

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY MAY 16**

9:30am God's Richest Blessings for all of us  
going through this pandemic  
In Honor of St. Clare our patron saint

**SUNDAY MAY 17**

10:30am In Loving Memory of Lucy Pisani requested  
by her Son  
In Memory of Antoinette Vito and Alfred  
Florio requested by Grace & Janpongo Florio  
The People of the Parish

**MONDAY MAY 18**

9:30am In Loving Memory of Jane and Robert  
Bowman requested by the Bowman family

**TUESDAY MAY 19**

9:30am In Loving Memory of Marie Mollenthiel  
requested by her Daughter & Grandchildren

**WEDNESDAY MAY 20**

9:30am In Loving Memory of Marcel Mayard  
requested by Gladys Mayard and Family

**THURSDAY MAY 21**

9:30am In Loving Memory of Henry Donawa  
requested by the Donawa family

**FRIDAY MAY 22**

9:30am Repose of the Soul of Muriel Dorval  
requested by her daughter Marie Toussaint

**SATURDAY MAY 23**

9:30am In Loving Memory of Claire Filie Forestal  
requested by Gladys Mayard and Family  
5:00pm In Loving Memory of Pricilia Olulili  
requested by Mercy Nwogu

**SUNDAY MAY 24**

10:30am Birthday Blessings for Thomas Pisani  
requested by his Son  
The People of The Parish  
Repose of the Soul of Andre & Robes &  
Celina Ceant requested by Mireille Charles

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**Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! Isolate!**

**Remember: Social Distancing, Mask & Gloves**

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**Work as if you were to live a hundred years,**

**Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.**

**Benjamin Franklin**

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
\$5,210.00	\$2,741.00
05/12/2019	05/10/2020

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sun.	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Jn 14:15-21 (55)
Mon	Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a (291)
Tue.	Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11 (292)
Wed.	Acts 17:15, 22, Jn 16:12-15 (293)
Thur.	Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20 (294)
Fri.	Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23 (295)
Sat.	Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28 (296)
Sun.	Acts 1:1-11, Mt 28:16-20 (58)

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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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**For Deacons**



We pray that Deacons, faithful in their ser-  
vice to the Word and the poor, may be an  
invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention  
(May—2020)

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**To the Faithful of the Diocese in Brooklyn & Queens:**

As you read this letter, we are in the midst of the Easter Season. We rejoice in the risen Jesus and in what that Resurrection means for us who are members of His Body. By His Cross and Resurrection, Christ has set us free. Yet, as much as we believe and rejoice in that Paschal mystery, we are celebrating in a very difficult and challenging time. Our observance of Lent this year was marked by unexpected and unwelcome penances for which we did not ask. Easter is marred by the same. We always trust in Jesus and His promise to be with us always and His command to us not to fear. The pandemic we are experiencing has done many things. It has, first of all, taken from us some of our loved ones. At the same time we have also seen the strength and resilience of many of our first responders, doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, and so many more who are considered to be essential workers. This has moved us to feel and express a gratitude which we perhaps should have expressed previously. So we mourn our beloved dead, we continue to pray for the sick among us and we thank those who help bravely.

Our spiritual lives have changed, too. We have experienced the closure of our churches. How painful this is to us, who feel that the Church is a “second home” in so many ways. We have been unable to receive the sacraments. I am thinking most especially of the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharist. Please allow me to reflect on that for a moment. The sacraments are indeed the way that Jesus chose to remain in our lives and the way that we continue to experience His presence and work among us. Nothing can replace that for us. It is most especially true in the Eucharist where Jesus is truly and substantially present to us that we experience Him in a unique and irreplaceable way. However, this experience has also taught us that Jesus cannot be limited. He cannot be contained. We can and do experience Him in many different ways. A sincere Act of Contrition and a Spiritual Communion, while not replacements for the sacraments, are ways to allow Jesus into our lives. We have even been unable to mourn our dead in the ways we are accustomed to doing. While this is heart breaking, we know that God’s mercy is overwhelming and we can pray for our loved ones at all times.

