

# St. Clare Catholic Church

# The Reverend Daniel O. Kingsley, Pastor

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# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2024

# **Rectory Hours**

Monday—Friday: 9am—12pm, 1pm—4pm Saturdays: 10am– 5pm 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. Jean F. Tanisma, Parochial Vicar Rev. Michael Ukah, 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 StClareFF137@gmail.com (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

<u>Miraculous Medal</u> is said on Monday mornings after Mass. <u>St. Clare Novena</u> is said on Saturday mornings after Mass. The <u>Rosary</u> is said daily after weekday Mass. Sacred Heart Novena is said on every First Friday after Mass, 20 Decades of the Rosary is said on every First Saturday after 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.

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#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

5:00pm— In Honor of Saints John de Brebeul and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:00am Repose of the Soul of Alex Saint Louis, requested by Yanick Saint Louis.
- 10:30am In Loving Memory of Veronique Rene, requested by Marie Gisele Remy.
- 12:30pm For You the People of the Parish.

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

8:30am- Repose of the Soul of Leslie Charles, requested by Helene Joseph.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

8:30am Birthday Blessings to Dr. Sasha Soon, requested by the Soon Family.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30am- In Honor of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest.

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

8:30am— In Honor of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30am— In Loving Memory of Dr. Yvan Bell, requested by the Stephen Family.

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

8:30am In Loving Memory Dorothy Harriott, requested by the Rojas and Valentine Family.
5:00pm— In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00am In Loving Memory of Jacques Pompy, requested by the Pompy Family.
- 10:30am For You the People of the Parish.
- 12:30pm In Loving Memory of Dr. Marcia Smith, requested by Bob Smith and Family

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The Holy Father, Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For: OCTOBER 2024

### FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, a sign of co-responsibility promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among Priests, Religious and Lay People.

GOD'S	PLAN	FOR	GIVING

10/15/2023	10/13/2024。	
\$3 <i>,</i> 392.00	5pm —\$ 573.00	
	8am— \$ 526.00	
	10:30am—\$2,102.00	
	12:30pm—\$ 667.00	
\$3,392.00	\$3,679.00	

#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun	Is 53:10-11, Mk 10:35-45 (146)
Mon	Eph 2:1-10, Lk 12:13-21 (473)
Tue.	Eph 2:12-22, Lk 12:35-38 (474)
Wed.	Eph 3:2-12, Lk 12:39-48 (475)
Thur.	Eph 3:14-21, Lk 12:49-53 (476)
Fri.	Eph 4:1-6, Lk 12:54-59 (477)
Sat.	Eph 4:7-16, Lk 13:1-9 (478)
Sun	Jer 31:7-9, Mk 10:46-52 (149)

# THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, October 20 8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 12:30pm Mass Catholic Appeal In-Pew Collections (During all Masses)

Monday, October 21 8:30am—Morning Mass

Tuesday, October 22 8:30am—Morning Mass

Wednesday, October 23 8:30am—Morning Mass

#### Thursday, October 24 8:30am—Morning Mass 7:30pm—-Worship4Life

### Friday, October 25

8:30am—Morning Mass 6:30pm—Youth Ministry Meeting

### Saturday, October 26

8:30am—Morning Mass 11:00am—Apple Picking— Youth Ministry Harbes Family Farm—Flushing 3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Vigil Mass



#### October 20th, 2024

#### St. Clare Catholic Church

My dear Parishioners,

"Same difference!" I have used that expression to gloss over two ideas that are very alike, but their contrast is seemingly small. Fellow Catholics sometimes take that stance with the third Marian dogma, the Immaculate Conception. It does not refer to the fact that Blessed Mary conceived the Christ-child by the sole intervention of the Holy Spirit "without knowing a man." This is called the virgin birth. Whereas, the Immaculate Conception refers to Our Lady being conceived without original sin in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. As we can now see, there is a big difference!

