

St. Clare Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 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
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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, FEBRUARY 10

5:00pm Birthday Blessings to Alex & Astride Mompremier, requested by the Mompremier Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00am Repose of the Soul of Pearline Juliette

Dick, requested by the Parisienne Family

10:30am Birthday Blessings to Jocelyn Pyle,

requested by her Brother and Sister

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30am The New Path in Lent leading to the certain Goal of Easter requested by Sister Regina

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30am Health and Healing for Nicholas Marshall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY / VALENTINE'S DAY)

8:30am Andy Stephen and Family, requested by

the Stephen Family

7:30pm For You, the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30am Birthday Blessings to David J Kingsley,

requested by the Kingsley Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30am For the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30am God's Richest Blessings on the people of

St. Clare Parish

5:00pm In Honor of the Seven Holy Founders of

the Servite Order

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00am Repose of the Soul of Ismet Francisque,

requested by the Francisque Family

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

12:30pm In Loving Memory of Benjamin A.

Kaczynski requested by Maureen Kaczynski



The Holy Father, Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for

FEBRUARY 2024

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

8am—\$1,442.00

Black History Month 11:00am—\$2,865.00

Mass —————

\$4,962.00

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, Mk 1:40-45 (77) Mon Jas 1:1-11, Mk 8:11-13 (335) Jas 1:12-18, Mk 8:14-21 (336) Tue. Wed. Jl 2:12-18, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25 (220) Thur. Fri. Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-14 (221) Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32 (222) Sat. Gn 9:8-15, Mk 1:12-15 (23) Sun

THIS WEEK

Sunday February 11

8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 12:30pm Mass

12:00pm—Faith Formation

12:00pm—Women's Ministry — Rectory Basement

Monday, February 12

8:30am—Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 13

8:30am—Morning Mass

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINE'S DAY

8:30am—Morning Mass—With Ashes

12:00pm—Service—With Ashes

5:45pm—7:00pm—Confessions

7:30pm—Evening Mass—With Ashes

Thursday, February 15

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Worship4Life

Friday, February 16

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm—Stations of the Cross





My dear Parishioners,

Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." (Gn. 3:19) Those words are uttered at the beginning of each and every Lent when the priest, deacon, or lay minister, imposes ash on the faithful. It recalls the punishment of death attached to our first parents' disobedience. The consequence of sin not only alienates us from God, but also from our very selves. Ash Wednesday serves as a poignant reminder for the Christian that the glories of the world---pride, pleasure, prestige---do in fact pass away.

We celebrated, a little over 40 days ago, the birth of the Christ-child. Now in the 40 days of Lent we recall the same child, now a man, enduring the bitter Cross in order to save our souls from eternal peril. The Church invites each of us to journey with the Lord Jesus as He undergoes His Passion and Death; taking up with new, or renewed, devotion the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices remind us of the obligations owed to God, ourselves and others. Prayer reminds us that the same God Who fashioned us desires to commune within us. Fasting demonstrates that we are not only physical beings, but spiritual ones as well. As such we are called to lay aside worldly things to aspire for sanctity. And lastly, almsgiving calls us to the charity that was the hallmark of Christ's earthly ministry. The aforementioned practices are tied together by sacrifice; we offer God our prayers, we abstain from meat, we give to the poor. They are sacrifices as we lose ourselves in order to 'take up our cross, and follow Him.' (Mark 8: 34)

If you wish to grow in prayer, consider making time to attend daily Mass, here at 8: 30 AM, or elsewhere. Every Lenten Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7: 30 PM. For this time-honored devotion our confirmation children will carry cross and candles as we make our way from station to station recalling the path Christ took to Calvary. This will be a great time for families to share the gift of faith. Also, on Lenten Wednesdays, beginning February 21, St. we will host Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction. The theme for these special evenings is "He broke the bonds of death to make manifest the Resurrection," words which come to us from the preface of Eucharistic Prayer II. We welcome Fr. Carlos Velasquez, the pastor of Saint Brigid, in Brooklyn, as our first guest preacher for the season. Consider this Lent, approaching either Fr. John or myself for sacramental confession; please note that we will observe Reconciliation Monday, on March 25. In regards to fasting from certain foods, behaviors, or habits, ask yourself what are healthier and holier alternatives to the things I am doing right now? And in almsgiving, ask how do I reach out and assist those in need? It could be something as simple as making use of Lenten mite boxes supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services, and closer to home, poor box contributions are earmarked for the good work of St. Anthony Shelter of Renewal for homeless men in the Bronx, and Providence House assisting at-risk women and their children in Brooklyn.

This Lententide, for the centennial year of our beloved parish, will be a special one. We are amongst thirty-seven parishes that will participate in the Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage. The faithful of Brooklyn and Queens will travel day by day, church by church, to venerate and adore the Blessed Sacrament. We are scheduled for Day 19 of the pilgrimage, Wednesday, March 6th. It will begin with Holy Mass at 8: 30 AM and conclude with Sung Vespers and Benediction at 7: 30 PM. More information, as well a full schedule of the day's events, will be released soon. Secondly, we will join the peoples of Saint Peter's Episcopal and Christ Lutheran Churches for our first ever Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 23, at 7: 30 PM at Saint Peter's. So, please note that we will NOT have Stations of the Cross here that night.