The closing of our churches has been unavoidable, as Brooklyn and Queens has had nearly 60% of all cases of Covid-19 in New York City. Though there are many who doubt and even publicly speak out against the decisions made to close churches and maintain social distancing, please know that decisions like these have not been taken lightly, especially in this Diocese where Brooklyn and Queens are literally at the epicenter of the crisis in New York City, which is the epicenter of the United States. When our churches do reopen, unfortunately, we will not be able to resume church life as we enjoyed it before. There will be changes to keep everyone healthy and safe. We will respond as always, as faithful People of God, to the challenges placed before us. I ask that we all strive to understand, to adapt and to rise up to these challenges. I want to thank our priests and deacons who have learned new ways to minister to you: for streamed Masses and retreats, homilies and talks, and various other engaging events on line which all help us remain close as the parish families we are and keep our spirits lifted as joy filled Christians. May the Lord, who is Mercy Itself, lead us out of this difficult time and into a time of good health and new life. The month of May is dedicated in a particular way to our Blessed Mother.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to pray the Rosary most fervently this month for an end to this pandemic. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us! St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us! With an assurance of my continued remembrance of you in prayer,

I am Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens

**THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. CLARE PARISH**

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

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**Stressful Parenting During COVID-19: (YOU ARE NOT ALONE)**

You are not Alone. Now that we are several weeks into the global health pandemic, one might think that parents and children have figured out their new routines and are essentially functioning together well by this point. This may be true for some families, but a tremendous amount of parents are sharing their stories of trying times that involve feeling overwhelmed, angry, anxious, stressed, and guilty. If this is how you're feeling, you are not alone. Many parents are trying to manage their "day job" of working remotely from home, while still completing chores and getting food on the table. If this weren't already enough, parents are also taking the role of homeschool teacher and must help their children get on Zoom or Google Classroom to meet with their class and complete assignments throughout each day.

Other factors could be present, leaving home for an essential job while the kids are home from school, functioning in a one-parent household, losing a job, or coping with a loved one becoming sick. Emotions are running high for parents and children alike. Throughout the now combined school and work day, there is breaking up arguments between siblings and trying to manage meals and snack time. Children may be showing more intense behavior struggles due to their heightened emotions as well, which results in both kids and parents having a melt down. Parents struggle to help their children with assignments, and even getting kids to focus long enough to complete their tasks can feel difficult enough. When will this end? It can be daunting to think of the weeks ahead. For all these reasons and more, we all may need to let go of the shame and guilt for "not parenting well enough" and talk about how to get through this. It may seem that we're the only ones who don't have it together by now which can feel lonely and shameful. Let's normalize these emotions and know that we are not the only ones going through this. Here is a list of (realistic) tips created with the insight of (realistic) parents that can help provide some relief from these overwhelming feelings: ---

**Take a pause from social media:** It can be easy to compare ourselves to others, especially when we have more time at home to peruse the Internet. On Facebook and Instagram, it can look like other parents have completely managed the chaos in their homes and are spending their time doing engaging and fun activities. It's true, they could be great suggestions-but it's important to keep in mind that these ideas may not be perfectly executed. Social media is often our "highlight reel" rather than a place we share our struggles. We don't know what someone else is going through. If social media is becoming too overwhelming or negative for us, it's important to take a break until we are in a better headspace.

**Connect with others:** Make time throughout the week to check in with friends and family members. Be honest with them and share what you're going through. They will likely be able to empathize with you and assure you that things haven't been the easiest for them either.

**Consider a general routine:** No need for anything detailed or elaborate. Take a minute to think of the flow of schedule you would like the weekdays to have. Involve your children in creating the plan so they can experience involvement and have buy-in to your plan. Make the routine straightforward and easy to understand. Post your schedule in the home so everyone has access and can see what to expect.

It is always easy to place blame on ourselves and dwell on our shortcomings as parents. It is important to remember that we are trying our best. It's true that the global health pandemic is frightening and worrisome. It would be impossible to function as well as we normally do. Allow the space to experience these real emotions without judgment and remember that everyone is going through this in one way or another.

Lean on others-we will get through this together. **Just remember, You Are Not Alone.**

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**A PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

During this Time of the Coronavirus COVID-19

Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.

Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Guard and defend them against every harm.

May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by this virus.

God of all consolation lift up and care for these men and women risking and sometimes sacrificing their very lives for the good of others.

May they know your protection and peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.

Amen

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**LIVE STREAMING IN OUR PARISH CHURCH**

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

We have installed Live Streaming where parishioners can partake in Masses, Monday to Saturday at 9:30am and on Sunday at 10:30am. All Mass intentions shall be prayed

Every private Mass that is celebrated, will be broadcasted online through our Website: <https://www.stclare-queens.org>. or through our Facebook page.

