

December 11, 2016

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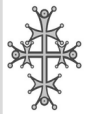
Advent



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Jesus said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5



St. Clare Church

4 Saint Clare Way,
Westerly, RI 02891
401-348-8765

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.

Religious Education 2016/2017

Class schedules are available on the *Calendar* and *Education* tabs of the St. Clare website, stclarewesterly.com.

Class for Grades 1 - 5

Monday, December 12 & 19 at 6 PM in the Parish Center

Class for Grades 6 & 7

Sunday, December 11 & 18 after the 10 AM Mass in the Parish Center

Confirmation - Grade 8

Sunday, December 11 & 18 after the 10 AM Mass in the lower rectory

Questions? Please contact Pam Salimeno at 401-952-1239.



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.

Proceeds will benefit St. Pius X School.

Christmas Prayer

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—give my heart.
—Christina Rossetti

THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

On Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM, the Gregorian Concert Choir, the Prout High School Chorus and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, **The Sounds of the Season** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence.

The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's

Keep the Heat On Campaign.

Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 401- 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

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: 8 AM & 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

stclarer12@cox.net Website: stclarewesterly.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stclarewesterly.com

Christmas Schedule 2016 - 2017

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2016,
Vigil Masses – 5 PM & 11 PM

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2016, 9 AM

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31, 2016, 5 PM

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1, 2017,
8 AM & 10 AM



2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC for the 44TH Annual March for Life, a peaceful and prayerful march to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person. The bus will leave Rhode Island on Thursday, January 26, from various locations beginning at 7:30 PM.

This year's trip will take us to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life.

For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 Ext. 218.

Flocknote



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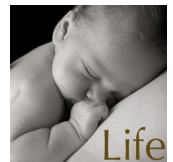
With the months of snow that will unfortunately make it to our shoreline, be sure you are registered on our Flocknote site.

Fr. Ken uses Flocknote to alert the community of any Mass cancellations because of storms or inclement weather.

Be part of the circuit, don't be left out. Sign up now if you haven't already.

Call the parish office at 401-348-8765 or register on our website at stclarewesterly.com and click the Flocknote tab.

Invitation to Pray for All Human Life



The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring the *Annual Respect Life Mass* on Saturday, January 21 at St. Paul Church in Cranston.

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will be the homilist at the 9 AM Mass.



The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass.

For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 401-421-7833 ext. 218.

Bereavement Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship is held on the last Friday of every month at 9:30 AM at the Cooked Goose, located on Watch Hill Road.

Men and women of all ages who have lost their loved ones are welcome.

St. Clare Stewardship Ministry Corner

- The **Stewardship Ministry** will not meet in December. The next meeting will on **Monday, January 23, 2017**. Please read Chapter 4, "Witness," from the book, *Living Your Discipleship: 7 Ways to Express Your Deepest Calling*.
- The **Prayer Ministry** is dedicated to those who request our 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 - November in the Parish Center**. Rosary is said before the 8 AM Mass on the first Friday of every month, weather permitting. 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 Thursday, January 5**. 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2016**.

Family Housing Support Project Informational Meeting Seeking Volunteers

*Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 PM at the
Dunn's Corner Community Presbyterian Church*

Westerly Family Housing Support in partnership with the WARM Center provides emergency housing to families with children in the Westerly-Chariho area. The group will hold a one-hour informational meeting to explain the organization's role in the community and seek support from additional volunteers.

Family Housing Support works year-round to increase awareness related to the needs of families struggling with homelessness and engages in fundraising efforts to sustain emergency apartments in the Westerly-Chariho area to help families in need. These efforts are critical as the only shelters that accept families with children are outside our local area. The emergency housing that is supported by this project helps families stay together while they receive the support they need to move toward a safe and successful future. Since the group's inception in June of 2012, Family Housing Support has provided emergency housing to 18 families with a total of 31 children.

For more information on the meeting or for more information on the group's support of families in our community please contact Joe Carr at 401-480-7269 or Co-Chair Tara DiMuccio at 401-322-1461.

Please join us and learn more about how we are making a difference in the lives of local families facing homelessness.



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

The Westerly Catholic Library

The library is staffed by members of the **Legion of Mary** and is located in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

Pre-Christmas Book Sale

Sunday, December 11 from 7 AM to 12 PM
Many of our books are brand new and the prices
are ridiculously low.

Regular Library hours are Sunday
from 7:30 AM to 12 PM.

2017 Mass Book

The 2017 Mass Book is now open through July.

Masses can be booked by phone,
By visiting the parish office, or by email.

Mass Donations

Weekend \$25 Weekday \$15 Unannounced \$10

When sending in your payment, please put the date
of the mass on your check or on a note so it will
be marked paid in the book.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Lay Minister Daily Mass Schedule for December 12 - 16

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM +Arline Prior by *the McClain family*

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM +James Heaney by *Patricia Andersen*

Thursday, December 15

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Julio & Margaret Iacoi by *Joe & Angie Iacoi & family*

Friday, December 16

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Wini Madden Riley by *her family*

Saturday, December 17

The Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Steidle & Bookataub families by *Elaine B. Steidle*

Sunday, December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Joan N. Niles Kampfe, Fr. Edmund Plunket, Kate Plunket
& Anne Niles by *Fred Kampfe*

10:00 AM +Leo F. Manfred & Mary T. Manfred by *the Manfred family*

Monday - 12/12/16

Server - Crowley

Lector - Nolan

Eucharistic Minister
DeSantos-DeSantos

Tuesday - 12/13/16

Server - DeSantos

Lector - C. Azzinaro

Eucharistic Minister
Devine-Devine

Wednesday - 12/14/16

Server - DeSantos

Lector - S. Azzinaro

Eucharistic Minister
Devine-Devine

Thursday - 12/15/16

Server - Masucci

Lector - Burns-Fusaro

Eucharistic Minister
Gordon-Martone

Friday - 12/16/16

Server - Masucci

Lector - Gordon

Eucharistic Minister
Gordon-Martone

Altar Server Schedule

Sat. - December 17 - 5 PM
CB - Alex Toscano
IB -

Sun. - December 18- 8AM
CB - Kate Laudone
IB -

Sun. - December 18- 10 AM
CB - Sarah Beth McClain
IB - Jessica McClain

Communion to the Sick

Private Homes

A - Anne Pearce

B - Terri Gervasini

Nursing Homes

WHM - Alice Visgilio



Weekly Mass Intentions

Lay Minister Schedule for December 17 & 18

Saturday December 17 5 PM Mass

Lectors - Neil Collins & Lucille Ouelette

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Deb Cass

Cup 1 - Rick Cass

Cup 2 - Carol Piezzo

Baptistry - Eucharist - Betty Britton

Cup - Ellie Cote

Sunday December 18 8 AM Mass

Lectors - David Devault & Dawn LaFleur

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Pat McKinney

Cup 1 - Jerry McKinney

Cup 2 - Lorraine Devault

Baptistry - Eucharist - Lynda Nappi

Cup - Jim Maloney

Sunday December 18 10 AM Mass

Lectors - Joe Walker & Peg Nolan

Tabernacle - Eucharist - June Hartford-Alley

Cup 1 - Mark Gordon

Cup 2 - Camilla Gordon

Baptistry - Eucharist - Joe Abbott

Cup - Sandra Abbott

Daily Readings

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk
1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3,
6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25;
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5,
7-8; Jn 5:33-36

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

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom
1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24