingsley, Pastor**

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2024**

### 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

website: [www.stclarecatholicacademy.org](http://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.

~ Happy New Year ~

**2024**

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

5:00pm Birthday Blessings to Maureen Kaczynski,  
requested by her Children & their Families

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00am Birthday Blessings to Carline Turin,  
requested by Rose Charles

10:30am For You, the People of the Parish

12:30pm In Loving Memory of Frantz & Pierre  
Colas, requested by Jeanine Per

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:30am For the Souls of those Enrolled in our  
Purgatorial Society

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:30am In Loving Memory of Msgr. James Cooney

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:30am In Loving Memory of Paul Dass

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:30am Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Amide  
Philomene Joseph, requested by Suzy Simon

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:30am Birthday Blessings to Irnel Stephen,  
requested by the Stephen Family.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:30am Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Idowu  
S. Kingsley, requested by the Kingsley Family

5:00pm Repose of the Soul of Edward Kouakou,  
requested by Desiree Kouakou

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:00am In Loving Memory of Daniel Rodriguez

10:30am In Loving Memory of Robert Lee Boyd II,  
requested by the Rosary / Altar Society

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

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

2023

**\$5,579.00**

New Year's Eve  
Midnight Mass  
New Years Day

2024

**\$7,286.00**

New Year's Eve  
Midnight Mass  
New Year's Day

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sun Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Lk 2:22-40 (17)  
Mon Nm 6:22-27, Lk 2:16-21 (18)  
Tue. 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28 (205)  
Wed. 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34 (206)  
Thur. 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42 (207)  
Fri. 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51 (208)  
Sat. 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 3:33-38 (209)  
Sun Is 60:1-6, Mt 2:1-12 (60)

**THIS WEEK****Sunday January 7**

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

**Monday, January 8**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:30am—Morning Mass  
7:30pm—ACA Team Meeting

**Thursday, January 11**

8:30am—Morning Mass  
7:30pm—Worship4Life

**Friday, January 12**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Saturday, January 13**

8:30am—Morning Mass  
3:30pm—Confessions  
5:00pm—Vigil Mass

**Sunday January 14**

8:00am Mass, 10:30am, 12:30pm Mass  
12:00pm—Faith Formation  
5:00pm—An Evening with the Pastors

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

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Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! It is my hope that each of you spent the holidays with those you love the most in this world. I, along with the clergy of the parish, enjoyed celebrating the special Masses that mark this time of the year. Christmas reminds us that God deigned to save the world through one like us in all things but sin, His Son Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary. New Year, though secular in observance, teaches us that our earthly pilgrimage is still unfolding and each of us is here on borrowed time. Yet, we trust in loving purposes of God, though His plan is far too mysterious for our minds to comprehend. Nevertheless, I am embracing 2024 with open arms and open eyes.

It is in the spirit of that newfound courage I would like to finally address a very pressing matter. Last November, Bishop Brennan wrote a very sobering letter to every Roman Catholic parish in Brooklyn and Queens. If you have not seen nor read the letter hard copies will be made available next week in the back of church. Our shepherd laid bare some troubling figures. The attendance of the faithful at Holy Mass has dropped some 40 percent in the last five years! Moreover, we have more priests retiring and/or dying than we have seminarians to replenish the clerical ranks! In short, we can not continue with business as usual, something has got to give.

Allow me to bring this home. I am told that prior to my arrival as administrator, in the summer of 2020, our Masses use to be standing room only. Along with the people came the monies to help with our operational costs. And yes, I understand that was pre-pandemic. I can say presently post-pandemic Saint Clare has not returned to her former glory. The 8 AM and 10: 30 AM Sunday Masses are our best attended liturgies often boasting some 100+ parishioners. The 5 PM (Saturday) and 12: 30 PM Masses are our least attended, both rarely break the mid-60s mark. On average, Father John and I see about 300 people between the four Masses. Furthermore, Saint Clare nets any where from between an estimated \$2, 000 to \$ 4,000 in weekly collections. If our parish survived on this alone, I would have had to make some deep cuts to spending and personnel. What is keeping us afloat are rental incomes from the school annex, the former convent, and the leasing of our bell tower as a cellular communications antenna. Yet, still Saint Clare is financially stressed as in the last three years we have had to address significant financial liabilities as well as repair to critical infrastructure. I am in conversation with the Diocese of Brooklyn about next steps. That being said, we are NOT at risk of closing.

