



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please register with the parish by contacting the Parish Office or on our website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The schedule for the celebration of Baptism is arranged with the Pastor. (Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.) Please call the Parish Office after the child is born.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confession is offered on Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry should contact the Marriage Coordinator at 401-348-8765 at least one year before the wedding.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Eucharist will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. Please contact the Parish Rectory.

PARISH CHOIR

The choir, under the direction of Parish Organist & Music Director Bruce Coon, meets for rehearsal on Thursday nights at 6 PM in the choir loft.

STAFF

Rev. Kenneth J. Suibielski, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Stephen Cote, Deacon
Rev. Mr. John D. McGregor, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Carl LaFleur, Retired Deacon
Mrs. Jennifer O'Connor, Parish Secretary
Ms. Alice Duffy, Campus Manager
Mrs. Diana Huff, Parish Accountant
Mr. Bruce Coon, Music Director
Mrs. Ellie Cote, Marriage Coordinator
Ms. Pamela Salimeno, Religious Education Director

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: 8 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM Sunday Masses: 8 AM & 10 AM
Holy Days: DAY 8 AM VIGIL 6 PM

WATCH HILL CHAPEL

Last weekend of June through Sunday of Labor Day
Sunday Mass 8:30 AM ONLY

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM

Rectory and Office

Phone 401-348-8765 Fax 401-315-5273
stclareri2@cox.net Website: stclarewesterly.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stclarewesterly.com

Religious Education 2018/2019

Class for Grades 1 - 5

Monday, December 17 at 6 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Center

Class for Grades 6 & 7

Sunday, December 16 at 11 AM in the Parish Center

Class for Grade 8

Sunday, December 16 at 11 AM in the Lower Rectory

All St. Clare 7th Grade students who formerly attended St. Pius X School who now attend public school, MUST join our Religious Education Program for the upcoming year.

Class schedules and registration forms are available on the *Calendar* and *Education* tabs of the St. Clare website, stclarewesterly.com If you have questions, please contact Pam Salimeno at 401-596-0579.

