

Church of Saint Clare

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon
Tuesday and Wednesday Only: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.,
Wednesday Noon-1:00 p.m.
during Adoration, or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE and CHAPEL HOURS

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome! Please register in person or online
at <https://saintclare.net/parish-registration>.

SAINT CLARE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Clare Parish is a Roman Catholic community that cherishes its faith tradition, celebrates the sacraments, and cultivates lives of Gospel service and stewardship



Pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Daily at 7:50 a.m.
Come Join Us!

mass intentions

Monday December 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday December 16 8:30 CK Joseph Forristell

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday December 17 8:30 KE Mark Radwan

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/
Lk 1:5-25

Saturday December 20 4:30 KE Paul E. Posatiere, Jr.

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday December 21

Is 7:10-14/
Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 CK Lorenzo Mastrangelo

10:00 CK People of the Parish

12:00 SN The Living and Deceased
of the Kaye Family

Baptism:

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend a preparation class if this is their first child being baptized. Please call the Business Office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins:

We are concerned that all who cannot get to Church be able to continue to receive the Eucharist. Contact the Business Office to schedule a Eucharistic Minister.

Anointing of the Sick:

A priest will gladly come to your home by request to Anoint the ill or aged. Anointing for hospital patients is provided by the hospital chaplain.

Sponsor Requirements: Direct requests for sponsor certificates to a priest. Individuals must

- Be registered and practicing members of the parish
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- If married, be in a marriage accepted by the Catholic Church

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Initial contact is to be made directly with a priest of Saint Clare.

Church of Saint Clare Telephone Directory: 440-449-4242

Rectory

Fr. Kevin Estabrook 105
Fr. Curtis Kondik 107
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Business Office

Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113
Pam Hasan, Parish Secretary 101
Gayle Jameson, Admin Assistant 115
Mark DeSilvio, Bulletin Editor 100

Fax: 440-646-9648

Office of Faith Formation

Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate, Director
of Catechetics & Faith Formation 119
Marisa Falcione, Administrative and
Pastoral Assistant 122

Parish Ministries

OCIA Director 109
St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) 161
Caregiver Support 165

Saint Clare Calendar week of December 14

Monday December 15

Nourish 6:30 p.m. (HR)

Tuesday December 16

Cenacle 9:00 a.m. (CH)

SCCO Outreach 7:00 p.m. (HR)

Wednesday December 17

Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CH)

Confessions 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CH)

Thursday December 18

6:30 p.m. OCIA (HR)

Pray for Our Sick

Frank Casarona, Joseph Casarona,
Theresa Coffey, Denise and Frank DeFlorio,
Roger De Penti, Darlene Dula,
Peter Faerber, Elizabeth Ferenczi,
Bill Gilbert, Lillian Khas, Tony LaVerde,
Lisa Lynch, Carmella Mastandrea,
Terrence Meins, Diane Minor,
Justin Montello, Bob Moravick,
John Nicholl, Karyn Nowak,
Rosemarie Paluckas, Alyssa Parino,
Jodi Piscitello, Lauri Powaski,
Lena Salvatore, Bob Sheridan,
Dorothy Skiba, Regina Szabo,
Gianna Valley

To add or remove a name, call the parish office 440-449-4242.



*Congratulations to
Bill & Kitty Elicker celebrating their
60th Wedding Anniversary on
Thursday, December 18!*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Happy Gaudete Sunday! The 3rd Sunday of Advent is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. Ever since the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great in the Sixth Century, the 3rd Sunday of Advent has been called "Gaudete Sunday." The word "gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice" and is the first word of the entrance antiphon or introit for Mass, a quotation of St. Paul to the Philippians: "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est. Rejoice in the Lord always: I say it again, rejoice! For the Lord is near!"

The Christian life is to be marked by Joy. But authentic joy does not come from material wealth, earthly fame, or the lack of trials, but from living in right relationship with God. True joy comes from a vibrant, living relationship with the Lord encountered in the Sacraments, in private prayer, liturgical worship, and in works of charity.

Joy is a virtue (see SUMMA THEOLOGIAE, Secunda Secundae Partis, Q. 28) and thereby increases the more we practice and cultivate it. We practice joy by keeping our focus on Christ in whatever we do. Even difficult times, trials, losses, struggle, and confusion, can be marked by joy when we are mindful of the Lord's nearness. But just as joy can increase, it can also decrease if we neglect it, seeking instant gratification or fulfillment in sin, and undergo our days without focusing on the Lord.