I write all this as we now embark on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. First and foremost, Saint Clare's best days are not behind her, but ahead of her. As the 13<sup>th</sup> pastor I am duty-bound to leave this church better than I found when Father Andy, Lord rest him, handed the reins to me. However, I cannot do this alone. In the days and weeks ahead, I will either convene or convoke extraordinary meetings of parish clergy and staff, the parish council, the finance council, as well as ministries and societies to ask three simple questions: 1. Where were we 'yesterday,' 2. where are we today?, and 3. where are we going tomorrow? I may, in the spirit of Pope Francis' synod convene a town hall to ask rank and file parishioners those very same questions and here your responses. Or if such a public forum is too daunting, I will accept written and signed electronic (or physical) correspondence and address parishioner concerns on a one-on-one basis in a private meeting. The only rule to these important deliberations is Christian charity, every priest, deacon, staffer, volunteer, and parishioner is owed the right to their good name, reputation, and character; this will not be the settling of old scores or past hurts.

In the meanwhile, what are some practical, concrete steps we can take as a parish community now. First and foremost, pray for parish clergy and staff, including yours truly. We work tirelessly to ensure that this church is truly a place where all can come and encounter the Living Christ. Second, as per our bishop's plea, pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life "for the harvest is great, but the laborers are few." (Mt. 9: 37-38) Third, continue to tithe, and if you have not yet made a (or paid your) pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal please do so. As of today, we are \$10,000 short of our \$ 55,051 goal. Fourth, reach out to fallen away parishioners who have not returned since the pandemic. A phone call or a cup of coffee may go a long way on bringing some of

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our neighbors back to the regular practice of their Catholic Christian faith. Fifth, please support First Friday, Vespers and Benediction, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and the like with your time and presence. Our Catholic Christian faith begins with the Mass, but it does not end there. And lastly, anything that is done for our beloved Saint Clare is not for our own honor and glory, but that of Almighty God, please remember that. We have supporting us a century long legacy of faith and service. Saint Clare, pray for us!

In Christ,  
Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley,  
Pastor

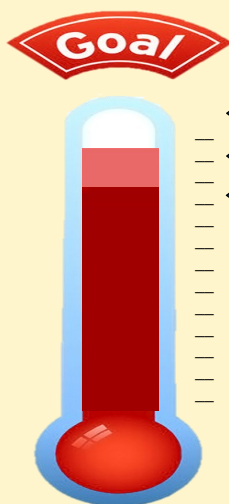


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## St. Clare R.C. Church

ACA Goal: \$55,051



Goal: \$55,051

Pledged: \$60,441

Received: \$44,543

**Thank you for your Donation!**  
If you have made a pledge for this year's Appeal, please remember to fulfill your pledge by January 11, 2024.

**Remember any amount paid over our goal comes back to the Parish !**

### WAYS TO DONATE:

- Please scan the above QR
- Complete the commitment form below and return To the rectory office.
- Pledge Online at:

**[www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)**



**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

243 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, NY 11215-5807

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**My Total Pledge Amount is:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed Today is:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$1000

☐ \$500

☐ \$250

☐ \$100

☐ \$50

☐ \$ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### My Commitment

I am / We are pleased to make a gift to the  
**Annual Catholic Appeal**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_


☐ **Yes!** I / We agree to pledge today or increase my/our pledge.

☐ **Amen!** I / We have already made a pledge.

☐ **Praying!** I / We are thinking about my/our decision.


Please call me/us at \_\_\_\_\_






# ART CONTEST & SHOWCASE

## WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?



### 2024 THEME

AFRICAN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION IN  
VISUAL ARTS, LITERATURE, MUSIC, AND  
FILM  
INFUSED WITH CARIBBEAN, HISPANIC,  
AND ASIAN EXPERIENCES



## ST. CLARE INVITES YOU TO EXPRESS YOURSELF!!

## FEBRUARY IS Black History Month

Submit your artwork as a drawing, painting, mixed media  
(collages, photography, and sculpture)

**The BLACK HISTORY MASS on February 4th, 2024 at 11am,  
Art exhibiton to be held after Mass at the reception in the  
school auditorium.**

Our church parishioners will review and decide the 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes, which  
will be announced the last weekend in February.

