

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 21

5:00pm In Loving Memory of Marie Therese Bazard requested by her daughter Martha

SUNDAY MARCH 22

8:00am In Loving Memory of Gerard Dalencourt requested by Chantale Dalencourt
10:30am In Loving Memory of Harry Thornton requested by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Vincent
1:00pm The People of the parish

MONDAY MARCH 23

8:30am In Thanksgiving requested by Chantal Pierre- Louis

TUESDAY MARCH 24

8:30am Repose of the Soul of Dorene Douglas requested by her daughter Karen Douglas

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

8:30am In Loving Memory of Weber Duvil requested by the Duvil Family

THURSDAY MARCH 26

8:30am Repose of the Soul of Heroine Philippaux requested by Emma Duvil

FRIDAY MARCH 27

8:30am In Loving Memory of Mary Yolande Coupet requested by Reginald Coupet

SATURDAY MARCH 28

8:30am In Loving Memory of Francesca Jean Louis requested by Suze Jean Louis
5:00pm In Loving Memory of Mary Vladich requested by Family

SUNDAY MARCH 29

8:00am The People of The Parish
10:30am In Loving Memory of Cynthia Davis requested by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Vincent
1:00pm Blessings to Michelle Monteau requested by Dieula Monteau



Table with 2 columns: Year (2019, 2020) and Amount (\$5,643.00, \$3,452.00) for God's Plan for Giving.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Table listing daily scripture readings from Sunday to Sunday.



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.

THIS WEEK



Sunday March 22

All Meetings Cancelled

Monday March 23

Tuesday March 24

6:30pm—Cancer Support Group—Cancelled

Wednesday March 25

7:30pm—Lenten Bible Study #4—Cancelled until May

Thursday March 26

7:30—Worship4Life— Cancelled

Friday March 27

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Cancelled
7:30pm—Stations of The Cross—Cancelled

Saturday March 28

1:00pm—Rehearsal-Easter Vigil #1—Altar Servers— Cancelled
1:00pm— Domestic Violence Presentation—Cancelled
6:30pm—Praise Dancers—Cancelled
7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous—Cancelled

Sunday March 29

12:00pm—Women's Ministry—Cancelled
2:15pm—Youth Choir—Cancelled

BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap & water or using alcohol-based gel rub kills viruses that may be on your hands

Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene

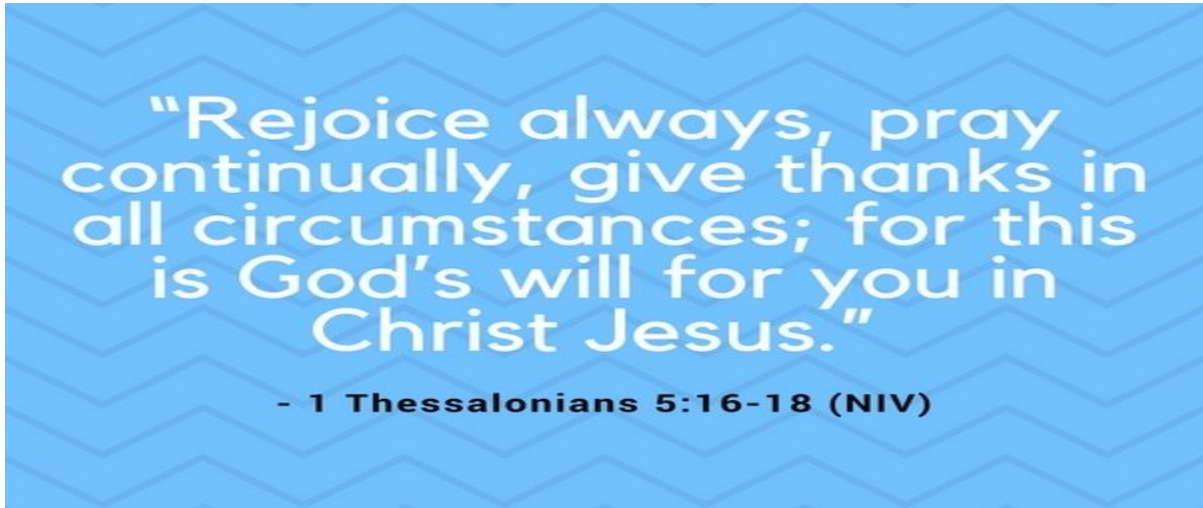
Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing (as this may be due to a respiratory infection) even with mild symptoms such as a headache and slight runny nose, until you recover, seek medical attention promptly and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. **Avoiding contact with others, visits to medical facilities will allow these facilities to operate more effectively and help protect you and others from possible COVID-19 and other viruses. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.**



Dear Parishioners,

You will hear this memo read or in similar words just before the Readings at the Saturday night and Sunday Masses for the next three weeks. This is meant to assist you in your full and active participation at Holy Mass.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Andy

SILENCE AND STILLNESS AT MASS.

