# St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Parish

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## Celebrate the Year of Mercy in 2016

### SUNDAY MASS
- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm  
- **Sunday:** 7am, 9am, 10am, 11:30am, 1pm  
  - Santa Messa In Italiano: 8am

### MONDAY- FRIDAY MASS: 7am, 9am  
### SATURDAY MORNING MASS: 9am  
### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION As announced

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
- **Saturday:** 4:30 to 5:30pm  
  Confessions will be heard at other times upon request.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
- **2:15pm on designated Sundays**  
  Contact us for an Interview and Preparation Session.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
- Contact us at least six months in advance.  
  Please do not decide on a Reception date and time until you first consult with us.

### ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS
- **Wednesdays:** 8:30 am

### VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND
- Inform us about our sick and the elderly.

## MINISTRIES
- Altar Servers  
- Choir  
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
- Folk Group  
- Homebound Visitors  
- Lectors  
- Nursing Home Team  
- Ushers

## SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS
- Advent & Lenten Services in English, Albanian, Italian & Spanish  
- Bible Study  
- Book Club  
- Couples for Christ  
- San Silverio Committee  
- San Pedro Calungsod Society  
- “Lord, Teach Me To Pray” Women’s and Men’s Groups  
- Annual Novenas to  
- The Immaculate Conception, St. Anthony & San Silverio  
- Lenten Stations of the Cross in English and Italian  
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts  
- Parenting Center  
- Sports Program and Cheerleaders  
- Teen Club

## PASTORAL STAFF:
- Father Robert Aufieri, Pastor  
- Father Salvatore DeStefano, Parochial Vicar  
- Father Daniel Fitzpatrick, S.J.  
- Father Patrick Sullivan, S.J.  
  - Sunday Associates  
  Lloyd B. Thompkins, Director of Music

## TRUSTEES
- Margaret Damo and Nicholas Leshi

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
- **Monday thru Saturday:** 9am-8pm  
  **Sunday:** 9am-4pm  
  *In an emergency, contact us anytime*

## SAINT CLARE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 1911 Hone Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10461  
  718-892-4080  
  Mrs. Theresa Bivona, Principal  
  B232@adnyeducation.org  
  www.stclareofassisischool.org

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, 718-829-9624
- Sister Linda Giovanelly, P.V.M.I., Director  
  Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 to 5:00pm

## FATHER VINCENT TAGLIENTI CENTER
- 1925 Hone Ave, Bronx, N.Y. 10461

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS
- Alumni Association  
- Home School Association  
- School Board

## ORGANIZATIONS
- Altar Guild  
- Buildings and Grounds  
- Finance Council  
- Holy Name Society  
  - “Making All Things New” Cluster Team  
- Parish Council  
- Pro-Life Group  
- Senior Citizens

## TWELVE STEP GROUPS
- Alcoholics Anonymous  
- Gamblers Anonymous  
- Overeaters Anonymous
SAT March 26, Vigil, Easter Vigil
8:00 pm For the People of Our Parish

SUN March 27, Easter Sunday
7:00 am Maria Tossini+
8:00 am Rosa & Pietro Barbuto+
9:00 am Vincent & Nancy Attraente & Nancy Luongo+
10:00 am Deceased Members of the Ciaccio Family
11:30 am Joseph & Gloria Galasso+
1:00 pm Maria Sicilia+

MON March 28
7:00 am Deceased Members of the Rywalt & DeRosa Families
9:00 am Americo Pennacchia+

TUE March 29
7:00 am Carlo Scagnelli+
9:00 am William & Mae McGorty+

WED March 30
7:00 am Carmella Frost+
9:00 am Angela & Antonio Paesano & Charles Danna+

THURS March 31
7:00 am Manuel Liga+
9:00 am Derek, Jenny, Marc Yovine+

FRI April 1
7:00 am Cristete B. Cortez+
9:00 am Sylvia Conte+

SAT April 2
9:00 am Patrick & Bridget Bambrick+

SAT April 2, Vigil, Divine Mercy Sunday
5:30 pm Edwin & Lorraine McKeon+

SUN April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00 am For the People of Our Parish
8:00 am Idi Franchi+
9:00 am Giuseppe Bertorelli+
10:00 am Rita Garofalo+
11:30 am Canio, Barbara & Peggy Carbone+
1:00 pm Filomena & Frank Henkel+, Gjergj Nacaj+, Emma Perez+, Ermina Bastone+, Maria Oliva+

ST. CLARE’S PRO-LIFE GROUP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“How much to give ... for God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

At the weekend of March 11 & March 12, you contributed $6,146.00. thank you! May God reward you for your sacrificial acts of generosity.

“RENEW AND REBUILD” CAMPAIGN

Work has begun on our ten-month project for our Church Exterior and for the Lower Church. Please, pray for the success of the Campaign. We are gratified that many Parishioners have come forward and asked how they can help. Many have made Financial Pledges and others have volunteered their time. We will be reaching out to all the members of our Parish and inviting you to an Information Meeting on May 1st. The first project is to install a new Roof and begin masonry repairs. If you would like to speak with Father Aufieri in the meantime, please approach him. He would be glad to meet with you and share information on the Campaign.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to the following new members of our Community who were born again of Water and the Holy Spirit here in our Baptismal Font: Ramiel DiMaria-Tuore, baptized on February 21st and Kyriah Lynn Garcia, Carter Katkowski and Arian Rivera, all Baptized March 5th.

PARIS FACEBOOK

We are grateful to Joe Madia for making this venture possible. Joe will begin to post a series of wonderful photos of Cardinal’s Dolan memorable visit on Feb 25th. E-mail Joe at madiaj@yahoo.com and we will explain how you can join St. Clare’s Facebook.