The Immaculate Conception has been held by Roman Catholics and other Christians from the earliest centuries. The pious belief began as a reflection on the oft quoted salutation of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady, "Hail, full of grace!" (Lk 1:28) She was, in all humility, taken aback by the greeting. Yet, it was entirely fitting in that moment. The angelic messenger was affirming the uniqueness of the Mother of God! God's free and undeserved help was part and parcel of who she was from the first moment of her conception. The fallout of original sin--the prideful disobedience of our first parents---never touched Blessed Mary's soul. Whereas, we need baptismal water and the confessional to keep us on the straight and narrow path to holiness, not so with our Blessed Mother. She was sinless, without spot or wrinkle on her soul. It never occurred to her to depart from the divine will and plan for her life, hence her trusting "Yes" to bear and give birth to God's Only-Begotten Son. Pope Pius IX, after careful study of historical tradition, and in consultation with all the Catholic bishops of the world, proclaimed on December 8, 1854, "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." As if confirmed by Heaven above, in 1858, Our Lady appeared to the young St. Bernadette Soubirous saying of herself in the girl's native dialect, "Que soy era Immaculada Councepciou" or translated into English, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Some of our separated brethren scoff at the Immaculate Conception. They argue it makes Blessed Mary a perfect creature who has no need of salvation. After all the Apostle Paul wrote, "...all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. [We] are justified freely by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, Whom God set forth as an expiation through faith, by His blood, to prove His righteousness because of the forgiveness of sins previously committed." (Rm 3:23-25) The aforementioned is true. That is why the Catholic Church holds that Mary's perfection is never, ever divorced from her Son's atoning sacrifice on Calvary. Rather, in the mystery of time and eternity God in act of "prevenient grace" applied retroactively the good of Jesus' saving death to her soul. We do well to remember that our Blessed Mother's life, though free from sin, was not free of sorrow. She saw with her own eyes the terrible price paid for our freedom and hers as well, modelling for us all to remain near the Cross (Jn 19:25-29).

It is from our earthly mothers that we receive the first glimpses of truth, beauty, and goodness. The beauty of God is His perfection, His truth is His love, and His goodness is His mercy. And we encounter all three in Mary of Nazareth. My favorite meditation on the Immaculate Conception comes from the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen's great 1954 work, *The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God.* He argued that if any of us were to paint an image of our mother, we would probably use the finest materials we can find. And finally, when we commit the brush to the canvass, we would depict her finer features, those things that make our mother, our mother, her nose, her eyes, her face, her smile. Every man, every woman, in sense, believes that their mother is the fairest. Why, in the mystery of God would this be any different? Archbishop Sheen says that whereas, we did not fashion, or create our own mothers, God most certainly did. And in doing so, He gives us a pattern and model to help us live out of the Gospel of His most beloved Son, Mary's child.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

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



### THANKSGIVING TURKEY REGISTRATION

Please note that registration for **Thanksgiving Turkeys** is taking place from now, through October 27th, 2024, while supplies last.

You must walk with your NY State picture ID to register. Please note, there is only **ONE** Turkey per household, **NO EXCEPTIONS.** 



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FEAST OF STS. SIMON & JUDE Monday, October 28, 2024

6: 30 PM CODFESSIODS 7: 30 PM MASS with the Anointing of the Sick & the Veneration of Relics



Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley

All are invited to this special Mass for healing, prayer, and praise.



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL— PARISH GOAL: \$55,051.00 Amount Pledged by Parishioners: \$49,445.17 Paid to Date: \$38,030.94



When we give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we share the Light of Faith.

To reach our goal we still need **\$17,020.06**. Please continue to make your payments to the Appeal, remembering that if we go over our goal, the surplus comes back to St. Clare

# ALL SOULS DAY- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024

On Saturday November 2nd, 2024, our Annual All Souls Day Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am at St. Clare Church, for all the Souls of the faithful departed, and for all those who were buried from our Church during the past year. At this Mass we call out their names in remembrance. We also remember and pray for the Souls of those buried from other churches, but whose family members have a connection with our parish community. We invite you, members of the immediate family, as well as relatives and friends of the deceased to join us as we unite in prayer for them, and ask God's blessing on all of you saddened by the death of a loved one.

