

# St. Clare Catholic Church

## The Reverend Daniel O. Kingsley, Pastor

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SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 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

# **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, MAY 4**

5:00pm— In Thanksgiving to Jesus, requested by Martha Edmond

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

8:00am In Loving Memory of Jean and Richard Bowman, requested by the Bowman Family

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

12:30pm In Memory of the Death Anniversary of Angele Marie Andre, req. by the Stephen Family

### **MONDAY, MAY 6**

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

### **TUESDAY, MAY 7**

8:30am Good Health and Strength for Victor and Paula Zacharias, requested by Stella Zacharias

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

8:30am For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Andrew Struzzieri, Rest in the Bosom of the Lord

### **THURSDAY, MAY 9**

8:30am— Health and Blessings for Rose May Jean-Pierre, requested by Benchy.

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

#### **FRIDAY. MAY 10**

8:30am— For the Death Anniversary of Noemie Laroche, requested by the Stephen Family

### **SATURDAY, MAY 11**

8:30am— In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph & Jesus, requested by Marie Ann Devis 5:00pm— In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother, requested by Martha Edmond

### **SUNDAY, MAY 12**

8:00am For You, the People of the Parish
10:30am In Loving Memory of Veronique Rene, requested by Gisele Remy.

12:30pm In Memory of the Death Anniversary of Claudette Daniel, req. by the Stephen Family.



The Holy Father, Pope Francis'
PRAYER INTENTION FOR: MAY 2024

FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS

WE PRAY THAT RELIGIOUS WOMEN AND MEN, AND SEM-INARIANS, GROW IN THEIR OWN VOCATIONS THROUGH THEIR HUMAN, PASTORAL, SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNITY FORMATION, LEADING THEM TO BE CREDIBLE WITNESSES TO THE GOSPEL.

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### **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

# **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sun	Acts 10:25-26, 1 Jn 15:9-17 (56)
Mon	Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16(291)
Tue.	Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11 (292)
Wed.	Acts 17:15, Jn 16:12-15 (293)
Thur.	Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17—23 (58)
Fri.	Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23 (295)
Sat.	Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28 (296)
Sun	Acts 1:15-17, 1 Jn 4:11-16 (60)

# **THIS WEEK**

### Sunday, May 5

8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 12:30pm Mass 2:00pm—Mother's Day Fashion Show

## Monday, May 6

8:30am—Morning Mass

### Tuesday, May 7

8:30am—Morning Mass

7:30pm— First Communion Rehearsal

## Wednesday, May 8

8:30am—Morning Mass



# Thursday, May 9

#### **ASCENSION DAY**

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

#### Friday, May 10

8:30am—Morning Mass

## Saturday, May 11

8:30am—Morning Mass

11:00am—First Holy Communion

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Vigil Mass

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My dear Parishioners,

Can one love their mother too much? I am inclined to answer, "No." Daily Mass-goers, whether in my last parish, St. Martin de Porres, or now here in St. Clare, will often hear me begin or end a homily with a personal story. My mother, Mrs. Kingsley, will often loom large in those anecdotes. On those rare occasions when my mother would visit, parishioners would remark that her priest-son thinks the world of her. And I do. She remains my first professor of faith and morals. And even at 34 years old, my mother still imparts to me many life lessons. Mrs. Kingsley still believes that I can do no wrong in her eyes, but she will quietly correct me when I am not acting up to snuff. Once many years ago, while assisting with Holy Communion, my mother approached me, and I said to her the customary phrase, "The Body of Christ." Mrs. Kingsley replied, "Amen," adding a quick admonishment, "Put some lotion on your hands, they are ashy."