Christ Is Risen!
Easter Sunday  
March 27, 2016  
To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.  
— Acts 10:43

CARDINAL DOLAN’S VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL OF FEBRUARY 25TH
We received a lovely letter from His Eminence. It reads as follow:

Dear Father Aufieri, Father DeStefano, Mrs Bivona, Teachers and Staff:

“What a blessing it was to visit with you! Our Mass, the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the New Chapel, our Lunch, the gifts. Thank you! My renewed love and promise of prayers to all of you!”

+T.M. Cardinal Dolan

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM!
Whether you receive Offering Envelopes through the mail or not, please complete the enclosed yellow form. Your response and comments will be help us to set up a Database here at the Rectory. The information will not be shared with anyone else! Thank you.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY
Join Father De Stefano this Wednesday, March 30th for his continuing series on Reflections on Our Lady. We will meet in the Chapel at the Father Vincent Taglienti Center at 1925 Hone Avenue, next to the School. The session begins at 7:30pm and is a wonderful way to celebrate Easter Week.

BLESSED EASTER WATER
You are welcome to take Holy Water from the silver receptacle in the Baptistry in the rear of the Church. Please bring a container with you. This water was blessed at the Easter Vigil on March 26th.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Church’s full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United State Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to “serve those who serve” by providing pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the Armed Forces, enrolled in military academies, undergoing treatment at the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond United States borders and the families of these populations. The Priests and Deacons are responsible for the pastoral services to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Giovanni Fragale who was buried from our Church on March 14th.

THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER
The Easter season re-echoes the victory of Christ over sin and death. During this time, our Church emphasizes the joy of Easter through several liturgical elements: the customary First Readings from the Old Testament are replaced by selections from the Acts of the Apostles, the Paschal Candle, located in the Baptistry by the entrance to the Church, is moved to the Sanctuary, the celebrants wears White Vestments, the “Glory to God In the Highest” and the “Alleluia” before the gospel return after the 40 Days of Lent. We also resume the singing of the Lord’s Prayer.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?
Please introduce yourself to one of our Priests. We are available to help you feel at home in our wonderful community.

Sun, March 27
Easter Sunday
Rectory Closed - No Meetings or Activities
1:00pm Folk Mass

Mon, March 28
Rectory Closed - No Meeting or Activities

Tues, March 29
School Closed - No Religious Education Classes
7:30pm Folk Group (Church)

Wed, March 30
School Closed - No Religious Education Classes
8:30am Rosary for Vocations (Church)
7:30pm Consecration to Our Lady (Fr. Vincent Center Chapel)

Thurs, March 31
School Closed
11:00am Seniors Group (Lower Church)

Fri, April 1
First Friday of the Month
School Closed

Sat, April 2
First Saturday of the Month
Church Open all day
8:30am Women’s Prayer Group (Church)
4:30pm Confessions (Church)
7:00pm San Pedro Mass (Church)
8:00pm San Pedro Festival (Lower Church)

Sun, April 3
Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Collection for Military Services
2:15pm Baptisms (Church)
Dear Friends:

A blessed Easter to you and your families! Thank you to everyone who made this past Holy Week such a quality experience! Our Parish has been blessed with so many dedicated volunteers.

The February 25th Visit of Timothy Cardinal Dolan with our School Children was an event that I will long cherish. When I awoke on that early Thursday morning, the gusty winds and the torrential rain had passed. I breathed a sigh of relief and, when I recited Morning Prayer, I thanked the Lord.

The church was shining and, thanks to our Rectory Staff and Volunteers, everything was ready for the Cardinal’s arrival at 9:30am. The Cardinal’s 10:00am Mass was reverent with the musical accompaniment of Lloyd Thompsons, our Director of Music and the Childrens’ Choir. Our guests from the Superintendent of Schools Office commented that it was one of the finest liturgical programs that they had ever been at.

Cardinal Dolan complimented us on the Readers, the Altar Servers and the student body. He marveled at how the Petitions were prepared in Albanian, English, Italian and Spanish. His Eminence was touched by the beautiful Procession in which we carried the Blessed Sacrament to the restored Chapel of the Father Vincent Taglienti Center, our former Convent. The Cardinal shared with the Second Graders, our soon-to-be First Communicants, how blessed they were that the Chapel would be available to them and all the students to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

The reception in the School Gymnasium was sensational and many a tear came to the eyes of the Faculty, Staff and Home School Association who were present. Everyone worked so hard to decorate the Gym and prepare the food.

The entire School Building was bright and clean and so lovely decorated! His Eminence mingled freely with the youngsters and paused for numerous photo-ops. As I escorted him to his car, the Cardinal leaned over to me and whispered: “You have a jewel of a Parish!” I could not help but share with him how the hard work, creativity and generosity of so many individuals made all this possible. After my reciting to him the long list of those individuals, he smiled and said: “Today is what a Parish and School are all about: dedication and devotion.” I have shared a thank you note from the Cardinal in a separate place in this Bulletin.

Thank you to each and everyone who made this such a memorable day! Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Bivona and her Staff who brought it all together!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, my fervent prayer is that each and everyone of us may come to cherish the spirit of Faith, Hope and Love that makes St. Clare’s so very special. I truly hope that more and more of our relatives, friends and neighbors will join us for Mass and may be touched by the wonderful way in which we celebrate God’s Mercy. May our enthusiasm catch fire in their hearts!

Happy Easter Sunday!

Faithfully in the Risen Christ,