



**ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, Dec 7:** Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)  
**Monday, Dec 7:** Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)  
**Monday, Dec 7:** Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception (5:30pm)  
**Monday, Dec 7:** Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)  
**Tuesday, Dec 8:** Mass for Immaculate Conception (8:00am, 9:30am and 7:00pm)  
**Tuesday, Dec 8:** Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)  
**Wed, Dec 9:** Reconciliation Service at St. Peter's (4pm, 7pm)  
**Thursday, Dec 10: Ladies of Charity Christmas Store**  
**Thursday, Dec 10:** Weekly Scripture Reflection (10:00am)  
**Thursday, Dec 10:** Prayer Shawl Meeting (1:00pm)  
**Thursday, Dec 10:** Advent Bible Study (7:00pm)  
**Friday, Dec 11: Ladies of Charity Christmas Store**  
**Friday, Dec 11:** Bi-Lingual Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (5:30pm)  
**Saturday, Dec 12: First Reconciliation and Reconciliation Day**  
**Saturday, Dec 12:** Baptismal Interview (11:00am)  
**Sunday, Dec 13:** RCIA Dismissal and Class (9:45am)  
**Sunday, Dec 13:** Faith Formation Classes (K—6) (11:00am)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: This week in the midst of our Advent preparations we celebrate not one, but two major feasts of Mary. Mary is at the center of Advent/Christmas time as we reflect on her **YES** to God that brought Emmanuel into the world. So, perhaps it is no accident that we celebrate her Immaculate Conception this Tuesday and remember her appearance at Guadalupe, Mexico next weekend.

John Paul II ended his homily on the Immaculate Conception in 2004 with these words:

"May you guide your children on their pilgrimage of faith, making them *ever more obedient and faithful to the Word of God*. May you accompany every Christian on the path of conversion and holiness, in the fight against sin and in the search for *true beauty* that is always an impression and a reflection of divine Beauty. May you obtain *peace and salvation for all the peoples*. May the eternal Father, who desired you to be the immaculate Mother of the Redeemer, also renew in our time through you, the miracles of his merciful love. Amen!"

May the one who in saying **YES** brought Christ into the world be with us this Advent season, walking with us and helping us to bring Christ into the world again.

Peace to you and your families,  
 Fr. Paul  
 Email: [pborowski@stclementschurch.com](mailto:pborowski@stclementschurch.com)



Next Evening Prayer for Peace:  
**Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00pm**  
 Next Holy Hour for Vocations:  
**Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 7:00pm**  
 Parish's Adoration Chapel:  
 Open **Monday thru Friday from 8:30am until 7:00pm**



<b>Sat 12/12</b>	4:00pm	Fr. Paul	Deacon Willette
<b>Sun 12/13</b>	8:00am	Fr. Paul	
<b>Sun 12/13</b>	9:30am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Turcotte
<b>Sun 12/13</b>	11:15am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Hanson
<b>Sun 12/13</b>	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

**Monday, December 7**

8:00 am † **James Pollard** - req. by the Pollard family  
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Norine Griffith  
 5:30 pm † **John Desidoro** - req. by Joseph & Mary Pietruccia  
 5:30 pm † **Delores Leopold** - req. by friends

**Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of BVM**

8:00 am † **Marie Ward** - req. by Marie & Joe Boland  
 8:00 am † **Michael J Cinquino** - req. by Rose Cinquino  
 7:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**

**Wednesday, December 9**

8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Babbie Boyle  
 8:00 am † **August Paradise** - req. by OCDS District 3 Council  
 5:30 pm † **John Desidoro** - req. by Stanton Williamson  
 5:30 pm † **James Adamson** - req. by Fran Dingeman

**Thursday, December 10**

8:00 am † **Bernard J Foley** - req. by son, Jon  
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Martha & Jean

