



# St. Clare Catholic Church

**The Reverend Daniel O. Kingsley, Pastor**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## 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. 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

Ms. Joan M. Delahunt, Music Director

Ms. Sachara Valmé, Youth Minister

Mr. Richard Sealy, Custodian

Mr. Robert Smith, Trustee

Ms. Jennifer Chung, Trustee

## St. Clare Catholic Academy

137-25 Brookville Boulevard, Rosedale, NY 11422

Pre-K-Grade 8 (718) 528-7174

Mrs. Deanna Maynard, Principal

Mrs. JoAnn Pinnock, Dean

Mrs. Lucy Diaz, Administrative Assistant

website: [www.stclarecatholicacademy.org](http://www.stclarecatholicacademy.org)

## Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sundays: 8am & 11:00am Masses

Holy Days: *To Be Announced*

## Devotions

Miraculous Medal is said on Monday mornings after Mass. St. Clare Novena is said on Saturday mornings after Mass. The Rosary 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 of 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.

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**5:00pm**— Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Rosa Blount req. by Felita Marshall, her Siblings & Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**8:00am**— In Loving Memory of Celigny Celestin, requested by the Celestin Family

**11:00am**— For You, the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**8:30am**- For Deliverance from all Pain and Suffering of my Brother

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**8:30am** Birthday Blessings for Emy Emmanuel Nwozuzu, requested by the Nwozuzu Family.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**8:30am**— On the Death Anniversary of Luc Stephen, requested by the Stephen Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**8:30am**— Birthday Blessings for Aidan Balkaran, requested by the Balkaran Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**8:30am**— Blessing & Prosperity in Future Endeavors for Freelledine Belotte, req. by Rosena Belotte

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**8:30am**— In Loving Memory of Mrs. Andrea Grandville Samedy, requested by Joelle Jackson


**5:00pm**— In Thanksgiving for Lauren and Andrew, requested by the Francisque Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**8:00am**— Birthday Blessings in Heaven to Sargent Robert J. Lavender, req. by Felita Marshall & Family

**11:00am**— For You, the People of the Parish

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**The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV  
Prayer Intentions for  
DECEMBER 2025**

**For Christians in Areas of Conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**12/08/2024**  
**\$4,293.00**

**12/07/2025**  
**5pm— \$ 572.00**  
**8am— \$1,398.00**  
**11:00am— \$2,858.00**

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**\$4,293.00**  
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**\$4,618.00**  
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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Sun Is 35:1-6a, 10, Mt 11:2-11 (7)
- Mon Nm 24:2-7, Mt 21:23-27 (187)
- Tue. Zep 3:1-2, Mt 21:28-32 (188)
- Wed. Gn 49:2, 810, Mt 1;1-17 (193)
- Thur. Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25 (194)
- Fri. Jgs 13:2-7, Lk 1:5-25 (195)
- Sat. Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38 (196)
- Sun Is 7:10-14, Mt 11:2-11 (7)

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 14**

- 8:00am Mass, 11:00am Mass
- 12:30pm—Faith Formation
- 12:30pm—Christmas Health & Wellness Seminar (Free Blood Pressure Monitors Distributed)

**Monday, December 15**

- RECONCILIATION MONDAY**
- 8:30am—Morning Mass
- Confessions heard after the 8:30am Mass
- 6pm— 8pm— Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Confessions heard during Adoration)

**Tuesday, December 16**

- 8:30am—Morning Mass
- 7:00pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday, December 17**

- SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW**
- 8:30am— Morning Mass

**Thursday, December 18**

- 8:30am— Morning Mass
- 7:30pm—Worship4Life
- 7:30PM—Diocesan Lessons and Carols Service (The Immaculate Conception in Douglaston)

**Friday, December 19**

- 8:30am—Morning Mass

**Saturday, December 20**

- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**
- 8:30am—Morning Mass
- 2:30pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal

My dear Parishioners,

There are only two days in the whole liturgical year when the Church bedecks herself in resplendent rose. One day is Laetare Sunday, otherwise the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Laetare Sunday draws its name from the Latin prayer once uttered at Mass, “Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam.” Rendered into English, “Rejoice, O Jerusalem and come together all you that love her.” In Lent's austerity, we are glad that the Lord is nearing Jerusalem to accomplish the greatest work of salvation, His Death and Resurrection. In Advent's hope, rose is the color of this day, Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. Its name drawn from another ancient prayer, “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete.” Again for modern ears, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!” With glad expectation, we---with the shepherds and the Magi--- draw near the manger of Bethlehem to receive the Christ-child.