“Be still and know that I am God” -- Psalm 46:11

An element of the full and active participation of the congregation at Mass is the entering into a few moments of Silence and Stillness at key moments during the celebration. This can assist all of us present at Mass to internalize the Word of God we are celebrating and to dialogue with the Spirit of God who carries the Word to us. It is a form of communion

We started this at the Saturday night and Sunday Masses on the weekend of March 1.

It is very simple and can be very profound.

1. After the first Reading, we have a few moments of stillness and silence before the Responsorial Psalm.
 - A. Remember a word or two that was just read to you, this makes the Silence real and alive. It might take a while for us to get used to actively participate in these moments of Silence and Stillness.
2. After the Responsorial Psalm, before the Second Reading, we will do the same
 - A. You just need to be still and silent and let your mind wander back to what we just were singing.
3. After the Second Reading, again we will participate in a few moments of stillness and silence before the Gospel Acclamation.
 - A. The Altar Servers will not get up and get their torches until the music begins for the Gospel Acclamation.
 - B. Don't be afraid of the Silence. Use it to help you have dialogue, communion with God. The whole Mass is a communion with God that leads up to the highlight of the actual reception of Holy Communion, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.
4. Notice that for a number of years we have had The Silence and Stillness after the Homily and after Communion to assist us to be in communion with the Eternal Word of God made flesh. On occasion it gets very quiet and still in here, at times you can hear the Spirit at work.

Dear Lord,



As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better.



THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. CLARE PARISH

COME AND ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST WITH US

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION

DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS WITH THE COVID 19 VIRUS, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEMINAR THAT WAS SLATED FOR THIS SATURDAY MARCH 21ST IN THE ANNEX HAS BEEN POSTPONED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A LATER DATE

THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As a follow-up to the directive to suspend all Public Masses until further notice, the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, has issued a number of additional guidelines, governing the practice of the faith as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, to all parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

To comply with the government recommendation to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people, the following has been implemented in the Diocese of Brooklyn effective immediately:

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- There will be no Masses open to the public on Palm Sunday. Priests throughout Brooklyn and Queens will bless palms and will be asked to leave them on tables at the back or outside of the Church for pickup (Weather Permitting)
- Reconciliation Monday, a special time devoted to confession at the start of Holy Week, has been canceled. However, Priests will be available for individual confessions throughout the remainder of the Lenten season and during this period of crisis.
- The Chrism Mass will not be celebrated publicly. The Bishop will celebrate the Mass from the Cathedral and the oils will be available for distribution at designated sites around the diocese. Further information will be released at a later date.
- The Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday), the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Good Friday) the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, will not be celebrated publicly. A broadcast schedule of the services with no congregation, to air on NET-TV, the cable channel of the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be announced at a later date.

“In the days and weeks ahead, let us ask God to watch over the people of our Diocese and all of His people; those who are sick, those who will fall ill, and those who are caring for them,” said Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.

At all times, but especially now, the safety and well-being of our faith community is our primary concern. The Diocese of Brooklyn will continue to deliver important information in a timely manner.

Prepare For Life

Faith Formation Begins at Mass

Since we have encountered Jesus in the liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, our sessions will be based on our transforming experiences of the Sunday Mass. Therefore, attendance at the 10:30 Mass is required with Sessions to follow.

St. Clare Parish children who attend Catholic and Public Schools starting in first grade will be expected to participate in our Sunday Faith Formation sessions, in order to enable them to be integrated into parish life.

The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, initiate us into the community of faith: they are the beginning of our life as Roman Catholic Christians. Sacraments are celebrated within the formation process as follows:

First—Eucharist and First Penance, starting in the first year of school, then two consecutive years of formation. **Confirmation prep** begins at the end of Elementary School.