Please bring in a picture of your loved ones throughout the month of November who have passed, and place it on the Altar of Blessed Virgin Mary or Saint Joseph. where they can be blessed and remembered. Share this invitation with everyone who you feel would want to attend.

> We have loved them dearly during life Let us not abandon them in death. We have conducted them by our prayers Into the House of the Lord.

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# **ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

In November, we remember and pray for the souls of the dead, especially our family members, friends and fellow parishioners. Please take an envelope, 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 Rectory Office.



# **BECOME A CHURCH USHER**

If you or someone you know would like to become an Usher at the 10:30am Mass or any of the other Masses on Sunday or during the weekday, please speak to any Usher at the back of the Church after Mass. You can be of great service as we all celebrate the Sacred Liturgy.



THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. CLARE PARISH "COME AND ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST WITH US"



ST CLARE FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION		UPCOMING EVENTS	
	Registration and re-registration is now open for St. Clare Faith Formation/Sacramental Preparation program for	October 19th— <b>Prayer Breakfast</b>	
	children from grades 1- High School.	October 19th—Infant Baptism	
	Classes begin immediately following the 10:30 am Mass and are held in the School Building.	October 26th—Apple Picking	
	SESSION DATES	October 31st—Halloween	
	October—20, 27	November 1st—All Saints Day (Office Closed)	
November—03, 10, 17, 24 December—08, 15, 22		November 2nd -All Souls Day	
January—05, 12, 19, 26 February—02, 09, 23	November 3rd—Daylight Savings Time		
March—02, 09, 16, 23 (Pre Confirmation Retreat—March 1 (First Eucharist Retreat—March 8)		November 5th— Election Day (Office Closed)	
		November 11th—Veterans Day (Office Closed)	
April—06, 13, 27 May—04, 18	November 28th—Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)		
	(First Eucharist—May 10, May Crowning—May 11) June—01, 08	November 29th—Black Friday (Office Closed)	
	NO SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:	December 1st—First Day of Advent	
	Thanksgiving Holiday—Nov. 27—Dec. 1, 2024 Christmas Break—Dec. 23, 2024—Jan. 1, 2025	December 8th—The Immaculate Conception	
Mid-Winter Recess—Feb.16—22, 2025 Holy Week & Easter Sunday—Apr. 13—20, 2025 Memorial Day—may 24—26, 2025		December 14th—Infant Baptism	
		December 24th—Christmas Eve	
	Our registration form is now online. Please go to <u>www.stclare-queens.faithenroll.net</u> . Payments can be	December 25th—Christmas Day	
	accepted online using credit card, or by check (made payable to St. Clare Faith Formation).	December 26th—Boxing Day—(Office Closed)	
	Fees: Fees are as follows: 1 child: \$60 .00, 2 children	*************	
(siblings) \$90.00, 3 +(siblings): \$120.00. Registration fees are due at the time of registration. Payment plans are also available.		IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized,	
	<u>Certificate of Baptism</u> – If this is your child's first year of class and they have not been baptized at St. Clare	Send in the names of your loved ones who are ill, so that we may pray for them daily.	
	Church, kindly provide a copy of your child's	Jean Antoine Alceus Owen Halliburton	

Baptismal Certificate.

Transfers -. If transferring from another Catholic religious

Education program or Catholic Academy/School, please

obtain a letter confirming your child's attendance and the duration of their enrollment.

Please contact Ms. Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation,

at <u>StClareFF137@gmail.com</u> for further information.

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Jean Antoine Alceus **Owen Halliburton** Tatiana Alexandre Ralph Kercato Matthew Zinser III **Rosemary Nolan** Nicholas Marshall Agnes Eshak Veronica Richardson **Russel Lewis** Tyler Omari Layne Patricia Keene **Richard Bowman** Nakeicha Aubourg

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