



Fr. Stanley J. Klasinski, Pastor

Fr. Kevin E. Estabrook, Parochial Vicar

Mrs. Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate

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 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil 7:00 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 Saint Clare.

**Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins:**

We are most anxious that all who cannot get to church be able to receive the Eucharist.

Please call the business office and a Eucharistic Minister will be provided.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

A priest will gladly come to your home by request to anoint the ill or the 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 the business office.

**Registration:**

Welcome! Please register in person at the business office.



## Mass Intentions

### Prior to Daily Mass

Rosary & Divine Chaplet, 7:50 a.m. Come Join Us!

### Monday, December 25 ~ *Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 Celebrant's Intention

11:00 Celebrant's Intention

### Tuesday, December 26 ~ *Saint Stephen*

8:30 Edward F. Palko

### Wednesday, December 27 ~ *Saint John*

8:30 Darlene Veri

### Thursday, December 28 ~ *The Holy Innocents*

8:30 Peter and Mary Lograsso

### Friday, December 29

8:30 Francine Gren

### Saturday, December 30

2:00 Wedding ~ Rebecca Gellott and  
Eric Simna

4:30 Joe Lever

### Sunday, December 31 ~ *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:00 Celebrant's Intention

10:00 Our Parish Family

12:00 Our Parish Family

### *This Week at Saint Clare*

### Wednesday, December 20

Hispanic Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. (HR)



### Church of Saint Clare Business Office and Adoration Chapel Holiday Schedule

Sunday ~ December 24 CLOSÉD  
Monday ~ December 25 CLOSÉD  
Saturday ~ December 30 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ December 31 CLOSÉD  
Monday ~ January 1 CLOSÉD

The business office and Adoration Chapel  
resume normal hours of operation on  
Tuesday, January 2.

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

*Not a Holyday  
of Obligation in 2018*



***Have A Blessed Christmas!***

Telephone Directory - Main Number: 440-449-4242

#### Church of St. Clare

##### Business Office

Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113  
Barbara Dokar, Parish Secretary 101  
Janet Homa, Accounting 114  
Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant 115

Fax: 440-646-9648

##### Rectory

Fr. Stanley Klasinski 105  
Fr. Kevin Estabrook 107  
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##### Office of Faith Formation

Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate 119  
Mary O'Neill, Administrative Assistant 122

##### Parish Ministries

St. Clare Outreach (Voice mail) 161  
Youth Ministry, SCYGA 129

##### Business Office & Chapel Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday-Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Corpus Christi Academy

##### Academy

Ken Mitskavich, Principal 117  
Darice Granito, Administrative Assistant 102  
Gina Perlatti, Secretary 118

Fax: 440-449-1497

Aftercare 131  
Clinic 132  
Gym Kitchen 130  
Food Services (Voice mail) 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2017

### Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Monday	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:22-40

Pray for Our Sick

Alicia Aguilera, Henry Augusto,  
Roger De Penti, Kim DiBurro, Daniel Feola,  
Patricia Heisler, Al Jurcisek, Tommy Lewis,  
Nicholas Lombardo, Frank Sack, Timmy Shean,  
Bob Sheridan, Tavenner Stone,  
Bernadette Sweeney,  
Paul Traczyk, Tom Warner,  
Lillian Sutter, Pat Minor

By December 31, please let us know  
whether or not to retain you on the  
prayer list: 440-449-4242, Ext. 101.

Pray For All Our Deceased  
Parishioners and Benefactors

### Donations

Mary Lamparelli  
donated generously to the  
Capital Improvement Fund  
In Memory of  
**Vincent Lamparelli**

Madeline Panzero  
donated generously to the  
Capital Improvement Fund  
In Memory of  
**Carmen Panzero**

*The Church of Saint Clare thanks  
everyone for their donations.*

### Parish Support

*Capital Improvement Contributions*  
Fiscal Year Beginning 07/01/17

Year-to-Date through 10/31/17 \$21,032.91  
Goal for the Year \$90,000.00

### Parish Support

*FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2017*

WEEKLY OFFERING GOAL \$16,000.00  
WEEKLY AVERAGE (24 WEEKS) \$14,888.28

Wkly. Offertory Contributions \$15,016.01  
Children's Offering \$11.75  
Loose Cash \$567.00  
Total Weekly Offering \$15,594.75  
Capital Improvement \$1,126.00  
St. Clare Community Outreach \$374.90

*Thank you for your commitment  
to consistent giving!*

### Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

December 16	Marilyn Vincelli	\$25
December 17	Carla Saracusa	\$50
December 18	Ron Minor	\$25
December 19	Elizabeth Post	\$25
December 20	Ron DiEgidio	\$25
December 21	Dale Curtis	\$25
December 22	Richard Wirth	\$25

*Congratulations to all our winners!*

### 2018 Calendar Lottery

The 2018 Saint Clare Calendar Lottery tickets with donations are being received in the business office. The drawings begin January 1. You can return the calendar stubs with your donation in the collection basket during Mass, by mail or in person, at the business office. Proceeds go to the General Fund. Call or stop in at the business office for additional tickets. You can return them all year. The sooner you play, the more drawings you are eligible to win. There is a winner each day of the year, and this year you have 365 opportunities!