There can be no growth in any virtue without discipline and intentional effort.

Nineteenth^h Century St Théophane Vénard (canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1998) said, "Try to fulfill each day's tasks steadily and cheerfully. Be merry, really merry. The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity."

This Gaudete Sunday is an opportunity to recommit to cultivating the virtue of joy by centering our day on Jesus, performing our life's daily duties prayerfully, with a recollected mind, accepting our trials patiently, and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us to more generous service.

May the Lord bless each of us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas and His coming at the end of time, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Fr. Kevin Estabrook

Parish Support
Capital Improvement Contributions
Fiscal Year Beginning 07/01/2025
Year-to-Date through 10/31/2025 \$14,273.33
Goal for the Year \$90,000.00

Parish Support
FOR THE WEEK OF November 30, 2025
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$16,000.00
WEEKLY AVERAGE (21 Weeks) \$13,038.49

Weekly Envelope Offering	\$ 4,981.00
Online Weekly Offering	\$ 5,608.00
Fee Offset Donation - Weekly	\$ 67.75
Children's Offering	\$ 15.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,827.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,297.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$ 13,795.75
Capital Improvement	\$ 954.00
Online Capital Improvement	\$ 110.00
Saint Clare Community Outreach	\$ 87.00

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Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

Dec 6	Rose Gatto	\$ 25
Dec 7	Nunzia Denigris	\$ 50
Dec 8	Mary Beth Malta	\$ 25
Dec 9	George Metz	\$ 25
Dec 10	Brian & Liz Thelen	\$ 25
Dec 11	Claudia Botsko	\$ 25
Dec 12	Art Cefaratti	\$ 25

Congratulations to all of our Winners!

Advent ~ Christmas 2025

The Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday, December 24
4 and 10 pm

The Solemnity of Christmas
Thursday, December 25
9 and 11 am

The Vigil of Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God
Wednesday, December 31
4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God
Thursday, January 1, 2026
9 and 11 am



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The Gift of Advent Silence**
with Dr. Megan Lowes-Bolin,
Director of Young Adult Ministry

How can Advent help us
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and challenge of silence
and stillness?

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*Volunteer to decorate our
church for Christmas!*



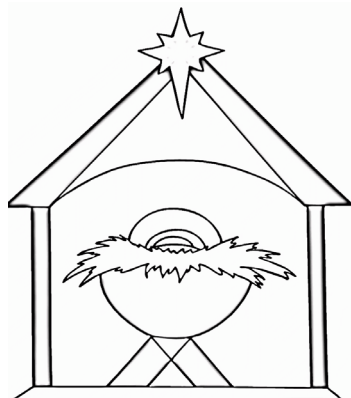
*How? Just show up at
9am on Wednesday,
December 23!*

At our 4pm Christmas Eve Liturgy at the Church of Saint Clare, the young children in our parish are invited to participate in a special way by coloring a special card and saying a prayer of comfort and cheer for an elderly person. The children are to bring their cards to church for 4pm Mass Christmas Eve and come forward during Mass to give them as gifts to Jesus at the Presentation of Gifts (*during 4pm Mass Christmas Eve only*). These will then be distributed to those in local assisted living, care and rehabilitation centers. Cards will be sent home through Corpus Christi Academy and PSR and they are available at the doors of the church, in the offices and online at

<https://saintclare.net/faith-formation-religious-ed>

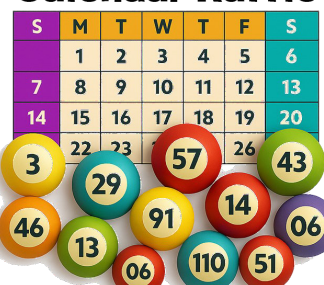
"Behold,
The virgin shall be with child
And bear a son,
And they shall name him
Emmanuel,
Which means "God is with us."

~ Matthew 1:22 & Isaiah 7:14



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OUR LADY OF

Fatima

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

**Hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Wednesday, December 31, 2025-
Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

The Cleveland Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will be bringing the beautiful Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish beginning Wednesday, December 31, 2025 through Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Blessed by Saint Pope John Paul II in Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1982 this statue has traveled throughout the Diocese of Cleveland bringing Mary's peaceful presence and loving devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ through her Immaculate Heart and the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady's heavenly messages and loving miracles will be shared by Parish Council member Dennis Razayeski after the 12:10pm Mass on Monday, January 5, Friday, January 9 and Monday, January 12. All are welcome!



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