

## ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH + 622 Chestnut Street

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**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call parish office for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Any time by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

**Marriage Preparation:** Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

**Visitation of Sick and Homebound:** If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

### November 29, 2020: First Sunday of Advent

#### \* \* \* COLLECTIONS & SECOND COLLECTIONS \* \* \*

**Water Leak:** Due to the outside water leak, there is still no water in the Church (thus, the bathrooms continue to be out of order). We are still isolating the leak and preparing a plan to repair it, but whatever solution is decided on, the cost will be in the \$9,000-\$10,000 range. If you can help, please mail a check to the Church office or put it in the basket by the Church door when you come to Mass. **MANY THANKS to those who have generously donated.**

#### \* \* \* ANNOUNCEMENTS \* \* \*

##### Diocesan Pandemic Update

“As most of you are aware, Governor Beshear has recommended that houses of worship not have in-person services from now through December 13. Although our parishes will continue to celebrate mass with all of the safety restrictions already established, I encourage people to seriously consider worshipping from home, participating in streamed masses and/or praying, reading scripture, sharing faith with your families. We do not have to worship in person and the obligation to attend mass on Sundays and holy days is still suspended. We do have the divine commandment to keep holy the Lord’s Day and can do so in our own homes safely. I urge those who are elderly or who have conditions which reduce the capacity of their immune systems to stay home and join in virtual worship at this time. The less we are in crowds, especially indoors, the less the virus spreads. Please consider it an expression of Christian charity to wear a mask whenever within six feet of another person or when indoors with others. The state’s directives now prohibit gatherings of larger than 25; this applies to all gatherings other than worship in our buildings.” –Bishop Stowe



#### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Two resources to help us prepare for Christ’s coming are: “The Best Advent Ever,” from Dynamic Catholic, which sends short inspirational videos to your email daily: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

The St. Paul Center, which is offering a free virtual advent retreat on Saturday, December 5: <https://stpaulcenter.com/prepare>

**Reflection for today:** “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.” The deepest cry of the human heart is for union with God, that all the distance and separation from him would be overcome. In Advent, the Church recognizes that God answers that prayer: first, in the Incarnation of his Son, and at the end of time when he returns in majesty. Both comings of Christ reveal that “God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” We spend our lives “watching,” therefore, because we desire to be found irreproachable, and to spend our days in ardent hope for the full revelation of our Lord, when we will see his face and be saved. –*Magnificat*, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. Nov. 28- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Charles Banderman  
Sun. Nov. 29- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Corbin Marks  
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Pro Populo  
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) +Luis Alberto Restrepo Pabon *Misa en español*.  
Wed. Dec. 2- No Mass  
Thur. Dec. 3- No Mass  
Sat. Dec. 5- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo  
Sun. Dec. 6- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Corbin Marks  
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Thomas Banderman  
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Margaret Banderman *Misa en español*

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Nov. 29: Bruce Fraley                      Dec. 6: Bob Rucker                      Dec. 13: Mike Berheide  
Dec. 20: Pat Calie                              Dec. 27: Lynn Feltner                      Jan. 3: Bruce Fraley

### PRAYER NEEDS

**Parishioners:** Rita Ballinger, Krystifer Colli-Biondi, Norma Coyle, Beatriz Del Rosario, Alice Duprey, Pat Eutsler, Marci Griffin, Bonnie Kehoe, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Mari Rucker, Gary Scarlett, Gene Startzman

**Family and Friends:** Marlene Arcuri; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Dustin Davidson; Ed de Rosset (brother of Fred de Rosset); Henry Estrada; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Daniel Kessler (brother of Kris Hammons); Guy Patrick; Nancy Scarlett; Patricia Simpson (Father Gary's mother). Names remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.

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### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory collected YTD:	\$ 38,761.37
Offertory needed weekly:	\$ 2,692.31
Offertory collected 11/22/20 (includes EFT):	\$ 1,119.28
Building and Maintenance 11/22/20 (includes EFT):	\$ 160.00

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### ONLINE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RESOURCE

Recently revised for the pandemic, *United at Home* is an excellent and inexpensive resource for Catholic married couples seeking to strengthen their marriage, with six “at home” date nights revolving around a short video presentation, personal reflection and couple discussion. More information can be found at the diocesan website: <https://cdlex.org/marriage-enrichment-1>

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**Today's Scripture Readings:** Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7. Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37.

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