

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 4

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

MONDAY APRIL 6

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Irene & Suzette
requested by Margalie Victorin

TUESDAY APRIL 7

8:30am In Loving Memory of Beryl Knowles
requested by Her Children

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Sarah Leclerc
requested by Her Family

THURSDAY APRIL 9

8:30am **HOLY THURSDAY**

FRIDAY APRIL 10

8:30am **GOOD FRIDAY**

SATURDAY APRIL 11

9:30am **HOLY SATURDAY**

SUNDAY APRIL 12

8:00am **EASTER SATURDAY**

**PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Due to closure of the Parish Office the total of
weekly collection amounts will be posted in
future bulletins for weeks gone by.

Thank you for your continued generosity
during this difficult time and you can
drop your envelopes off at the Parish Office
mailbox or through regular mail.

There is a special insert in this week's bulletin
about **GiveCentral** which is widely used
throughout the Diocese.

Please consider signing up and follow the
simple steps to enroll. Thank you for all you do!

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
\$5,090.00	No Masses (Virus)
03/31/2019	03/29/2020

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun.	Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7 (38)
Mon	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11 (257)
Tue.	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33 (258)
Wed.	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25 (259)
Thur.	Ex 12:1-8, Jn 13:1-15 (60)
Fri.	Is 52:13-53:12, Jn18:1-19:42 (40)
Sat.	Gn 1:1-2:2, Mt 28:1-10 (41)
Sun.	Acts 10:34a, Lk 24:13-35 (46)



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 April 5

All Meetings Cancelled

Monday April 6

Tuesday April 7

6:30pm—Cancer Support Group—**Cancelled**

Wednesday April 8

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

Thursday April 9

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30—Worship4Life— **Cancelled**

Friday April 10

GOOD FRIDAY

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—**Cancelled**

7:30pm—Stations of The Cross—**Cancelled**

Saturday April 11

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous—**Cancelled**

Sunday April 12

EASTER SUNDAY

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.**

LIVE STREAMING IN OUR PARISH CHURCH COMING SOON

Live streaming refers to online [streaming media](#) simultaneously recorded and [broadcast](#) in real time. It is often referred to simply as **streaming**.

We are in the process of installing Live Streaming at St. Clare. We have all the visual cameras set up and are awaiting the audio so that we can proceed.

We are aiming to have it ready for the Holy Week, and perhaps by the time you are reading this Live Streaming will have already begun.

Every Mass Fr. Andy and Father Louis celebrate privately (because of the COVID-19) will be broadcasted online through our Website: <https://www.stclare-queens.org>.

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

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 or Easter Sunday GIVEN THAT NEW YORK IS THE EPICENTER OF THIS CRISIS CHURCHES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

MINDFUL OF EVERYONE’S HEALTH, PALMS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAITHFUL AT THIS TIME, THEY WILL NOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE OF CHURCH BUT WILL BE BLESSED AND DISTRIBUTED AT A LATER DATE USING THE BLESSING OUTSIDE OF MASS, COMMUNICATED BY BISHOP DIMARZIO.

- Reconciliation Monday, a special time devoted to confession at the start of Holy Week, has been cancelled. However, Priests will be available for individual confessions throughout the remainder of the Lenten season and during this period of crisis.

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.

STAY SAFE AND STAY INDOORS

FAITH FORMATION

Very dear Families,

Fr Andy told us 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.pflaumweeklies.com/lesson-downloads/>

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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

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**

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 |
| MilanWilliams | 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 |



The Sunday offertory is critical to the vitality of our parish. Not just to pay the bills that continue to accrue, but to sustain the life-giving works carried out each day by our dedicated personnel, devoted clergy, faithful lay leaders and also important to the financial health of our parish. We are pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving through a simple tool that provides you with the opportunity to support the parish in a way that is convenient and secure, while remaining in the safety of your home.

Our new online giving partner is GiveCentral, and we want you to know that 100% of the donations you make through GiveCentral come to the parish. Donations can be made using a bank account or credit card, scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis, or as individual one-time gifts. With your first donation you can create a confidential username and password, allowing you to edit your donation schedule at any time. GiveCentral makes it easy for you to give.

Please consider choosing one of the following options to set up your gift to St. Clare Parish today as we all work together to minimize the spread of coronavirus COVID-19.

**From your computer or tablet: Visit our parish giving page at givecentral.org/stclare-queens
From your smartphone, text the keyword SUNDAY to our parish number:712-217-1018 update contact information so we can stay in touch with you in the upcoming weeks. A simple form for just updating your contact information and emails (no giving required): <http://givecentral.org/short-form/674>**

Your contributions make a tremendous difference in our ability to fulfill our mission and serve our community—thank you!

AS ALWAYS YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Andy & Fr. Louis



The Altar Bread and Wine

which will be used in
The Celebration Of The Eucharist

Throughout the Week of
April 5th, 2020 is

**In Loving Memory of
Jean B Leconte**
requested by

The Leconte Family

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 safely and
securely make donations
from home, that are so critical to the finan-
cial health of our parish.*

*Choose your preferred giving option:
From your computer or tablet:*

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From your smartphone:

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5th—No Palm Sunday Mass
- April 10th— No Good Friday Mass
- April 9th—No Holy Thursday
- 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) (TBD)
- May 14th—School Spring Show (TBD)
- May 16th—Infant Baptism
- May 16th—Community Health Fair
- May 25th—Memorial Day
- May 31st—Flea Market (TBD)
- 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