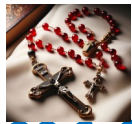


# Church of Saint Clare

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A classical painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is on the left, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown, looking down at the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the right, standing and looking up at the sky with his hands outstretched. The infant Jesus lies in a manger filled with straw, wrapped in a white cloth. Two angels are present: one in the foreground, kneeling and praying with hands clasped, wearing a yellow robe and large blue wings; and another in the background, also kneeling and looking down at the child. The scene is set in a rustic stable with wooden beams and straw. The lighting is soft and focused on the infant Jesus.

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to the World  
the Lord  
is come*



Pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
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## mass intentions

### Monday December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

### Tuesday December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**8:30 CK Peter & Maryanne Thomas**

### Wednesday December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**Vigil of Solemnity of Mary**

**4:30 CK People of the Parish**

### Thursday January 1, 2026

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21

**Solemnity of Mary**

**9:00 SN People of the Parish**

**11:00 KE People of the Parish**

### Friday January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

### Saturday January 3

1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6/  
Jn 1:29-34

**4:30 KE Emilda & Cesare Refe**

### Sunday January 4

Is 60:1-6/  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

**The Epiphany of The Lord**

**8:00 KE Loretta Iannetta**

**10:00 KE People of the Parish**

**12:00 SN People of the Parish**

### 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  
Mass Schedule 2

### Business Office

Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113  
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Gayle Jameson, Admin Assistant 115  
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### Office of Faith Formation

Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate, Director of Catechetics & Faith Formation 119  
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### Parish Ministries

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St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) 161  
Caregiver Support 165

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Lindsay Sayre, Pre K Director/Teacher 129  
Aftercare 131  
Clinic 132  
Gym Kitchen 130  
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## Saint Clare Calendar Week of December 28

### Tuesday December 30

Cenacle 9:00 a.m. (CH)

### Wednesday December 31

#### Vigil of Solemnity of Mary

4:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

No Adoration, No Confessions

### Thursday January 1, 2026

#### Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses (CH)

## 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, Gianna Valley

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



*Pray for our faithful departed*

Susanne Beatrice



*Pray for all Priests*

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

The Second Vatican Council was prophetic in many ways. The Council Fathers saw the growing materialism of the 20th century, the breaking down of families, increased number of divorces, decline in morals, and a devaluing of the sacred institution of marriage. In response to these cultural revolutions, the Council Fathers added the Feast of the Holy Family to the Liturgical Calendar to be celebrated the Sunday after Christmas, that we might celebrate the dignity of the family, as Our Savior Himself was born as a member of a family.

Pope Saint John Paul II, who was present as a bishop at the Second Vatican Council, never tired of reminding the Church that the future of humanity depends on marriage and the family. Saint John Paul wrote a wonderful document on the family called *Familiaris Consortio*, in which he wrote: "At a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it... the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family."

And within this document, he gave four tasks for the family, so that families may become what God made them to be. One, the persons of the family must always seek to grow in communion with one another. Husbands and wives, parents and children must seek to deepen the bonds of love that join them. Two, St. John Paul called upon families to be at the service of life. He encouraged spouses to be generous in bringing new life into the world, as well as being diligent in raising those children in the faith. Three, he called upon families to contribute to society. Families should foster deep bonds of communion with other families, and work to ensure the protection of the family through political means.

Finally, he called upon families to share in the life and mission of the Church. Families should come together for the Sacraments, of course, but also join together for prayer, Scripture study, faith, charitable works and evangelization efforts.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph strengthen and sanctify all of your families, aiding you in loving God and loving one another, for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

*Fr. Kevin Estabrook*

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*Thank you for your consistent giving!*