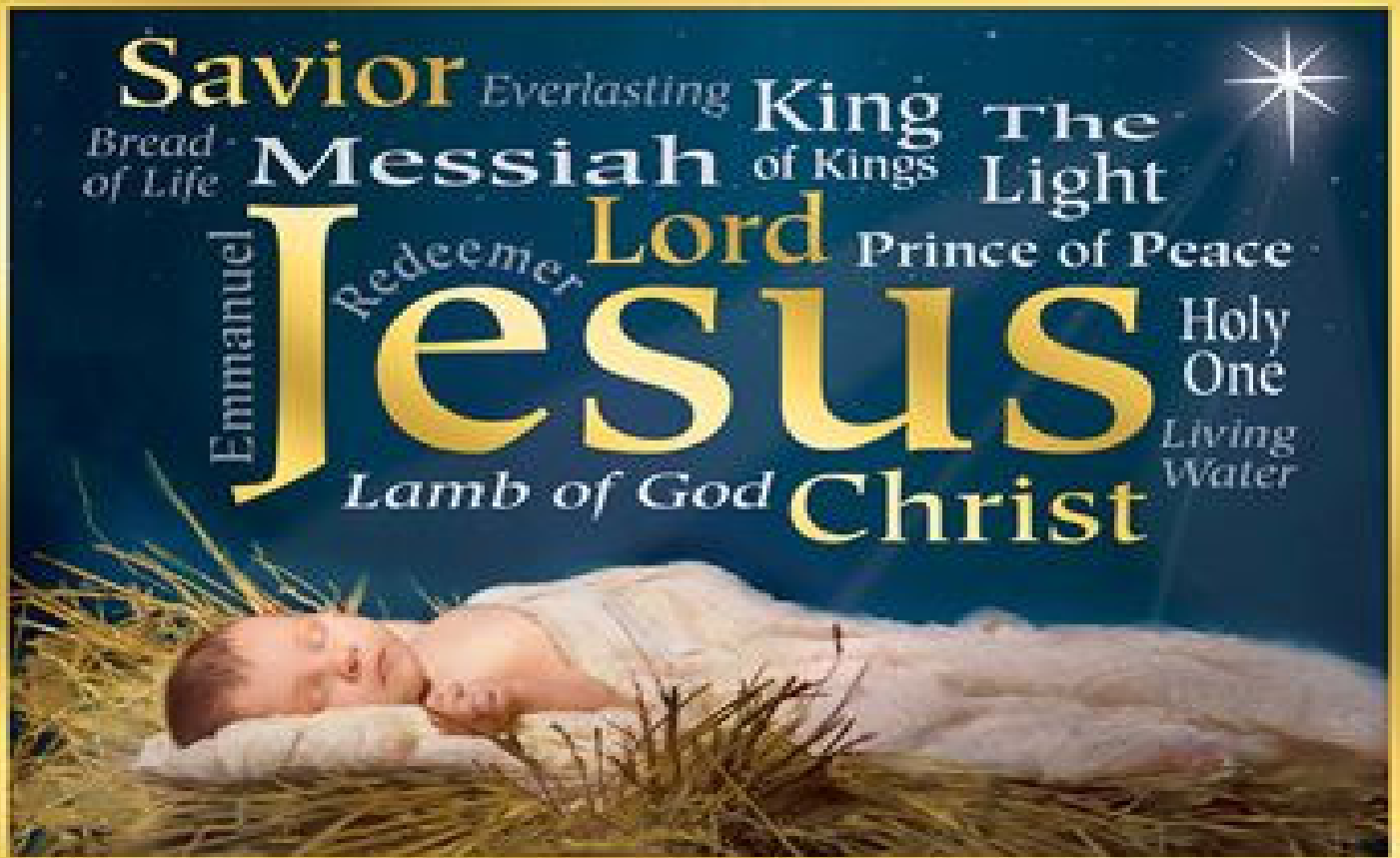
Al-Anon At Enders

Ender's Island, Mystic, Connecticut
Thursday evenings at 7 PM

At Al-Anon Family Group meetings, friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to their individual situations. They will learn that they are not alone in the problems that they face, and that they have choices that will lead to a greater peace of mind, whether the drinker continues to drink or not. This is a meeting open to all and is ADA accessible.

St. Clare Stewardship Ministry Corner

- The next **Stewardship Ministry** meeting is to be announced. All are invited.
- The **Prayer Ministry** is dedicated to those who request prayers. To join this ministry or to send a prayer intention, please write in the Book of Intentions near the Baptistry or e-mail mbrockmann@cox.net.
- The **Respect Life Ministry** seeks to promote and protect the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. The ministry meets the **Third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 AM from April through September, in the Parish Center**. Rosary is said before the 8 AM Mass on the first Friday of every month year-round. All are welcome.
- The **Hospitality Ministry** provides a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere for members of the St. Clare community and visitors, as well as new parishioners, to meet and interact with one another in a positive way. This ministry provides opportunities to promote parish fellowship and, when necessary, to assist the Pastor with special events. Meetings take place the **first Thursday** of every month at **8:30 AM** in the **Parish Center**. **The next meeting will be on January 3**. All are welcome.
- The **Helping Hands Ministry** reaches out to those who are needy, elderly, sick or in need of bereavement consolation. This ministry meets on the **first Tuesday** of every month at **4 PM** in the **Parish Center**. Enter through the door in the rear parking area. Please feel free to come to these meetings; new faces are always welcome. **The next meeting will be on January 8.**



Christmas Schedule 2018 - 2019

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

5 PM – Vigil Mass & 11 PM - Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 9 AM - Mass Only

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31, 2018

5 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9 AM - Only

Clams, Not Quahogs

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Thank You

Dear Fr. Ken and St. Clare Families,

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$2,131. from the poor box and Holy Day receipts and your monthly food donations. Your donations enable us to continue to assist the needy of our community.