**Friday, December 11**

8:00 am † **Manolito Medina, Sr** - req. by family  
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Ted & Maria D'Aloia  
 5:30 pm † **John Desidoro** - req. by Dinda & Fred McNeary  
 5:30 pm † **Gertrude Rodeno** - req. by Angeline Capone & family

**Saturday, December 12**

8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Jim & Kelley Weed  
 8:00 am † **William Gardiner** - req. by wife, Leona  
 4:00 pm † **Joseph Vernon** - req. by wife  
 4:00 pm † **Diane Vaillancourt** - req. by family

**Sunday, December 13**

8:00 am † **Alfred L & Julia H Waring** - req. by family  
 8:00 am † **Dorothy & Frederick Mayer** - req. by the Connolly family  
 9:30 am † **Thomas Arpei** - req. by family  
 9:30 am † **Helen M Herman** - req. by Judith & Peter Keefe  
 11:15 am **St. Clement's Parishioners**  
 5:00 pm † **Gertrude Hall** - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala  
 5:00 pm † **Deceased members of DeCicco family** - req. by the Zinter family

November 21/22 weekend's offering:	<b>\$13,586.00</b>
November 21/22 Second Collection:	<b>\$3,914.00</b>
November 28/29 weekend's offering:	<b>\$13,957.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:	<b>\$14,448.80</b>
Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **Margaret Willson** requested by **John & Patricia Willson**.



**The Altar Flowers** If you wish to have flowers on the altar in memory of or in thanksgiving for a person, ministry, or event. please contact the Parish Office.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SACRAMENTAL PREP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
dsalage@stclementschurch.com

### FYI for Parents and Guardians of First Reconciliation Candidates



♥ This coming **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** is the date for the reception of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The first reconciliation candidates should be practicing at home with their families:

- saying "I'm sorry." and hearing the words "You're forgiven."
- examining their conscience
- learning to pray the Act of Contrition.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Denise Salage at the email above or 584-6122 ext 29.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
kdonnellan@stclementschurch.com



**Confirmation Reminder** A reminder for all those registered for Level II or Immediate Confirmation Preparation, there will be Confirmation Classes for Candidates **tonight, Sunday, December 6th at 6:15pm.**

**FAITH FORMATION**  
frneil@stclementschurch.com  
mrvivers@stclementschurch.com

**Help Still Needed** Faith Formation is still in need of help. We are in need of help with the following positions; if interested, please contact Maureen Rivers.

**Sunday:** Level 1c co-catechist  
Level 2 aide  
Level 3b co-catechist

**Monday:** Level 6 co catechist & aide

**Tuesday:** Level 1 co-catechist; Level 2 co-catechist  
Level 3 co-catechist; Level 4 co-catechist & aide  
Level 6 co-catechist

**Angels Needed!!** We are in need of 'spirited and children loving' angels who want to share God's Word with the little ones at the **9:30am Mass** at LOWC. There are teams already established that are very willing to help you learn the ropes. Please contact Maureen Rivers in the Faith Formation Office at 587-3611.



Be sure to visit us on the Web at: [www.stclementschurch.com](http://www.stclementschurch.com)

*"Advent is a time to reclaim our inheritance as children of God."* (Kenneth G. Davis, OFM Conv)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
youthminister@stclementschurch.com

**Jewelry and Gift Sale** Back by popular demand! There will be a jewelry and religious item gift sale in the Parish Center this weekend **December 5th/6th** and next weekend **December 12th/13.** Come do some early Christmas shopping and support Youth Ministry.



**OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 2:30pm  
lkent@stclementschurch.com

**Outreach Needs** Please remember St. Clement's Outreach when making your holiday donations! St. Clement's Outreach provides: Thanksgiving & Christmas Meal Baskets and Christmas Gifts in addition to our ongoing programs for Emergency Financial Assistance and Food Pantry.



Please place donations in the Outreach Boxes and Food Pantry baskets, located at entrances to the church. To sponsor a family with a holiday meal and/or gifts, please call Lisa Kent at the Outreach Office 581-9805.

