

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY MARCH 30

8:30am In Thanksgiving requested by Roodolph Joseph

TUESDAY MARCH 31

8:30am In Loving Memory of Gail Matson requested by Family

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

8:30am Repose of the Soul of Syrial Allen requested by Carline Turin

THURSDAY APRIL 2

8:30am In Loving Memory of Jean B Leconte requested by the Leconte Family

FRIDAY APRIL 3

8:30am In Loving Memory of Leonie Mathon requested by the Aristor Family

SATURDAY APRIL 4

8:30am In Loving Memory OF Marcel Mayard requested by Gladys Mayard and Family
5:00pm Birthday Blessings for Dianne Sealy-Soon requested by the Soon Family

SUNDAY APRIL 5

8:00am In Loving Memory of Dr. Francis Marcel requested by his Wife and Children
10:30am Birthday Blessings to Ingrid Sealy requested by the Soon Family
1:00pm For the Grace of Emmanuel Monteau requested by Dieula Monteau

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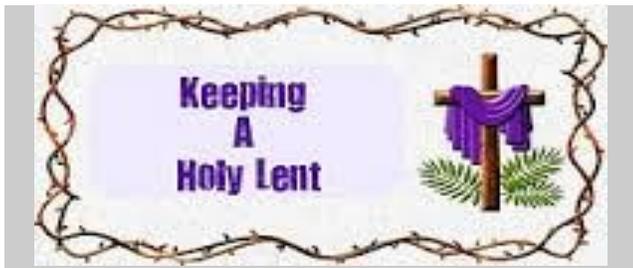


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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun. Rom 37:12-14, Jn 11:1-45 (34)
Mon. Dn 13:1-9, Jn8:1-11 (251)
Tue. Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30 (252)
Wed. Dn 3:14-20, Jn 8:31-42 (253)
Thur. Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59 (254)
Fri. Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42 (255)
Sat. Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56 (256)
Sun. Ml 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7 (38)



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.

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THIS WEEK



Sunday March 29

All Meetings Cancelled

Monday March 30

Tuesday March 31

6:30pm—Cancer Support Group—Cancelled

Wednesday April 1

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

Thursday April 2

7:30—Worship4Life—Cancelled

Friday April 3

FIRST FRIDAY

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Cancelled

7:30pm—Stations of The Cross—Cancelled

Saturday April 4

7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous—Cancelled

Sunday April 5

PALM SUNDAY

2:15pm—Youth Choir—Cancelled

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STAY SAFE, STAY INDOORS

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**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**

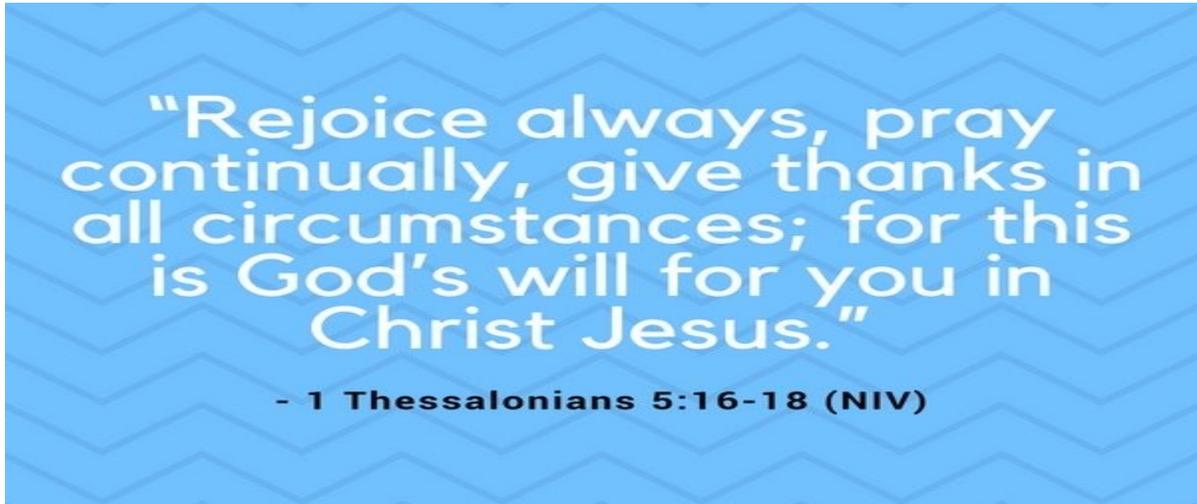
Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

**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.**



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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.

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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.

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THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. CLARE PARISH

**COME AND ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST WITH US**

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**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 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.

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FAITH FORMATION

Very dear Families,

Fr Andy told us last Sunday that we are journeying into the unknown as the Israelites of old who wandered for 40 years in the desert. We are like them with our present World health crisis. Let us pray during these times of not knowing for strength and guidance as we walk with Jesus to the Father empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue to strengthen one another in our faith by being formed by the Sunday Scripture. Let us continue to form our families, as we hand down our scripture and tradition . As the primary givers of the faith, you are called now, to take hold of your mission during this period of isolation.

Pflaum the publisher of our Gospel Weeklies has given us digital lessons to help us continue our ***Faith Formation***. The televised Sunday Mass will be our foundation and the Gospel weeklies will continue the formation begun at Mass by explaining the scripture age appropriately.

The following links will give you Mass broadcasts and instructions as to how to use the weeklies. I have provided you with the password to get onto the website.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6\\_KDbYi-EQ#action=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6_KDbYi-EQ#action=share)

<https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/lesson-downloads/>

1134373 **PFLAUM Password**  
**Use your own user name**

**With the suspension of Public Masses until further notice, the Diocese of Brooklyn's cable channel, NET-TV, has added new services on Sunday and weekdays in multiple languages. The expanded lineup begins Sunday, March 22, 2020.**

**NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30), and FIOS (Channel 48). The Masses can be accessed on our website <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/masses/>**

Peace, Ms.Lorena

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**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**

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**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 until further notice.** This includes weekday masses as well as Sunday.

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](http://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.

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**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   |

**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**
  - A Persistent Cough**
  - Fever, A Sore Throat**
  - And Difficulty in Breathing**
- PLEASE SEE A DOCTOR IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS**

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

***PRIESTS APPRECIATION  
LUNCHEON***

**HONORING OUR PASTOR**

Rev. Andrew L Struzzieri &  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Louismary Ocha

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**OUR ONLINE GIVING**

*Help us all stay healthy during the  
COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak  
Please sign up for online giving so that  
you can continue to support St. Clare  
Parish as we all work together to  
minimize the spread of  
coronavirus COVID-19.*

*Our electronic giving partner,  
GiveCentral, lets you can safely and  
securely make donations  
from home, that are so critical to the  
financial health of our parish.*

*Choose your preferred giving option:*

*From your computer or tablet:*

- *Visit our parish giving page at [givecentral.org/stclare-queens](http://givecentral.org/stclare-queens)*

*From your smartphone:*

- *Text the keyword SUNDAY to our parish number: 712-217-1018*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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**

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