At the heart of today is joy, not happiness. Let me explain. Happiness is momentary. Joy is life-long. As a young child I remember the happiness I had when for my elementary school graduation, my mom purchased for the Nintendo 64 game system. At the time, it was a very advanced machine. I say now the happiness was momentary because the Nintendo 64 did not contribute to my being. It did not make me a better person, let alone a better student. My math grades in middle school were horrendous. In a due time, the Nintendo 64 became a machine of yesteryear when the Nintendo GameCube succeeded it. My old Nintendo 64, the source of youthful happiness, is collecting dust somewhere.

Joy, my brothers and sisters, is a deeper and more profound reality. Whilst in seminary, a classmate of mine, Fr. Anthony Giacona, opined, “Joy is to know that you have value and worth because God loved you before you even loved yourself!” There is no title, position, job, salary, house, or benefit, on earth that can bring us joy. Happiness is fleeting, but joy remains. It is thus, fitting, for the Apostle Paul to link joy with prayer. We must be in life-affirming and life-sustaining relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ order to know joy. Without that living link we cannot “in all circumstances give thanks” (1 Thess. 5: 18) nor authentically “test everything; retain what is good [and] refrain from every kind of evil.” (1 Thess. 5: 22) Joy, by its nature, is an extension of grace, a reassurance of God's love for this fallen world. And once, we have known in God, we can know joy and share it in other people. Joy reorders every human relationship. I can see and love in another, what God Himself sees and loves in me. The loving warmth that emanates from joy is a foretaste of heaven. The fidelity of marriage, or in my case, the celibacy of priesthood, are reminders that one is not only pledged to the good of another, but also to the salvation of another. In some of my dearest friendships, I can feel another presence, a divine presence, a divine joy. On this point, the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, once preached, “We can reflect on whether we are really aware of this fact that the Lord is present among us, that he is not a distant God but a God-with-us, a God in our midst who is with us here, who is in the Blessed Eucharist, he is with us in the living Church and we must be heralds of this presence of God. Thus, God rejoices in us and we can attain joy: God exists, God is good and God is close.”

On this rosy Gaudete Sunday let us keep in mind that happiness comes and goes, but joy remains. It is a gift comes to us soon as babe in Bethlehem, and later as a man mounts the Cross for my salvation and yours. Christ is the Father's answer to every woe and sorrow, and the fulfillment of a promise offered long ago. Let us not only this Sunday, but every day, utter that time honored prayer, “Rejoice always in the Lord, again I say, Rejoice!”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley,  
Pastor





# CHRISTMAS HEALTH & WELLNESS TALK

## PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is a time of joy and celebration but it can also be a high-risk time for stress, stroke, and elevated blood pressure. Let's come together as a community to learn practical strategies to stay healthy, balanced, and protected.

**DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**TIME: 12:30PM - 1:30PM**

**LOCATION: ST. CLARE CHURCH**

**137-35 BROOKVILLE BLVD. ROSEDALE, NY 11422  
(COMMUNITY ROOM)**

**Featured Speaker**

**Dr. Michele C. Reed**

**Board-Certified Family Medicine Physician  
Expert in holistic wellness, prevention, and community health**

**All Are Welcome!**

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

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY for the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized, *Send in the names of your loved ones who are ill, so that we may pray for them daily.*

- Matthew Zinser III     Phillip Wright
- Patricia Kleene        Mark Bonilla
- Nicholas Marshall     Jereta Johnson
- Pastor Robert Rainis   Jeff Zero
- Veronica Richardson



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ST. CLARE CHURCH BUS TRIP**  
**SIGHT & SOUND THEATER**  
**"JOSHUA"**

**DATE: SATURDAY – JUNE 13, 2026**  
**PICKUP TIME: 7:30AM**  
**WHERE: 137-35 BROOKVILLE BLVD,**  
**ST. CLARE CHURCH**  
**DEPARTURE FROM THEATRE: 5:45PM**  
**COST: ADULTS - \$240.00,**  
**CHILDREN -\$180.00**

**Due to rising prices at Sight n Sound**  
**Payment plan available**

**1ST PAYMENT— 03/02/26,**  
**2ND PAYMENT— 04/02/26**  
**FINAL PAYMENT—05/02/26**  
**(No Refunds )**

**ALL PAYMENTS MADE AT THE**  
**RECTORY OFFICE**

**REVIEW BUS SEATING PLAN WITH**  
**FINAL PAYMENT**

**ITINERARY: Shop at Tanger Outlets,**  
**Lunch at the Golden Corral**



ST. CLARE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
**ANNUAL**  
**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX**

**Donation Drive**

The Women's Ministry is leading a Christmas toiletry Drive for The Landing Family Shelter in Queens. We would love for you to join us and share the love of Christ with those in need.