Allow these forty days to be transformative as we prepare to not only die, but also rise, with the one Savior and Redeemer of the world, Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ, Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley, Pastor

LEDT 2024





Vespers & Benediction

Theme: He broke the bonds of death to make manifest the Resurrection!

Wednesday, February 21, 7: 30 PM Guest Preacher: Fr. Carlos Velasquez

Wednesday, February 28, 7: 30 PM Guest Preacher: Fr. Jobin Thomas

Wednesday, March 6, 7: 30 PM Guest Preacher: Fr. Daniel Opoku-Mensah

Wednesday, March 13, 7: 30 PM Guest Preacher: Sr. Karen Lademann, OP

Wednesday, March 20, 7: 30 PM Guest Preacher: Fr. Patrick Keating

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, 7: 30 PM, at Saint Clare, except February 23rd

Friday, February 23, 7: 30 PM
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 137-28 244th St., Rosedale, NY 11422

Friday, March 22, 7: 30 PM Solemn Stations of the Cross Guest Preacher: Fr. Joseph Catafago

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Every Saturday from 3:30 PM-4: 30 PM before the 5 PM Vigil Mass

Reconciliation Monday, March 25
After the 8: 30 AM Morning Mass, from 2 PM-4 PM in the Rectory Office and from 6 PM-8 PM during Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

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LECTORS NEEDED. A Lector, is a parishioner, selected by the Pastor, the Parochial Vicar or the Deacon who does the Liturgy Readings at the Masses. We are in need of Lectors at the 8am & 12:30pm Masses, to be eligible you must be Roman Catholic and have received all sacraments of the Catholic Church, (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) If you are interested or know any one who might be, please speak to Fr. Kingsley, Fr. John or Deacon Chris, as soon as possible as you must register by February 26, 2024 for the training deadline on March 9, 2024.



ASH WEDDESDAY

February 14, 2024 * Ashes Given at Each Mass & Service Saint Clare RC Church, 137-35 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale, NY 11422

8: 30 AM Mass
12 Noon Service
5: 45 PM-7 PM Confessions
7: 30 PM Mass



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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 Veronica Foster Hugh Myton Nancy Joseph Ann English Dcn. Rich. Hurst Rosemary Nolan
Phillip Wright
Myles Ayoung
Huguette Leroy
Evelyn Farguharson

Lory Hurst

Matthew Zinser III Veronica Richards
Nicholas Marshall Rafaella Mirra

Owen Halliburton





SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 3RD FOR A WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Women's Ministry invites you to their Women's Day Celebration on March 3rd, 2024, starting with a Mass at 11am

The Honorees -From St. Clare Church are Joyce Barber, Theresa Vincent and Mercy Nwogu

Longtime Parishioners

Sonia Fletcher, Mary Graham, Rafaella Mirra and Theodora Pyle

Honorees- From the Community

Dr. Marie Claude Dupiton—Camkids Pediatrics Gina Vasquez – Social Worker, Founder of "Flowers of Hope" Melnia Cordis - Attorney at Law

This will be followed by a Brunch and a one Woman play, Embossed and Unbowed of the first Black Woman to run for president of the United States of America, featuring Shirley Chisholm. Written by Ingrid Griffith

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker is Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman from District 29

COME AND BE AMAZED



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CORNER

MOVIES TO SEE

The Color Purple American Fiction Rustin Bob Marley—One Love Origins

Week 2—February 11

EVENTS

Shirley Chisom—One Woman Play—Buy your Tickets now at St. Clare Church Rectory—\$45.00 Where—St. Clare School Auditorium—March 3, 1-4pm

Jamaica Performing Arts Center Thursday Nights—Jazz Nights, African Dancing, Creative Art etc.

Black History & Literature Book Giveaway

Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Location: King Manor Museum in Rufus King Park

150-03 Jamaica Ave, Jamaica, NY 11432 **Cost**: Free **Registration**: EventBrite Link

16th Annual Black History Month Celebration

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Boulevard New York, NY, 10037 Featuring: The Harlem Chamber Players
Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:30pm—8:00pm (FREE) https://harlemchamberplayers.org/event/16th-annual-black-

history-month-celebration

DOCUMENTARIES TO SEE

Stamped From The Beginning
Jean Michel Basquiat—The Radiant Child
Miles Davis—Birth of CoolHitsville—The making of Motown
Toni Morrison—The Pieces I Am

Nov. 1.0 Samp Class -

ST CLARE NOVENA

The Novena is prayed every Saturday Morning following the 8:30am Mass. All parishioners and friends of St. Clare are invited to pray this beautiful novena to our beloved patron saint.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14th—Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

February 19th—Presidents' Day (Office Closed)

February 21—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

February 23rd—Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St. Peter's Episcopal Church

February 25th—Diocesan Black History Month
Mass of Thanksgiving

February 28—Lenten Vespers & Benediction

March 3rd— Women's Day Mass with Honorees
Followed by A One-Woman Play—Auditorium
Guest Speaker—Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman

March 6—A Day of Prayer at St. Clare Church

March 9th—First Penance

March 10th—Spring Forward with your Clocks

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

March 28 — Holy Thursday — Mass of The Lord's Supper

March 29—Good Friday—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 31st—**Easter Sunday**

April 7th — Divine Mercy Sunday

April 20th—Infant Baptisms

May 9th—Ascension Thursday

May 11th—First Holy Communion

May 12th—Mother's Day

May 19th—Pentecost Sunday

SOME DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE