



First Sunday of

Advent

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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 3, 10, & 17 at 6 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Center

Class for Grade 6

Sunday, December 2 at 11 AM in the Parish Center

Class for Grade 7

Sunday, December 2, at 11 AM in the Lower Rectorry

Class for Grade 8

Sunday, December 2 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.

Christmas Flower Memorials

It's that time of year again to add your loved one to the Christmas Flower Memorials. If you donate through E-Giving, there is a box to type a name in; but on the office end, we only receive a partial name. Simply put the names on a slip of paper and drop it into the collection basket at Mass to ensure the names are added. Please be sure to print clearly.

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 December 6.** 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 December 4.**



HEARTFELT

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others. —St. Peter Julian Eymard

Monthly Church Cleaning

Friday, December 7,
following the 8 AM Mass.

HYMNAL PROJECT

Memorialize a loved one's or sponsor a hymnal in thanksgiving with a Bookplate.

For \$20, a label will be placed into the new hymnal with your loved ones name.

What a unique way to honor someone by having his or her name in a hymnal shared by so many over the years to come.

Visit Jenn in the Parish Office or call her at 401-348-8765 to get your bookplate today. Limited quantity available.

The Pastor's Corner

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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

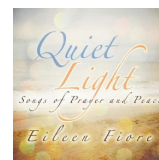
Soloist By The Sea

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 Saint Clare
BOOK CLUB**



Christmas Luncheon Meeting
at the Bridge Restaurant at 12 noon.

December 3 - The Book That Matters Most
by Ann Hood

Please contact Linda Schackner at 401-596-2136 or
Mary Mitchell at 401-348-0747 to indicate that you are
planning to attend.

***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 Church Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, December 4, 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.

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.



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.

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.

When I Call For Help

Are you or someone you know a victim of
verbal, psychological or physical abuse?
Domestic violence, which includes verbal and
psychological abuse, impacts millions every
year. Most suffer in silence and are threatened,
fearful and embarrassed to reach out for help.
Married people may feel confused about how
the church might respond due to their marital
vows.

The Office of Life and Family wants to raise
awareness and provide support, information
and resources for those struggling from abuse.

Maybe you just want to talk!

Please call 401-421-7833, ext. 218
or 401-421-7833, ext. 217.

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Lay Minister Daily Mass Schedule
for December 3 - 7

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 AM +Loretta Murano by Joe & Angie Iacoi & Family

Tuesday, December 4

Advent Weekday/St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM +Ronald Malanowski by his mother Ellie Lavery & his son Vincent

Wednesday, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Romanella & Vetelino Families by their Family

Thursday, December 6

Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 AM +Wini Madden Riley by her husband Dennis

Friday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM +Tufia Bookataub by her daughter Elaine

Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM For the People of St. Clare

11:00 AM First Penance

5:00 PM For the People of St. Clare

Sunday, December 9

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Mary Panciera by Jack & Jennifer Woods

10:00 AM +Vincent Rose by his wife & children

Monday – 12/3/18

Server - G. Schackner

Lector - C. Azzinaro

Eucharistic Minister

Wright-Visgilio

Tuesday – 12/4/18

Server - G. Schackner

Lector - S. Azzinaro

Eucharistic Minister

Wright-Visgilio

Wednesday - 12/5/18

Server - L. Schackner

Lector - Davidson

Eucharistic Minister

Sylvestre-Maloney

Thursday – 12/6/18

Server - L. Schackner

Lector - DiSpirito

Eucharistic Minister

Sylvestre-Maloney

Friday - 12/7/18

Server - Slusarczyk

Lector - Ficarra

Eucharistic Minister

Martone-Gagnon

Saturday 12/8/18-9AM

Server - Slusarczyk

Lector - LaFleur

Eucharistic Minister

Martone-Gagnon

Lay Minister Schedule

Saturday December 8 5 PM Mass

Lectors - Neil Collins & Madeline Labriola

Tabernacle- Eucharist - Geri Theadore

Cup 1 - Steve McAllister

Cup 2 - Marianne McAllister

Baptistry - Eucharist - Ellie Cote

Cup - Margo Sisco

Sunday December 9 8 AM Mass

Lectors - Tammy O'Brien & Lauren Matarese

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Gerald McKinney

Cup 1 - Patricia McKinney

Cup 2 - Barbara Bliven

Baptistry - Eucharist - Jackie Brennan

Cup - Mary Capalbo

Sunday December 9 10 AM Mass

Lectors - Austin Murphy & TBD

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Betty Waters

Cup 1 - Marianne McGregor

Cup 2 - June Hartford-Alley

Baptistry - Eucharist - Joe Abbott

Cup - Sandra Abbott

Weekday Readings

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Altar Server Schedule

Sat. - Dec. 8 - 5 PM
CB - Sarabeth McClain

Sun. - Dec. 9 - 8 AM
CB - Ryan Brinton
IB -

Sun. - Dec. 9 - 10 AM
CB - Nathaniel Ober
IB -

Communion to the Sick

Private Homes

A - Celeste Santilli

B - Anne Pearce

Nursing Home

WHM - Dawn LaFleur