### 2017 Year-End Contributions

Any church donations that you wish to be credited to 2017 for tax purposes, must be in the business office no later than Friday, December 29. Any donation received after that date will be credited to 2018. Statements for contributions in 2017 will be mailed to parishioners who have contributed \$500 or more in 2017, and to ALL contributors who asked for their statement last year. To request your contribution statement, call Lisa in the business office, extension 113.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us:  
he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, and  
Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.*



- Christmas Mass at Dawn

Blessings on all who have come to the Church of Saint Clare to celebrate this glorious feast: to our faithful parishioners and to those who have been far from the Lord; to our students home from college; to the stranger, the traveler and the guest – a warm welcome and a Merry Christmas to all! If you are new to our neighborhood, or are looking to reconnect with the Church, I invite you to give us a call or a visit. We are anxious to make a home for you!

Our Christmas liturgies are made possible by a small army of selfless parishioners: custodians and launderers, craftsmen and decorators, sacristans and servers, ministers of ushering and service, song and instrument, Word and Eucharist. May God bless you all for sharing your gifts with the parish at Christmas!

Your generosity to the Advent Giving Tree was overwhelming. On behalf of the local Catholic ministries you helped, thank you and God bless you! My hat is off to our Cub Scout troop for facilitating the holiday project.

In the spirit of the season, I am especially grateful to all who committed to our 2017 Grateful Giving Renewal. Have you considered Electronic Giving? (The mailing of paper envelopes costs the parish \$700.00 each month!) Register on the home page of [www.saintclare.net](http://www.saintclare.net) or download the app at [OLGApp.com](http://OLGApp.com) (our organization ID#695). Your support will surely fuel our parish mission in the New Year.

January 1 is not a holyday of obligation in 2018. I invite you to ring in the New Year by worshipping at 9:00AM Mass on January 1 which honors Mary as Mother of God.

Father Estabrook joins me in thanking you for your many greetings and kindnesses at Christmas. Please know you are gratefully remembered at the altar this holy day.

“God bless Us, Every One!” (*Tiny Tim*)



# Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained

How can I enrich and better understand my faith? That's the burning question on the hearts of Catholics the world over. That's why there's Symbolon. In the early Church, Christians described their Creed, their statement of faith, as the Symbolon, the seal or "symbol of the faith". In ten video sessions, the Symbolon program walks through the entirety of the Catholic Faith – everything the participants need to know to live as faithful Catholics. Participants will grow together in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and in relationship with our Lord. Journeying deeper into the core teachings of the Catholic Church, our lives are transformed by God's truth and grace.

**The 10 topics for this calendar year are:**

**The Journey of Faith (January)**  
**Divine Revelation (February)**  
**The Bible (March)**  
**The Story of Salvation (April)**  
**Who is Jesus? (May)**

**The Pascal Mystery (June)**  
**The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace (September)**  
**Why Do I Need the Church? (October)**  
**Mary and the Saints (November)**  
**The Last Things (December)**

## Why Should I Participate?

*If you want your faith to become so much more than following a set of teachings or customs...*  
to enliven and transform your life with God's truth and grace.

*If you want to learn more about Church, Scripture, history, the sacraments or living a life of faith...*  
to deepen your understanding of your faith

*If you have belonged to an ARISE Group...*  
to continue to grow in the faith through study, discussion, prayer and service.

*If you have belonged to a Bible Study Group...*  
to explore the profound connections between the Scripture and Catholic Church teachings

*If you want to prepare for a meaningful Lent or Advent...*  
to enhance your efforts for ongoing conversion.

*If you are a parent and have a child preparing for Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation...*  
to help you fulfill your role as the first educator of your child.

## How do I become involved?

The program will be held on a Monday evening once a month at Saint Paschal and on Thursday afternoon of the same week at the Church of Saint Clare. There is no registration fee, so please just come to become part of this new and exciting adult faith formation program.

For questions or further information, call Rosalie Lewis at 440-227-8718, or Barbara Curran at 440-840-5511.

**Sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Committee of St. Clare and St. Paschal Baylon**