A process of discernment will follow.

Sunday Faith Formation Sessions.
Ends May 2020. 10:30am Mass—1:30pm
Session Place: St. Clare’s Academy

March **April 05, 19, 26**
May 03, 17, 31 **June 14** Corpus Christ Procession

Office: 718-527-6153

SYMPTOMS OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is characterized by mild symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, and fever. This illness can be more severe for some people and can lead to pneumonia or breathing difficulties

More rarely, the disease can be fatal. Older people, and people with other medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), may be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill.

People may experience:

- A Runny Nose** **Sore Throat**
- A Persistent Cough** **Fever**
- And Difficulty in Breathing**

PLEASE SEE A DOCTOR IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS.



ST. CLARE CHURCH LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

HELPING TO STOP HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

**THE FOOD DRIVE HAS ENDED BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS,
IF YOU NEED TO DROP OFF FOOD,
YOU CAN TAKE IT TO:**

**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
149-38 Farmers Blvd.
Springfield Gardens**

URGENT UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Given the continuing and growing concern about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, **Bishop DiMarzio has determined that all public masses be canceled in the Diocese of Brooklyn beginning Monday, March 16th, until further notice.** This includes weekday masses as well as Sunday.

Funerals and Weddings will be permitted but should be limited to family members only. Confirmations should be celebrated with the Rite of Confirmation without Mass if need be, and in consultation with the Bishop scheduled to celebrate the Confirmation.

The faithful of the diocese are reminded that the Bishop has already issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. The obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy can be fulfilled by maintaining a prayerful attitude and through personal and family prayer.

The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV, as well.

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48). Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.

In light of the continuing crisis, the situation is being monitored carefully and updates will follow. Let us continue to pray, especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who are sick, for medical personnel and for all people who confront this challenge.

PRAYER LIST

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| Father Andy | Natasha Brunson |
| Veronica Richards | Rene Fletcher |
| Kenneth & Barbara Roberts | Alex Maxwell |
| Margaret Cummings | Lisa Maxwell |
| June Tanghow | Eugene Mitchell |
| Colin Croft | Patsy Marchan |
| Milan Williams | Georgia Sarlis |
| Alice Hall | Olga Daniel |
| Irania Caruso | Iris McMillan |
| Lillian Fortunado | Heather Smith |
| Alisia Thompson Reid | Nancy Joseph |
| Bernadette Ezissi | Jayson Barret |
| Gabrielle Arthurton | Annie Andrews |

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Homebound Ministry to bring communion to the elderly, the infirmed or anyone who cannot make it to church, please call the Rectory at 718-341-1018 or give Ms. Hilary Michael a call at 347-668-2076.

We need you to assist us in this spiritual endeavor as there are a lot of our elderly who unfortunately do not receive communion and would very much like too. Join us and be a part of this Ministry



**“BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS
THIS IS NOW TENTATIVE “**

***PRIESTS APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON***

HONORING OUR PASTOR

Rev. Andrew L Struzzieri &

Parochial Vicar Rev. Louismary Ocha

Date: Saturday April 25th, 2020

Time: 1:00pm—4:00pm

**King Umberto Italian Restaurant
1343 Hempstead Turnpike
Elmont NY 11003**

Donation—\$60.00

Tickets Available at the Rectory



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21st—Domestic Violence Presentation (Cancelled)

March 28th—SEDER (Cancelled)

April 5th—No Palm Sunday Mass

April 10th— No Good Friday Mass

April 12th—No Easter Sunday Mass

April 18th—Infant Baptism (To Be Decided)

April 19th — Divine Mercy Sunday / Fish Fry (TBD)

April 25th—Priests Appreciation Luncheon (TBD)

May 2nd—Mass of the Neophytes (TBD)

May 10th—Mother’s Day / Bake Sale (Youth)

May 14th—School Spring Show

May 16th—Infant Baptism

May 16th—Community Health Fair

May 25th—Memorial Day

May 31st—Flea Market

June 13th— Infant Baptism

June 14th—Corpus Christi

June 21st—Father’s Day

July 11th—Sight & Sound (Queen Esther)

July 18th—Infant Baptism

August 4th—6th —Revival Triduum

August 7th—Talent Show (Youth Ministry)

August 9th— Procession of St. Clare Statue

August 11th—Feast Day of St. Clare

SOME DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