Can we, as Roman Catholics, love the Blessed Mother too much? Some of our Protestant brethren would answer, "Yes." They would call our love for Jesus' mother idolatrous and un-Scriptural. Allow me to answer both charges. Worship is reserved to God and God alone by virtue of Him being the Maker of all things visible and invisible. Veneration is given to Blessed Mary, the Angels, and the Saints because the mighty works God has performed through their faithful witness. I turn to Scriptures on this point, recall both the Mysteries of Annunciation and the Visitation. Upon accepting that she would bear the Savior in her womb, Blessed Mary says, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1: 38). And upon sharing the good news with her cousin Elizabeth, Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Lk 1: 46) In both scenes, the Virgin does not clothe herself in majesty or divinity, but in humility and humanity. She is not God, rather she is faithful to her God in all things. Hence why, all generations call Mary blessed. (Lk 1: 48)

Allow me to say that Blessed Mary is the model Christian. Remember the words she uttered at Cana in Galilee. Though her divine Son rebuffed her request to help the newlyweds who ran out of wine, she still uttered to the headwaiter, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2: 5) What other words can any Christian---Catholic or Protestant---live their lives by? She who is Queen of All Saints made it known that it was and will never be about her, but rather He Who lived, died, and rose for this world's salvation. And she proved it by her posture. Whereas, all the Apostles, save for John, ran helter-skelter that first Good Friday, she stood at the foot of the Cross. Our Lord, I believe that day, provided the logic for ALL Marian devotion when "He said, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (Jn: 19:26-27)

Again, can we love our earthly mothers too much. I don't think so. Can we, as Roman Catholics, love the Blessed Mother too much? Again, my answer is, "No." For our love for her should lead us to love her Son all the more. In that spirit, we will have a candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass, on Friday, May 31, at 7:30 PM, the Feast of the Visitation. All are welcome to attend this time-honored devotion. Yours truly will be the celebrant and preacher for the occasion. I thank the Rosary Society for their support in this endeavor.

Allow me to leave you with the words of the great Easter Marian hymn, Regina Caeli:

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia, For He whom you have humbly borne for us, alleluia, Has arisen, as He promised, alleluia, Offer now our prayer to God, alleluia.

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





Welcomes You to a Pre-Mother's Day Fashion Show!

Sunday, May 5, 2024

MUSIC BY OUR OWN DJ MIA

Come Join us as we
CELEBRATE "All Mothers"
at this special event

St. Clare School Auditorium on 241st Street 137-35 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale, NY 11422 Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Fashion Show: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Adults - \$25 / Children - \$10 Jewelry - Fashion - Art will be on Display for Sale

For Tickets Contact:

Jennifer Pierre 917-763-5075 Marge Spence 646-420-6505

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.

Evelyn Farquharson Veronica Foster Owen Halliburton Huguette Leroy Tatiana Alexandre Matthew Zinser III Nicholas Marshall Veronica Richardson Edgar Grove
Phillip Wright
Myles Ayoung
Rafaella Mirra
Lory Hurst
Rosemary Nolan
Nancy Bryce

Russel Lewis

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## ST. CLARE 100TH ANNIVERSARY HOODIES ON SALE



For our 100th Anniversary we will be having novelty items on sale. We have on sale right now in the Rectory Office, Blue Hoodies with the 100th Anniversary insignia printed on them. The cost is \$25.00 and they are going fast. Please visit

the office to make your purchase, as this is a one time offer. Presently we have Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and 2XL. Come one, come all.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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#### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Each year St. Clare Church and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods and benefiting our parish.

The **Appeal** provides funding that supports every parish religious education program as well as tuition assistance to those seeking Catholic Education at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over \$1.8 million from the **Appeal** is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing adult faith Formation. It provides funding for the Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. \$150,000 each year from our donations sustains the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers or prepare

Please join us through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today at

AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255. Thank you and God Bless.

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others for sacraments.