*Please Pray for Outreach Recipients: God Bless You for Your Generosity to Those in Need*

### ADVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Advent Bible Study** Mark your calendar for our weekly Bible Study that will look at the upcoming Sunday readings during the Advent Season. The remaining sessions will be held **Thursday, December 10th** and **Tuesday, December 15th.** Sessions will start at **7:00pm.**

**Advent Giving Tree** The Parish's Advent Giving Tree is now up in the Parish. This year the money donated for the Ornaments on the tree will be going to **Mary's Haven.** For more information, please contact the Outreach Office at 581-9805. Thank you in advance!



**Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held at St. Peter's **this Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00pm** and **7:00pm.** This service is a combined service for St. Clement's, St. Peter's, St. Mary's (Ballston Spa) and St. Joseph's (Greenfield)

- You are also invited to a Communal Reconciliation Service here at St. Clement's on **Saturday, December 12th at 10:00am** in Our Lady's Chapel. This is part of our parish's Reconciliation Day when the young people of our parish will be making their First Reconciliation.

**ST. CLEMENT'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
[www.stclementsschool.org](http://www.stclementsschool.org)



**Fifth Grade Fundraiser** Braided Strudel Bread Sale – The fifth grade at St. Clement's School will once again be selling this delicious treat. Each strudel or 6 pack of cinnamon rolls is available for \$12.00. The bread will be sold at the parish center **today, December 6**, following the morning Masses. All proceeds will be used towards the cost of their annual field trip.

**School News**

- On **Thursday, December 10th** St. Clement's Kindergarteners & 1st Graders will visit Maple Avenue School for a presentation of "*Click Clack Moo*"
- St. Clement's School Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 16th** at **7:00pm** in the school gym.
- St. Clement's 3rd Graders will attend a presentation of "*The Christmas Carol*" at the Spa Little Theater on **Thursday, December 17th**.
- St. Clement's Students have been working very hard collecting gifts and food for the poor for the holiday season. Many classrooms have adopted an Empty Stocking child, and some are sponsoring a child through Franklin Community Center for Christmas. Our "Giving Tree" in our main hallway has been filled many times over with hats, gloves, mittens, socks and pajamas to also be donated to the Empty Stocking Project.



**Ladies of Charity** Our annual Christmas Giving Store for infants through teens will be held on **December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** in the St. Clement's Parish Center. Each family selects toys, crafts or other age appropriate items, as well as hats, mittens/gloves, and stocking stuffers ... **all free of charge.**



Beginning **November 23rd through December 8th** there will be a large "toy box" located in St. Clement's Parish Center to collect your **unwrapped** donations. We average approximately 325 children each year, and expect even more this year. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions please feel free to call Sylvia Rogers (584-4845), Maureen Humiston (584-9696) or Bernadette McElhenny (369-1727) Co-Chairpersons of this year's Christmas Store.

**Mass Schedule for Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation**  
*Solemnity of Christmas*

- **December 24th** at **4:00pm** (Church); **4:00pm** (Gym); **6:00pm** (Life Teen); **8:00pm** and **12midnight**
  - **December 25th** at **10:00am**
- Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*
- **December 31st** at **4:00pm**
  - **January 1st** at **10:00am**



**SCRIPTURE SECTION**

**The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us; We Are Filled With Joy.**



**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Peoples and lands of the earth had been divided up like a deck of cards, held in the hands of the powerful, Tiberius, Pilate, the Herods and Lysanias, Annas and Caiphas - each enjoyed an unchallenged power in their own particular domains. Then out of the desert a voice proclaimed the day of freedom for all peoples. (Luke) From that moment onward, tyrannical rulers, temporal thrones and even earthly temples had to yield to the saving power that, like the sun rising in the east, (Baruch) brought life and light and a harvest of justice to all. (Philippians)*

1. When at last all peoples come together to meet the returning Lord, theirs will be a divinely negotiated peace. **(Baruch)**
2. If God has truly been the initiating spirit behind our good works, then his are the only criteria of success worthy of our consideration. **(Philippians)**
3. The one who forever changed the manner of measuring time in years and seasons should be the integral center of the believer's daily routine. **(Luke)**

**Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009**

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Ps 80; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



**PASTORAL CARE AND ADVOCACY**  
[kempie@stclementschurch.com](mailto:kempie@stclementschurch.com)



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Meeting this month is **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at Cutler's residence.

