

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Dec 14: Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)
Monday, Dec 14: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Monday, Dec 14: Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Tuesday, Dec 15: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Tuesday, Dec 15: Advent Bible Study (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Dec 16: Evening Prayer for Peace (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Dec 16: School Christmas Concert (7:00pm)
Saturday, Dec 19: Baptismal Instruction (11:00am)
Sunday, Dec 20: RCIA Dismissal and Class (9:45am)
Sunday, Dec 20: Faith Formation Classes (K—6) (11:00am)
Sunday, Dec 20: Baptisms (12:45pm)
Sunday, Dec 20: LIFE TEEN Activity (6:15pm)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent you will notice we are lighting a **ROSE** colored candle and the priests and deacons are wearing **ROSE** colored vestments. For the record the Liturgical Color is **ROSE** and not **PINK**. ☺

This Sunday is known as **GAUDETE Sunday**. We have passed the midpoint of the Advent season and the switch to rose from purple provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The color change represents a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy.

The Latin word **GAUDETE** means **REJOICE**. This is the first word of the Entrance antiphon for this Sunday. *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice! The Lord is near."* (Philippians 4: 4 –5)

"Rejoice: the Lord is near!" As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing near when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The often repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: *"Come, Lord Jesus,"* the last words of the New Testament.

Peace to you and your families,
Fr. Paul

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December 5/6 weekend's offering:	\$14,251.00
Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:	\$14,426.85
Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:	\$16,000.00



Thank you for all your generosity!
"Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas." (Dale Evans)

Monday, December 14

8:00 am † **Bill Boyle**
 - req. by Bob & Marilyn Helenek
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Ted & Carol Obloy

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Jason & Tricia Weed
 8:00 am † **Lucy Barry** - req. by family

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am † **William Graul** - req. by wife
 8:00 am † **Helen Congioli** - req. by the Kelly family
 5:30 pm † **Jacqueline Moore**
 - req. by Debbie Giovanone
 5:30 pm † **John Desidoro** - req. by the Humiston family

Thursday, December 17

8:00 am † **Rose, Fred & Alice Dugan**
 - req. by Theresa Best
 8:00 am † **Isabel Fiorino** - req. by Grandpa & Grandma

Friday, December 18

8:00 am † **Chris Sleasman** - req. by family
 8:00 am † **Edward & Rita Thomas**
 - req. by daughter & family
 5:30 pm † **Tom Fontaine** - req. by Ellen & Maria
 5:30 pm **Robin Williams** - req. by friends

Saturday, December 19

8:00 am † **John Kane** - req. by family
 8:00 am † **Levrett Dupell** - req. by Rose Draves
 4:00 pm † **John Kirkpatrick** - req. by children
 4:00 pm † **Rosemary Carr** - req. by Helen & Kathy Price

Sunday, December 20

8:00 am † **Chrystal Vredenberg**
 - req. by Jeff & Brenda Vredenberg
 8:00 am † **Gertrude B Hall** - req. by Maria & Ted D'Aloia
 9:30 am † **Anthony F Mangona** - req. by family
 9:30 am † **Margaret Reynolds**
 - req. by Louise & Gail Adinolfi
 11:15 am † **Anna Juliusdottir**
 - req. by Stu, Linda, Nicholas & Lily Byrne
 11:15 am † **Bertha M Callahan**
 - req. by Pat Callahan & family
 5:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **Mary & Dominic Arpey; Anna & Christine; Gary** requested by **Cecilia**.

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.

Sat 12/19	4:00pm	Fr. Tuttle	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 12/20	8:00am	Fr. Tuttle	
Sun 12/20	9:30am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Hanson
Sun 12/20	11:15am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Willette
Sun 12/20	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, 2009 at 4:00pm
- January 1st, 2010 at 10:00am

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FAITH FORMATION
frneil@stclementschurch.com
mrrivers@stclementschurch.com



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 Liturgy of the Word for Children (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.

SACRAMENTAL PREP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
dsalage@stclementschurch.com

Blessings

♥ The parish warmly sends our blessings and congratulations to the youth and children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Saturday, December 12th**. Parents who did not pick up their child's First Reconciliation Certificate on Saturday, may do so at the front office of the Parish Center between the hours of **8:30am and 7:00pm**.



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 12th/13th**. Come do some early Christmas shopping and support Youth Ministry.



Life Teen at St. Clement's All 7th to 12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday Night for a **LIFE TEEN** Mass at 5:00pm in Church "A Mass for the young at heart" followed by a **LIFE TEEN** Activity from 6:15pm -- 7:30pm. What is **LIFE TEEN**? It's your good old Youth Ministry with a new twist!



Save the Date! The Confirmation Candidates will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Celebration on **Saturday, February 6th, 2010**. Keep an eye open for information in future Bulletins!

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: 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.

Thanksgiving Collection

The Outreach Program here at St. Clement's would like to thank all those who donated Food to our Food Pantry as well as **\$3,450.00** from the Thanksgiving Offertory. May God bless your generosity.



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 final session will be held **this Tuesday, December 15th**. The session 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!



The Giving Tree



Church Improvements You will notice a few changes in our Church in recent weeks. First, there are Large Votive Candle Stands in front of both Statues (St. Joseph and St. John Neumann) in the wings. Large candles are now available and we hope to have some smaller three hour candles in the near future. Also, after discussion with Music Ministry and our Buildings and Grounds Committee, we have built up a platform for the Choir. Thanks to John Trimmings for his work on the Choir Platform Project.

