



Church of Saint Clare

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Fr. Stanley J. Klasinski, Pastor
Fr. Joseph R. Brankatelli, Parochial Vicar
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Daniel and Nancy Maier, Pastoral Musicians

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day of Obligation Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

First and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Please contact the Business Office to make
arrangements.

Marriage:

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

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins:

We are most anxious that all who cannot get to
Church be able to continue to receive the Eucharist.
Please call the Business Office and a Eucharistic
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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.

Sponsors:

Sponsor certificates are given to those who are
registered parishioners, confirmed and practicing
Catholics. Contact Business Office.

Registration:

Welcome! Please register in person at the Business
Office.

Christmas 2024



Mass Intentions

Prior to Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy 7:50 a.m.

Come Join Us!

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:30 Loretta Iannetta

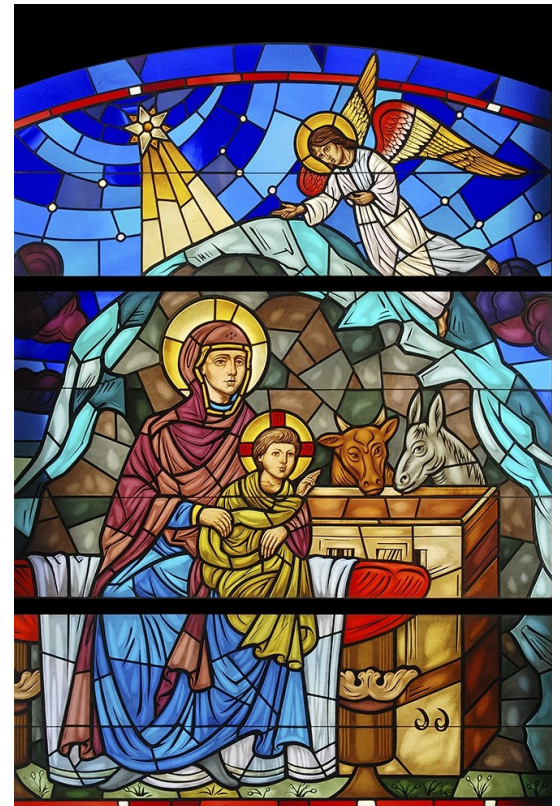
Wednesday, January 8

8:30 Ashley Ostrander

Saturday, January 11

4:30 Michael Manocchio

The Epiphany of The Lord



Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of faith.

Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You.

May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You.

Amen

SPECIAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY BLESSINGS & HOME KITS

Like the Three Kings who warmly presented Jesus with their gifts at His birth, our sponsors, donors and parishioners gave their treasure in helping Saint Clare Parish.

To express our gratitude, Father Brankatelli will provide a special blessing for all sponsors, donors and parishioners at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, January 5.

Home blessing kits will be available for all with instructions and the prayers included. Donuts and coffee will be provided following the Mass in our school's gymnasium as another small token of our appreciation and a way to celebrate your kindness and generosity.

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

Business Office

Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113
 Parish Secretary 101
 Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant 115

Fax: 440-646-9648

Rectory

Fr. Stanley Klasinski 105
 Fr. Joseph Brankatelli 107
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Office of Faith Formation

Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate 119
 Brad Jasko, Administrative Assistant 122

Parish Ministries

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 Youth Ministry 139

Business Office and Chapel Hours

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

Academy

Matthew Tabar, Principal 117
 Loretta Pilla, Admissions Coordinator 102
 Regina Matthews, Secretary 118
 Cara Mia Duncan
 Pre-K Director/Teacher 129
 Phone: 440-449-4244
 Aftercare 131
 Clinic 132
 Gym Kitchen 130
 Food Services (Voicemail) 164

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.

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2025

Monday 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22
 Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Pray for Our Sick

Elizabeth Bryson, Karen Cannon, Frank Casarona,
 Joseph Casarona, Laurie Casarona, Margaret Clark,
 Theresa Coffey, Mary Jane De Pentti, Roger De Pentti,
 Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Lillian Khas,
 Rev. Stanley Klasinski, Tony LaVerde, Carmella
 Mastandrea, Terrence Meins, Diane Minor, Justin
 Montello, Bob Moravick, Karyn Nowak, Rosemarie
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Parish Support

Capital Improvement Contributions
 Fiscal Year Beginning 07/01/2024
 Year-to-Date through 11/30/2024 \$43,588.41
 Goal for the Year \$90,000.00

Parish Support

The next bulletin will reflect the weeks
 for December 22 and 29.



Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

December 28	Bethany Goedecke	\$ 25
December 29	Marilyn Puhalla	\$ 50
December 30	Rita Perna	\$ 25
December 31	Amber Malatesta	\$100
January 1, 2025	Helen Davenport	\$100
January 2	Janice DiMichele	\$ 25
January 3	Ken Buzzelli	\$ 25

Congratulations to all of our Winners!



Calendar Lottery

The 2025 St. Clare Calendar Lottery tickets with donations are currently being received in the business office. The drawings have already begun! Return the calendar stubs with your donation in the collection basket during Mass, by mail, or drop off at the business office. Call or stop in the business office for additional tickets. Proceeds go to the parish operating fund. The sooner you play, the more drawings you are eligible to win. There will be 365 winners this year!