# SAIDT CLARE 100TH ADDIVERSARY VEDTS CALEDDAR

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

Sunday, May 5, 2024 Mother's Day Fashion Show (after the 12: 30 PM Mass)

Thursday, May 17-Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Revival

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Guest Revivalist: The Rev. Peter Damian Harris, OP

from Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, May 18, 2024 12 PM– 3 PM Youth Ministry Car Wash (Parking Lot of Christ the King Church, 145-39 Farmers Blvd., Springfield Gardens, NY 11434)

Friday, May 31, 2024 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7: 30 PM Candlelight Procession & Mass Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Daniel O. Kingsley

Saturday, June 8, 2024 11 AM National Council of Catholic Women Mass & Luncheon Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Jeffry Dillon (Luncheon Tickets are \$40 per person)

Saturday, June 22, 2024 PM– 4 PM Youth Ministry Funky Fashion Show

Friday, July 12, 2024 7 PM Rosary Society Bingo

Sunday, July 21, 2024 11 AM 100th Anniversary Mass Celebrant & Preacher: TBA (Refreshments in the Garden afterwards, weather-permitting)

Saturday, August 3, 2024 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance Gala Coral House, Baldwin, New York (Tickets are now available from the Rectory Office, \$175 per \$1, 750 for a table of 10; Journal Ads are Available)

Sunday, August 11, 2024 11 AM Patronal Feast Day Mass Celebrant & Preacher: The Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn (Refreshments in the Garden afterwards, weather-permitting)

Saturday, September 7, 2024 7 PM Karaoke Night (Tickets are \$35 per person)

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**SAVE THE DATE** 

YOUTH MINISTRY CAR WASH IS HERE AGAIN,

SATURDAY MAY 18TH, 2024

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

The following students have merited recognition for Commendable Academic Performance from

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**ANTHONY HILL** 

**JASMINE JEAN-LOUIS** 

**HANNAH LOWE** 

**AALIYAH MUIR** 

**ASHLEY SIMPLIC** 





Thank God



Trust God FOR WHAT YOU NEED

Faith
is not believing that
God can,
It is knowing that
God will.

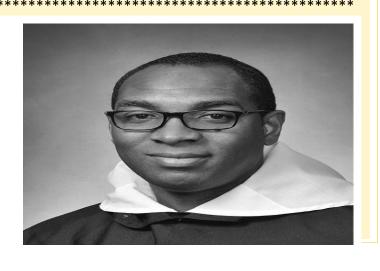


**SAVE THE DATE** 

**SUNDAY MAY 19TH, 2024** 

**PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS, 11AM** 

**GUEST SPEAKER—REV. DAMIAN HARRIS OP** 







Celebrating Our 100 Year Anniversary

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

WHERE: Coral House TIME: 7pm-12am
70 MILBURN AVE. BALDWIN, NY 11510

BETWEEN SUNRISE HWY & MERRICK RD.

COST: \$175.00 Per Person Payment Plan Available

(Suggested Amounts)

March-\$50, April-\$50, May-\$50, June-\$25 (Deadline)

COCKTAIL HOUR from 7-8pm, OPEN BAR, DINNER, PRESENTATION & DANCING

Bus Transportation is available for \$10. Bus will be in the front of Saint Clare Church



With respect, admiration and thankfulness we pray for those who are currently serving around the world and those to be deployed in the near future in defense of our nation.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 5th— Early Mother's Day Fashion Show

May 9th—Ascension Thursday

May 11th—First Holy Communion

May 12th—Mother's Day

May 17th—May 19th—Pentecostal Revival

May 18th—Youth Ministry Car Wash

May 19th—Pentecost Sunday

May 25th—Infant Baptisms

May 26th—Trinity Sunday

May 27th—Memorial Day

May 31st—Candlelight Procession and Mass for the Visitation of the BVM

June 2nd—Corpus Christi

June 8th— Nat. Council of Catholic Women's Mass and Luncheon

June 15th— Infant Baptisms

June 16th—Father's Day

June 22nd—Youth Ministry Funky Fashion Show

June 23rd— Corpus Christi

July 4th—Independence Day

July 12th—Rosary Society Bingo

July 21st—100th Anniversary Mass

August 3rd—100th Anniversary Dinner Dance

August 10th— Feast of St. Clare Mass

August 11th— Patronal Feast—Bishop Brennan
Procession of St. Clare Statue

September 4th—Labor Day

September 7th—Karaoke Night