**Begins October 17th and runs thru December 19th, 2025**

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Body Wash, Aftershave
- Shaving Cream, Shower Gel
- Wash Cloths, Loofa Sponge
- Adult Diapers
- Body Lotions
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant-Men & Women
- New Bras, Underwear (Assorted sizes)
- Socks/undershirts, scarves, hats
- Diaper rash cream
- Diapers & Pull-Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Bathroom Tissue
- Household Cleaning Supplies



**TO DONATE**

Please select and check items from this list and place in a shoe-box or larger box. Bring box to the Rectory Office, with a copy of this flyer affixed. Or, reach out to anyone from the contact list below to make other arrangements. Thank you

**ENDS**  
**DEC. 19.25**

Please note -  
No used or opened items will be accepted.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." (Proverbs 19:17).

Donated By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact:  
Beverly 646-255-7968  
Michelle 646-270-7609  
Althea 917-693-1595

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**2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Parish Goal: **\$60,566.00**

Amount Pledged: **\$52,437.00**    Paid to Date: **\$44,699.23**

The continuation of our programs in the Diocese of Brooklyn assures us that we will have a healthy, vibrant Church for future generations to come! Please remember how many good things can be achieved by your sacrifice to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**.

**PLEASE DONATE, AS EVERY DONATION HELPS THE CHURCH IN REACHING ITS GOAL.**

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St. Clare R.C. Church  
**Youth & Family Life MINISTRIES**  
Invites you to  
**Brunch with Santa & Gift Exchange**  
St. Clare School Auditorium  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2025**  
**12PM- 4PM**  
137-35 Brookville Blvd. Rosedale NY 11422  
**ADMISSION FOR EACH CHILD WHO ATTENDS:**  
Please bring a wrapped gift labeled for a boy or girl & age group  
3mths -1, 2- 4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16-18

**FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST**  
Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Arts & Crafts, Games  
Dancing & Fun  
Picture with Santa  
Gift Exchange

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**The Giving Tree**

Christmas is a joyful time of the year for many, let us not forget those who are not as fortunate as we are.

The Giving Tree provides parishioners with an opportunity to give gifts to enrich the Christmas of needy individuals in our area.

Our Giving Tree is in the back of Church with gift tags on the branches of the tree that are labeled for men and women. Take a tag or two and purchase the gift indicated.

We kindly ask that all gifts be wrapped with the giving tree tag attached, and brought in by next Saturday, December 20th, 2025

**Please place all gifts in front of the St. Joseph's Statue.**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Now through Dec. 17th — Women’s Ministry  
**Christmas Shoe Box Donation Drive**
- Now through Dec. 21st—Youth Ministry Ornament Sale
- December 14th— Christmas Health & Wellness Talk  
St. Clare Catholic Church  
Free Blood Pressure Monitors Distributed
- December 20th—**Breakfast with Santa**
- December 24th—**Christmas Eve**
- December 24th—Youth Ministry—The Nativity Story
- December 25th—**Christmas Day**
- December 27th— Youth Ministry Snow Tubing
- December 31st—New Year’s Eve

**TODAY, DECEMBER 14TH 2025,  
IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

During the season of Advent as we await the birth of our Lord, may you experience **Hope, Joy, Love and Peace**. Every family is encouraged to place an **Advent Wreath** in the home and light the candles each evening.



**PLEASE LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE ON YOUR ADVENT WREATH**



**ST. CLARE BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study can be done in the comfort of your own home behind a computer, iPad or your cell phone. We meet online every Wednesday from 7:30pm until 9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Make some time for Jesus and fellowship with us.

Foundations of Faith offers a comprehensive exploration of the Catechism, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life.

For more information on course materials and other information please contact:  
Timothy Turner: biblestudy11422@gmail.com

In our next study we will be looking at The Holy Catholic Church CCC 748-945.  
Bible Study: Foundations of Faith

Personal Meeting ID 945 393 3239      Security Passcode: z0Ycg1

Invite Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9453933239?pwd=Ra5sqcuzXFxHcJ6bCJ3uGvYYfOnpkN.1&omn=81246418067>

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**ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**



Tomorrow, Monday December 15th, 2025, our Diocese will celebrate **Advent Reconciliation Monday**. On this special day, St. Clare Church will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** after the 8:30am Mass, and during the 6pm Penance Service. This is in preparation of the great **Feast of the Lord’s Nativity**.



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