

JANUARY 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~Matthew 2:1-2

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, January 7 at 6 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Center

Class for Grades 6 & 7

Sunday, January 6, 13 & 27 at 11 AM in the Parish Center

Class for Grade 8

Sunday, January 6, 13 & 27 at 11 AM in the Lower Rectorry

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 February 7**. 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.**

The Pastor's Corner

Much Confusion

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

AA meets every Thursday night from 6 to 7 PM in the St. Clare Parish Center.

St. Clare Church Men's Prayer Group

**Tuesday, January 15,
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.

Booked Masses

Unannounced Mass - \$10 Weekday masses - \$15
Weekend masses - \$25

Mass book schedule

January opens August
February opens September
March opens October
April opens November
May opens December
June opens January
July opens February
August opens March
September opens April
October opens May
November opens June

We are now booking through August

Keep in mind, masses are on a first-come, first-served basis.
Call the parish office at 401-348-8765.

Join Fr. Ray Suriani on a *Pilgrimage to Italy* April 22 through May 2, 2019

We will be visiting Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Naples, Amalfi Coast, Orvieto, La Verna, and Assisi.

Our tour will begin with a Papal audience, visit to Basilicas in Rome, and tour ancient Rome. Explore where St. Francis walked in Assisi and visit La Verna where he received the stigmata. In Orvieto, we will visit the site of a Eucharistic miracle. Wine or olive farm visit with lunch as well as a cooking demonstration with lunch on another day. Breakfast and dinner daily. 4-star hotels, Mass every day. Fly direct from Boston.

For more information:
www.pilgrimages.com/sistare
or contact Valerie Sistare at
sis1170@verizon.net
401-322-1138 or
Tours 1-800-206-8687



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas!
Savor Christ's presence in your marriage by attending a
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, in South Kingstown.

For more information call
Steve and Michelle O'Leary at
800-710-9963, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or
at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema>

Together, we are making marriages,
families and our Church stronger and healthier.

Please Keep in Mind

When a loved one passes on, the family may ask
that donations to a charity be made in lieu of
flowers. Please consider St. Clare Church or the
Parish Center when choosing an organization for
your contribution. Also, please keep St. Clare
Church in mind when drafting your will.

The parish office can provide memorial cards and
envelopes for those who wish to make a donation in
the name of your loved one

God bless you for your kindness and generosity in
these difficult financial times.

Monthly Rosary

The St. Clare Respect Life Ministry recites the rosary on the first
Friday of each month before the 8 AM Mass.

All are encouraged to join.

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.

Immaculate Conception Young Adult Group

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall
located at 111 High Street in Westerly.

We seek to foster a Christ-centered Catholic
community of young adults that is committed
to forming a more intimate relationship with
Christ through the sacraments, prayer and acts
of charity.

For more information, join our Facebook page
or contact us at innaculateyag@gmail.com.

St. Clare

Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry has been
preparing and serving a monthly meal to
the Westerly WARM Shelter since 2006.

If your family or neighbors would like to
join together to prepare a monthly meal, the
Helping Hands members will happily walk
you through the process. This outreach to our
neighbors in need is always greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in this call to discipleship,
please call Mary at 401-348-8091.

God bless.

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Sunday, January 6, 2019

Lay Minister Daily Mass Schedule
for January 7 - 11

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, January 7

Christmas Weekday/St. Raymond of Panafort, Priest
8:00 AM +Thomas Dube by Eleanor Lavery

Tuesday, January 8

Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM +Anthony T. Trainor by Margaret Trainor

Wednesday, January 9

Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM +Bert Peltier by the Helping Hands Ministry

Thursday, January 10

Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM +Bernard Lang by Phil Orzell

Friday, January 11

Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM +Tommy Cusack by Patricia & Gary Cass

Saturday, January 12

The Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
5:00 PM +

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM +
10:00 AM +

Monday - 1/7/19
Server - DeSantos
Lector - C. Azzinaro
Eucharistic Minister
Brennan-Burke

Tuesday - 1/8/19
Server - Abbott
Lector - S. Azzinaro
Eucharistic Minister
Brennan-Burke

Wednesday - 1/9/19
Server - Abbott
Lector - Davidson
Eucharistic Minister
DeSantos-DeSantos

Thursday - 1/10/19
Server - Gulluscio
Lector - Dispirito
Eucharistic Minister
DeSantos-DeSantos

Friday - 1/11/19
Server - Gulluscio
Lector - LaFleur
Eucharistic Minister
Devine-Dispirito



Altar Server Schedule

Sat. - Jan. 12 - 5 PM
CB -

Sun. - Jan. 13 - 8 AM
CB -
IB -

Sun. - Jan. 13 - 10AM
CB -
IB -

Communion to the Sick

Private Homes

A - Lynn Piola
B - Barbara Bartkiewicz

Nursing Home

WHM - Peg Nolan

Lay Minister Schedule

Saturday January 12 5 PM Mass

Lectors - Angela Smith & Mario Celico
Tabernacle- Eucharist - Deb Cass
Cup 1 - Rick Cass
Cup 2 - Christine Martone
Baptistry - Eucharist - Alan Martone
Cup - Carol Piezzo

Sunday January 13 8 AM Mass

Lectors - Angelo Dispirito & Jenn Brinton
Tabernacle - Eucharist - Alice Visgilio
Cup 1 - Jackie Brennan
Cup 2 - Barbara Bliven
Baptistry - Eucharist - Mary Capalbo
Cup - Sam Azzinaro

Sunday January 13 10 AM Mass

Lectors - Paul Calitri & Gina Laudone
Tabernacle - Eucharist - Carl Slusarczyk
Cup 1 - Rose Slusarczyk
Cup 2 - Marianne McGregor
Baptistry - Eucharist - Joe Abbott
Cup - Sandra Abbott

Weekday Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps
2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,
7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:
1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps
72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,
19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,
9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7