There is also a **Donate** button where you can make your weekly contribution on the website

**THE PARISH DEPENDS ON YOUR DONATIONS**

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**FAITH FORMATION**

Dear Families,

I hope you are as well as you can be during this time of change and uncertainty. Our Lord tells us "Do not be afraid I am with you always".

Yes, during this time he walks with us as he walked with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. They recognized him in the breaking of the Bread, then talked about their experience of encounter with the Lord.

As parents and family we are called to share our experience of encountering the risen Lord to our children. Just as they share their experience of encounter with the risen Lord with you.

Let us call this time a period of encounter with God and one another. Perhaps, a blessing to share on such a deep level.

The Diocese has provided us with many resources to help families with Faith Formation. I have included two videos hosted by Deacon Matt Halbach from Sadlier publication.

The other link is a good guide on how to watch and engage the family viewing live streaming Mass. At St Clare Masses are lived streamed at 9:30 am daily. Sunday 10:30 am [stclare-queens.org](http://stclare-queens.org)

I miss you and would love to hear from you. Please confirm you have received this e mail. Peace, love and joy. **Ms. Lorena**

**How To:**

<https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/How-to-Pray-the-TV-Mass-From-Home.pdf>

**Video 1**

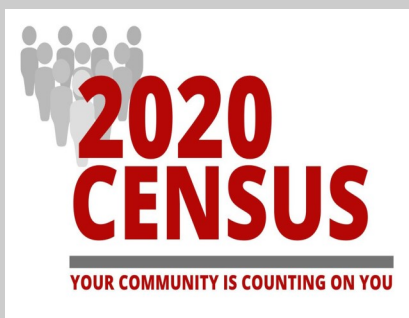
<https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Making-your-home-a-prayerful-space-brooklyn-video.mp4>

**Video 2**

<https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Faith-Formation-tips-and-Prayer.mp4>

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**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS**

**What is the 2020 Census?**

The goal of the census is to count every person living in the United States once, only once and in the right place. The U.S. Constitution mandates that this population and housing count occur every 10 years. Census data, guide how more than \$675 billion in federal building is distributed to states and communities each year.

**How do I respond ?**

Go to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.

If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll- free **1-844-330-2020**

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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 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 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](http://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!**

**YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS**

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| Father Andy                    | Natasha Brunson     |
| Veronica Richards              | Gabrielle Arthurton |
| Barbara Roberts                | Alex Maxwell        |
| Margaret Cummings              | Lisa Maxwell        |
| June Tanghow                   | Eugene Mitchell     |
| Colin Croft                    | Annie Andrews       |
| Milan Williams                 | Georgia Sarlis      |
| Alice Hall                     | Olga Daniel         |
| Irania Caruso                  | Iris McMillan       |
| Lillian Fortunado              | Heather Smith       |
| Alisia Thompson Reid           | Nancy Joseph        |
| Bernadette Ezissi              | Timothy Turner      |
| Sean (Victoria's son)          | Lillian             |
| Darline's Father & Family      | TD Mitchell         |
| Jason Barrett                  | Sister-in-Law Sonia |
| Arnold                         | Aunt Helen          |
| Samarra's Daughter, Alexandria |                     |
| Parishioner's Daughter Marilyn |                     |
| Mary Kelleher's Granddaughter  |                     |
| Manager John's Family          | MTA Members         |

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**INTERESTED IN ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR THE 2020—2021 SCHOOL YEAR?**



*Please contact us for a virtual tour at [Jpinnock @stclarecatholicacademy.org](mailto:Jpinnock@stclarecatholicacademy.org)*

**YOU CAN VISIT US AT [WWW.STCLARECATHOLICACADEMY.ORG](http://WWW.STCLARECATHOLICACADEMY.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION PACKET**

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ACADEMY IS LOCATED AT 137-25 BROOKVILLE BLVD. ROSEDALE NY 11422

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**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe**

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with Your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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**OUR MINISTRIES**

- FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY, YOUTH MINISTRY**
- ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY, WORSHIP 4 LIFE**
- MUSIC MINISTRY, HOLY NAME SOCIETY**
- BIBLE STUDY GROUP , CONSOLATION MINISTRY**
- FLOWER MINISTRY, WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

After this crisis is over, we the Ministries of St. Clare, welcome all parishioners interested in becoming members of any Ministry.

Our ministries extend the work of the Catholic Church in one way or another. Whether enhancing weekly mass with music or visiting with those in need of our thoughts and prayers, ministry makes God's kingdom alive in our community today.

**STAY SAFE, STAY INDOORS**