**LITERARY ART - WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?**

The spoken and the written word. Submit your poems & short word essays.  
Remember Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou were important voices in black  
culture.

For the winners of the literary art contest, one selection will be read at each  
mass, during the 4 weeks of Black History Month.

**WHO:** Students K-12 grades and adults 18+

**Entries:** Students print name/grade and title of your work on a white index  
card.  
Adults 18+ print name and title of your work on white index card.

**WHEN:** Submit items on Saturday January 27, 2024, in the  
rectory basement from 10-1pm





**A Eucharistic Minister or Lector**, is a parishioner, selected by the Pastor, who serves, distributes, and administers the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Holy Communion or Eucharist of the Church Service or does the Readings. We are in need of both.

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please call Theresa Vincent at 718-598-3530 or the Rectory at 718-341-1018.



You must register by February 26, 2024 as there is a training deadline on March 9, 2024. Please note, to be eligible you must be a Roman Catholic and have received all sacraments of the church.

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**"You shall love the Lord your God  
...and your neighbor as yourself"**

(Luke 10:27)



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 2024**

## Rosedale Ecumenical Churches

invites you to observe the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity with

### Coffee with the Pastors:

*A Casual Discussion About Our Christian Traditions*

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 5 PM  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
137-28 244th Street, Rosedale, NY 11422

and

### Ecumenical Vespers for Christian Unity

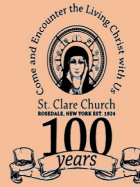
*Prayer for the Unity of Christ's Church on Earth*

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 5 PM  
Saint Clare RC Church  
137-35 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale, NY 11422

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Robson,  
Interim Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Rosedale

The Very Reverend Steve L. Foster,  
VI Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Daniel O. Kingsley,  
Pastor, St. Clare Roman Catholic Church



in collaboration with the Long Island Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LI-LARC) Dialogue

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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 in advance for your "Christmas Gift to My Church" this year.

### **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	Phillip Wright
Evelyn Farquharson	Nancy Joseph
Matthew Zinser III	Hugh Myton
Ann English	Huguette Leroy
Veronica Richards	

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 14th—An Evening with the Pastors  
Fr. Kingsley, Fr. Foster & Rev. Dr. Thomas Dobson  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
137-28 244th Street Rosedale NY 11422

January 15th—**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Rectory Office Closed**

January 18th—Vespers & Benediction

January 20th—Infant Baptism

January 21st— 5pm—Vespers for Christian Unity  
St. Clare Catholic Church

January 27th—School Open House (10am—1pm)

February 4th—St. Clare Black History Month Mass  
Followed by an Art Contest & Showcase—**Auditorium**

February 10th—Mardi Gras & Valentines Dance

February 14th—Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

February 16th—Ecumenical Stations of the Cross  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

February 19th—**Presidents' Day (Office Closed)**

February 21—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

February 24th—Black History Month Program

February 28—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

March 3rd— Women's Day Mass  
Followed by A One-Woman Play—**Auditorium**

March 6—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

March 9th—First Penance

March 13th—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

March 17th—St. Patrick's Day

March 19th— Solemnity of Saint Joseph

March 24—Palm Sunday

March 25th— Lenten Reconciliation Monday

**SOME DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
Brunch & Show


St. Clare Women's Ministry  
Presents

**SHIRLEY CHISHOLM**  
**UNBOSSSED**  
**& UNBOWED**  
**A ONE-WOMAN PLAY**  
**BY INGRID GRIFFITH**

An immersive and interactive  
solo show about the first  
African-American woman to run  
for the Presidency of  
the United States.

**SUN 3 MARCH, 2024 1-4 PM**

Location: St. Clare Church School Auditorium/241st Street

**ADULT ENTRY \$45 CHILDREN ENTRY \$25**



**INGRID GRIFFITH**

Actor/Writer/Playwright/Professor



SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

OR PURCHASE AT LINK BELOW



<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stclarewomensministry/1022726>

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**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**

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