Pray for These Priests and Seminarians

Sunday, January 5

Our Holy Father
 Rev. Ralph E. Wiatrowski
 Rev. Walter Dolan OFM

Monday, January 6

Rev. Anthony F. Sejba
 Rev. John P. Miceli
 Dylan Perman - Borromeo

Tuesday, January 7

Rev. John F. Murphy
 Rev. Nicholas August Mtey
 Dylan Rhoad - Borromeo

Wednesday, January 8

Rev. Milton Kiocha AJ
 Rev. William G. Bouhall
 John Paul Antalek - Borromeo

Thursday, January 9

Rev. Donald M. Serva
 Rev. George P. Varkey MSFS
 Dylan Ennis - Borromeo

Friday, January 10

Rev. Dominic F. Gideon
 Rev. Douglas H. Koesel
 Tate Johnson - Borromeo

Saturday, January 11

Rev. James Riley SJ
 Rev. Joseph J. Lieberth
 Dominic Kucera - Borromeo

Please Welcome Fr. Stephen Ntui and Fr. William Bouhall who will be assisting at our weekend Masses for several months!



Fr. Stephen Ntui is from Nigeria and was ordained on October 21, 2017. Father has concluded his status as an international student and has been granted permission to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. Father is currently the chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic.



Fr. Bill Bouhall was ordained on May 28, 1994. Father serves at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio, as House Spiritual Director to the seminarians helping to develop and deepen relationships with God. He previously was pastor of St. Thomas More in Brooklyn, Ohio.



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Go to <https://go.rallyup.com/CorpusChristi> — Drawing on January 10

Here is a sample listing of our raffle baskets: Cleveland Sports Pint Glasses, Family Game Night, Beauty Essentials, Fashionably Adorned, Charcuterie Time, It's Movie Time, and 5 O'clock Somewhere

The Diocese of Cleveland's Office of Marriage & Family Ministry 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Jubilee celebration for marriages in 1975 is scheduled for June 29, 2025. Couples may request a letter from Bishop Malesic and a certificate to commemorate their very special occasion. The certificates and letters are compiled **once a month** and must be requested online in advance.

Request a certificate at the link below:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration>

**Is the Bible relevant today? Is there more to life than this? Do you ever pray?
Who was Jesus? What does faith mean to you?**

Join Alpha, starting January 27, 6:30pm
Alpha meets 10 weeks, once per week

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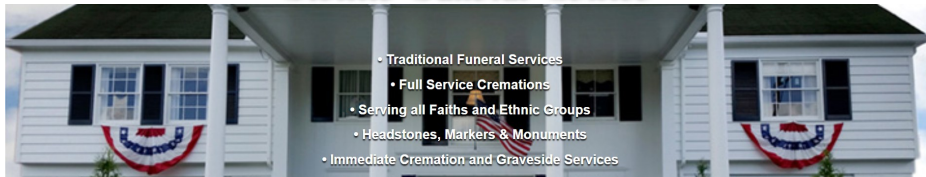
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AlphaUSA.org



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The Miraculous Cane

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir practiced.

Ten minutes later, he came out, walking upright and moving gracefully and quickly.

“Good gracious,” the choir director exclaimed. “Did the pastor heal you by faith?”

“No,” the old man said with a smile. “He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!”



January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

Written by
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Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Deeply fatigued from their perilous journey, the three wise men must have been filled with doubt and hope in equal measure, wondering if the star would truly lead them to the promised King. “Is this really worth it?” they may have questioned. “Will we ever meet this child?” And then, in a single gaze, Christ broke into the world of humanity. In this perfect encounter with the Son of God, the wise men “prostrated themselves” and “opened their treasures” before him - in all his glory and all his innocence. We, on our earthly pilgrimage, may relate to feeling exhausted, full of both hope and heartache, as we wait and wonder where we will meet Jesus. Today, remember, he is here, among us. Waiting for our presence, waiting for our heart. Like today’s Scripture from Isaiah, the Magi must have experienced their hearts *throbbing* and *overflowing* with wonder and awe at the sight of their long-awaited King.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Your light has come!” What thrilling words these must have been, proclaimed to a world that had been shrouded in darkness, eagerly - *desperately* - waiting for their God to save them. And not only has their light come; with it came a promise that this light would guide all nations. Yet this invitation to light, to *freedom*, also comes with a great responsibility. This light that came into the world isn’t just for us to follow; it is also for us to reflect to others. In today’s world, this may not involve leading flocks of sheep or strumming a 10-stringed lyre, but it does call us to live as radiant witnesses of Christ’s love, always singing his praise! Perhaps this means living joyfully despite our suffering. Maybe it looks like practicing generosity, when we feel like we have little left to give or remaining hopeful in a bleak situation. We are called to praise at all times, but it takes different forms in the different seasons of our life. Whatever season we find ourselves in, let us, like the Magi, seek the King, trusting in his promise and following his light.

REFLECT

Consider areas in your life where the Child Jesus is waiting to break in. Where does he long to heal you, comfort you, and bring you peace? Like the wise men, we are on a pilgrimage filled with hope - and at times, fear and restlessness. On this great feast, let us offer Jesus our treasure - our hearts - and, in return, he will give us the greatest gift of all: himself.

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