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2015

FEBRUARY



Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST
SUNDAY
OF

Lent



St Clare Church

Westerly, Rhode Island

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.

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.

Flocknote Works!

Did you receive your notification about the church closing due to snowstorms? If not, please email or call the parish office to be sure we have your latest contact information. The text or email will let you know if Mass or Religious Education is canceled due to inclement weather. Go to our website to sign yourself up!

If you are already registered and didn't receive the last notification, be sure to check your junk mailbox and open the message. From there you can authorize to receive a text message instead.

Flocknote is a lightning-fast way to inform the parish of important information *and* is designed to save you a trip when hazardous conditions require Mass cancellations.

God bless,
Fr. Ken



Open Enrollment for St. Pius X School

Grades pre-K through 8
Wednesday, February 25,
and Thursday, February 26,
from 9 AM to 2 PM

Tours of the school are available by request by email at www.westerlystpiusxschool.org or by calling 401-596-5735.

Registration forms are available on the St. Pius X School website and in the school office.

Bereavement Fellowship Breakfast

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

Men and women of all ages who have lost spouses are welcome.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

*Send in your pledges and/or your gift
now.*

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,580 elders and low-income families are served annually.

Thank you for your gift to the
Catholic Charity Appeal.

STAFF

Rev. Kenneth J. Suibielski, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Stephen Cote, Deacon
Rev. Mr. John D. McGregor, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Carl LaFleur, Deacon Retired
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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM

Rectory and Office

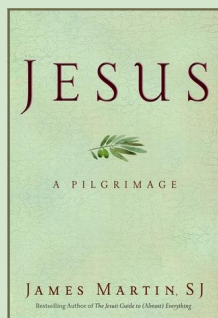
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stclarewesterly.com

Lenten Reading

This Lenten season, parishes throughout Rhode Island are strongly encouraged to read the following book:



Jesus: A Pilgrimage by Fr. James Martin, S. J.

A gifted storyteller and spiritual director, Father James Martin, SJ, invites readers to experience the stories of the Gospels in a completely new, vivid, and exciting way to

gain a deeper understanding of Jesus. Moving sequentially through the Gospels, considering not only familiar passages but also the "hidden life" of Jesus, the book offers a bold retelling of the life of Christ, faithful to the Christian tradition, while meditating on parts of the narrative that have often escaped notice.

Martin provides personal stories from his own life, the most up-to-date biblical scholarship, and powerful anecdotes from beloved spiritual teachers, bringing the reader along on his own real-life travels through the Holy Land.

Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual reflections about the Christ of faith, Martin re-creates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher us into Jesus's life and times and reveal how Jesus speaks to us today. *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* is an invitation to know Jesus as Father Martin knows him: Messiah and Savior, as well as friend and brother.

Because this book will be in such high demand, be sure to purchase your copy as soon as possible before the supply is exhausted.

New York Bus Trip

May 13, 2015

**SOLD
OUT**

2014 Tax Statements have been mailed out.

If you have not yet received your statement, please contact Jennifer in the parish office at 401-348-8765, and one will be mailed out.

Guidelines for Lent 2015

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Good Friday is a **fast day**: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year.



40th Anniversary

You and Your Rice Bowl

Forty years ago, Catholics of the United States used the small cardboard boxes for the first time, to stem the tide of a merciless famine in Africa. Many lives were saved that year from this natural disaster. These boxes now called Rice Bowls are accomplishing the same work, not only in Africa but throughout the world.

The Rice Bowl makes it easy for faith communities to talk about Lent and meatless Friday meals that families can prepare together as a part of your Lenten devotions. Most importantly, it remains a tool for Catholic families to bring Lenten spirituality into their homes where the foundation for a lifetime of faith begins.

Please remember to take your Rice Bowl if you haven't already. What you consider pocket change could feed a hungry family in need.

St. Clare Stewardship Ministry Corner

- The **Stewardship Ministry** meetings are held on a monthly basis in the lower rectory at 6 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21. All are welcome.
- 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**, May through December in the Parish Center. The Rosary for life will be postponed through the winter months.
- 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**. All are welcome. **The next meeting will be on March 5.**
- 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**. (**From December through March, the meeting will be held at 11 AM.**) 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, March 3.**

Monthly Church Cleaning

will be *Friday, March 6*,
following the 8 AM Mass.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Saint Clare Hospitality Ministry
will host a celebration for St. Joseph's Day,
Thursday, March 19,
at 1 PM in the Parish Hall.

This event is free and open to all.

Nonperishable Food Collection

**Saturday, February 28
and Sunday, March 1**

Needed items are flour, sugar, tea, coffee, cereal, canned pasta, cake mix, canned or instant potatoes, juice, mayo, ketchup and canned fruit. Cash donations would also be appreciated so that additional foods may be purchased for disbursement.

Please make all checks payable to
St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Checks can be dropped in the collection basket
at any Mass, or left in any of the Poor Boxes
located at each of the doors of the Church.

Introduction to the Bible

Scripture Study
Gospel of Mark

7 PM in the Parish Center
Tuesday, February 24
and March 3 and 10

Come and join us for an intro to the
reading of the Bible with all of its
practical usages and references.

John and Renee Gentile
will be your guides.

Bring your Bible with you.
The evening should last between
an hour to an hour and a half.



The First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Lay Minister Daily Mass Schedule for February 23 - 27

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 23

Lenten Weekday/St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM +Stanley Myszka by his daughter Frances Myszka

Tuesday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Anthony J. DiMaio, Jr. by George & Linda Schackner

Wednesday, February 25

Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Rose Marie Azzinaro by George & Linda Schackner
Mass Followed by Way of the Cross

Thursday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Rose Marie Azzinaro by the Caraway & DiMaio families

Friday, February 27 Fast & Abstinence

Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +For the People of St. Clare

Saturday, February 28

The Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Joyce & Thomas Ahern by the Callahan family

Sunday, March 1

The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Anthony Fusco by Geri Theadore & family

10:00 AM + Maria Bellone by Giuseppe & Angela Caruso

Lay Minister Schedule for February 28 & March 1

Saturday February 28 5 PM Mass

Lectors - Christine Davidson & Mario Celico

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Fred Schwager

Cup 1 - N/A

Cup 2 - N/A

Baptistry - Eucharist - Jo Schwager

Cup - N/A

Sunday March 1 8 AM Mass

Lectors - Nancy Burns-Fusaro & Sam Fusaro

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Roseann Sisco

Cup 1 - N/A

Cup 2 - N/A

Baptistry - Eucharist - Alice Chudecki

Cup - N/A

Sunday March 1 10 AM Mass

Lectors - Emily Slusarczyk & Gina Laudone

Tabernacle - Eucharist - Carl Slusarczyk

Cup 1 - N/A

Cup 2 - N/A

Baptistry - Eucharist - Rose Slusarczyk

Cup - N/A

Daily Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Altar Server Schedule

Sat. - February 28 - 5 PM

CB - Alex Toscano
IB -

Sun. - March 1 - 8 AM

CB - Quinn Urbonas
IB -

Sun. - March 1 - 10 AM

CB - Michael Slusarczyk
IB -

Communion to the Sick
after 10 AM Mass

Private Homes

A - June Hartford-Alley
B - Lynn Piola

Nursing Homes

WHM - Barbara Wright

Attention!

Please help us by not stapling, taping or gluing your budget envelopes.