**Redemptorist Associates Evening Chapel** is **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00pm** in Our Lady's Chapel.



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**Tuesday, December 8th** is a Holyday of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the United States. Mass will be on **Monday, December 7th** at **5:30pm** and **Tuesday, December 8th** at **8:00am, 9:30am (School Mass)** and **7:00pm**.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

There will be a special Bi-Lingual Mass celebrated on **Friday, December 11th** at **5:30pm** in St. Clement's Church in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Food and fellowship to follow the Mass.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

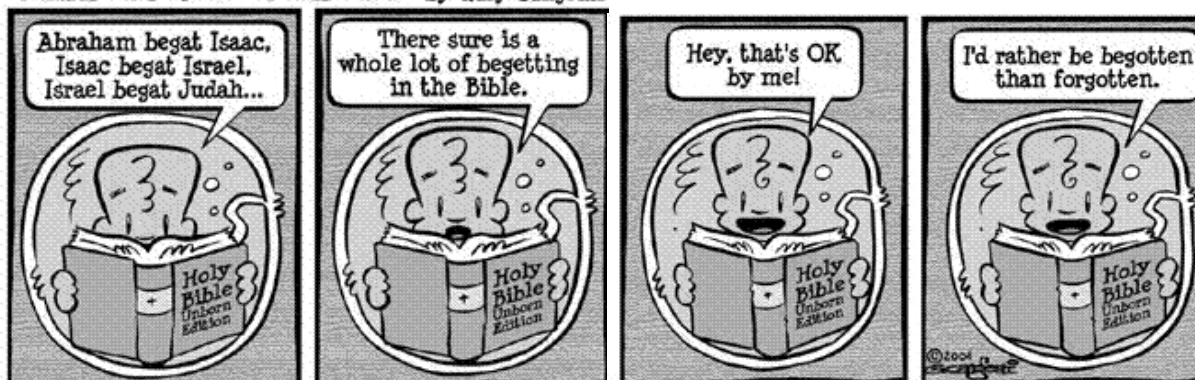


**Please pray for the sick especially:** Gabriel Boyle, Glen Marsh, Frances Gaba, David Iacometta, Isabelle Kelly, Lucille Hartmann, Joshua Cuttita, Mark Harvey, Michael Harvey, Josephine Laura, Allison Page Hutton, Annie Jetter, Mary Engleman, Carol Tomlinson, Jenna Bloomer, Ann Ruggeri

**Please pray for our deceased members:** Sylvia Bausfeld, Ruth Collins, Lillian Dawsey, Jane Gronki, Genevieve Michaud and David Salton

Please remember in your prayers our engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, those dying at Mary's Haven in Saratoga and at Tapologo Hospice in Deming, South Africa, and all our men and women serving in the military, especially those who are placed in harm's way.

### Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



**Come & See Weekend** at the Redemptorist Formation House, Bronx, NY from and **February 4th until February 7th.**

If you are interested in finding out more about a vocation to the Redemptorists, please contact Fr. Richard Bennett at [vocations@redemptorists.net](mailto:vocations@redemptorists.net) Visit the Redemptorists on the Web at: [www.redemptorists.net](http://www.redemptorists.net)



The Redemptorist Mission Cross will be staying with

**The Members of the Redemptorist Associates of St. Clement's Church** the entire month of December.

The Cross will be passed from associate's home to associate's home and will share prayers and fellowship.

If you would like to take the Mission Cross home for a week to pray for vocations, please contact Fr. Paul.