Be sure to visit us on the Web at: www.stclementschurch.com

"In a world that values convenience over conversion, Advent invites conversation." (Kenneth G. Davis, OFM)

ST. CLEMENT'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
www.stclementsschool.org

School News

- St. Clement's Christmas Concert will be held **this 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.**



SARATOGA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
www.saratogacentralcatholic.org



Senior Breakfast with Santa

After many years Saratoga Central Catholic High School has brought back Giving Day. This is a day that we say thank you to the community for all the support that we get throughout the year. Students will be at a variety of businesses, schools, etc. throughout the day offering their help.

Seniors, age 62 or older, come join us for "Breakfast with Santa" on **Friday, December 18th** from **9:30am — 11:00am**. Students will be at the Hamilton Street doors of the main building to welcome you.

REDEMPTORIST NEWS
www.redemptorists.net



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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

On the weekend of November 21/22 the Second Collection here at St. Clement's, and Catholic Churches throughout the United States, was for the CCHD. In the collection were numerous cards that claimed some organizations that receive funding from CCHD are not in line with church teaching. Bishop Roger Morin of Biloxi, MS, subcommittee chair overseeing the CCHD, stressed in a November 17 report to the U.S. bishops at their Fall general assembly that accusations CCHD is "providing funds to groups that are pro-abortion or groups that are not in support of the family ... and other untruths are outrageous claims."

For the complete news story on this issue, please check the Catholic News Service at:

www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0905104.htm.



SCRIPTURE SECTION

Third Sunday of Advent

SING!
*to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous deeds.*

When at last the mighty one appeared, the work of harvesting began. The joy of his coming and the labor of the harvest were lost on those whose cares and anxieties blinded them from recognizing the truth. **(Philippians)** However, the repentant, honest and needy were gathered unto him and these he carried home with joy to his Father. **(Luke)** In exultant singing and dancing the celebration of reunion began, to be renewed at every Eucharistic festival of forgiveness. **(Zephaniah)**

1. Those forgiven and renewed in God's love have reason to sing and dance - these are the joys of life our liturgy should celebrate. **(Zephaniah)**
2. If it could be known for certain that this was the day of Christ's final appearance, how petty and insignificant most of our concerns would become. **(Philippians)**
3. Great courage is needed to ask, "What ought we to do?" Even greater courage is needed to listen and to heed the answer to that question. **(Luke)**

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Christmas Flowers Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are now available at the exits of the Church. Please return these envelopes by next **Sunday, December 20th**.

Church Memorials If you are interested in helping to pay for some of the new items that are in the Church (Altar Cloths, Candles Stands, etc) please contact Don Garrant in the Parish Center at 584-6122 (ext 27) for more information.

PRAYER EVENTS at ST. CLEMENT'S

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on **Tuesday, December 22** from **1:00pm — 2:00pm** and from **7:00pm — 8:00pm** here at St. Clement's

Next Evening Prayer for Peace:

This 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**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

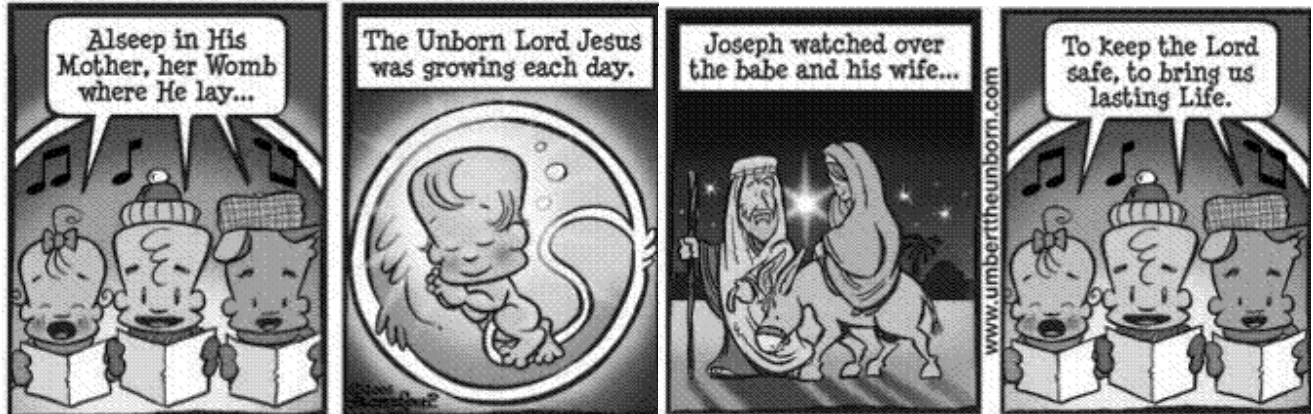


Please pray for the sick especially: Gabriel Boyle, Glen Marsh, Frances Gaba, David Iacometta, Isabelle Kelly, Lucille Hartmann, Joshua Cuttita, Mark Harvey, Michael Harvey, Josephine Laura, Allison Page Hutton, Annie Jetter, Mary Engleman, Carol Tomlinson, Jenna Bloomer, Ann Ruggeri

Please pray for our deceased members: Dorothy Neilen, Emily Thompson

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



Welcome to our new Catholic baby who was baptized on Sunday, December 6, 2009:

Merrick Tymeson Shea

Congratulations Parents & Godparents!

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.