May Peace, Joy and Happiness be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

Kathy Capizzano
SVDP Secretary

Deborah K. Fallacaro Pregnancy Center Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center

New Volunteer Recruitment Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm

If you would like to volunteer at the
Pregnancy Center please join us.
RSVP 401-596-2880



Keep The Heat On

Bishop Tobin has kicked-off the Annual Keep the Heat On Challenge, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$2.95 million in assistance to more than 13,000 Rhode Island households in need.

If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401-421-7833 for additional information. You can also make a \$10 donation by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a \$25 donation by texting the word HEATRI to 27722.

St. Clare Church Men's Prayer Group Tuesday, December 18, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM

The **Men's Prayer Group** follows a process that is prayerful and relaxing, but one that can lead to a deeper appreciation of the scripture. No special training or biblical knowledge is needed, only the openness to understand better what God is revealing through his scripture.

The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the classroom of the St. Clare Parish Center.

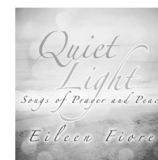
Soloist By The Sea

Enjoy music by Eileen Fiore, who has been a St. Clare cantor for many years.

Listen to a sample of **Christmas Light** and Eileen's other CDs, **Quiet Light** and **Light in the Storm**, on tunecore.com/music/eileenfioremusic.

Like Eileen on Facebook at *Soloist By The Sea*.

There is a special low price of \$15 per CD, or 2 CDs for \$20, if purchased at any church.



The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Lay Minister Daily Mass Schedule
for December 17 - 21

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Margaret Pucci by Linda & George Schackner

Tuesday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Paul Thorn by his Sister

Wednesday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Robert D. Mitchell by his wife Mary

Thursday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Arthur Dunn by his daughter Christine

Friday, December 21

Late Advent Weekday/St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM +Bookataub & Steidle Families by Elaine Steidle

Saturday, December 22

The Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +John E. Carr by Mark & Monica DiGangi

Sunday, December 23

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Leo F. Manfred, Sr. by the Manfred Family

10:00 AM +Lou Capaldi by his Family

11:15 AM Baptism of Cole Joseph Iacoi

Monday – 12/17/18

Server - Gulluscio
Lector - S. Azzinaro
Eucharistic Minister
DeSantos-DeSantos

Tuesday – 12/18/18

Server - Gulluscio
Lector - Davidson
Eucharistic Minister
Burke-Devine

Wednesday - 12/19/18

Server - G. Schackner
Lector - DiSpirito
Eucharistic Minister
Burke-Devine

Thursday – 12/20/18

Server - G. Schackner
Lector - Ficarra
Eucharistic Minister
DiSpirito-Brennan

Friday - 12/21/18

Server - Murphy
Lector - LaFleur
Eucharistic Minister
DiSpirito-Brennan



Lay Minister Schedule

Saturday December 22 5 PM Mass

Lectors - Mario Celico & Monica DiGangi

Tabernacle- Eucharist - Geri Theadore

Cup 1 - Steve McAllister

Cup 2 - Marianne McAllister

Baptistry - Eucharist - Ellie Cote

Cup - Margo Sisco

Sunday December 23 8 AM Mass

Lectors – Austin Murphy & Dawn LaFleur

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Gerald McKinney

Cup 1 - Patricia McKinney

Cup 2 - Roseann Sisco

Baptistry - Eucharist –Kathleen Francese

Cup - Mary Capalbo

Sunday December 23 10 AM Mass

Lectors - Terri Gervasini & Deb Pendola

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Alice Chudecki

Cup 1 - Peter Bellone

Cup 2 –Anne Pearce

Baptistry - Eucharist - Greg Avedisian

Cup - TBD

Weekday Readings

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Altar Server Schedule

Sat. - Dec. 22 - 5 PM
CB - Peter Fiore
IB -

Sun. – Dec. 23 - 8 AM
CB - Sarabeth McClain

Sun.– Dec. 23- 10AM
CB - Charles Morrison
IB - Alex Pendola

Communion to the Sick

Private Homes

A - Renee & John Gentile
B –Greg Avedisian

Nursing Home

WHM - Dawn LaFleur