## Business Office Holiday Hours

Thursday January 1, 2026  
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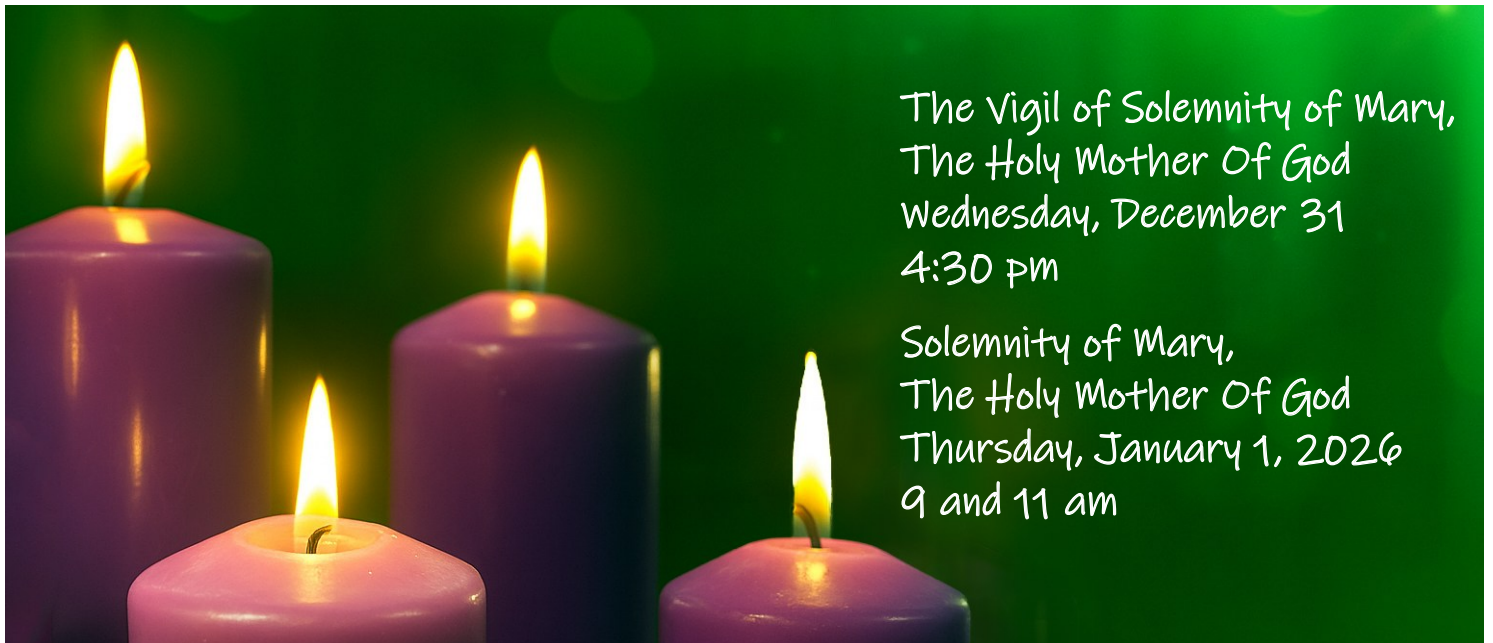
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*Congratulations to all of our Winners!*



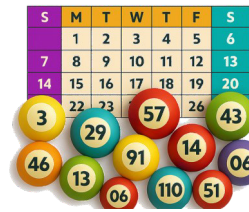
The Vigil of Solemnity of Mary,  
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OUR LADY OF

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Wednesday, December 31, 2025-  
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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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Want to inquire? Contact Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate  
lmascia.stclare@att.net or 440-449-4242 Ext. 119



## Marriage Talks

Ss. Robert & William Catholic Church -  
Sacred Heart Conference Room in the Parish Offices

January 9<sup>th</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>,  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, & May 22<sup>nd</sup>

These talks are designed for those who are preparing for marriage or desiring to enrich their marriage. Each topic is covered in a group setting with other couples, allowing for questions and insights to be shared. Feel free to join us on the following Friday evenings at SRW in the Sacred Heart Conference Room in the Parish Offices.

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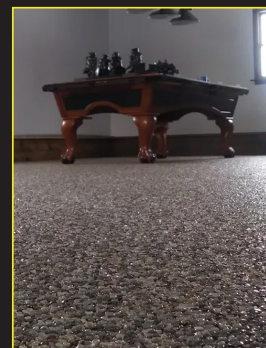
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