



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

**Monday, Dec 21:** Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)  
**Monday, Dec 21:** Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)  
**Tuesday, Dec 22:** Confessions (1:00pm)  
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**Thursday, Dec 24:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Thursday, Dec 24:** **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Friday, Dec 25:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Friday, Dec 25:** **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**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**



Dear Brothers & Sisters: *"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ."*  
**(Frank McKibben)**

As always happens at this time of year I am flooded with memories of Christmases past. I think back to the days of my childhood. As my brothers and I ran downstairs we could smell the Polish sausage cooking in the kitchen (with the horseradish). We would go over to the manger scene under the Christmas Tree and before we opened a single present, we would sing "Happy Birthday" to the Baby Jesus.

I recall gathering with my cousins and we would have a traditional game of *Trivial Pursuit* that would inevitable lead to a friendly fight among the teams of male cousins versus the female cousins. As a seminarian I was always glad to return home to see my family and friends. I remember reading at Midnight Mass for all those years at my home parish in Baltimore and then going home to have a ham sandwich and open one present before morning.

I remember well the First Mass I celebrated as a priest for Christmas. I recall being at Midnight Mass at St. Peter's in Rome and this year I recall celebrating Christmas last year with this faith community of St. Clement's. In all these years I have forgotten what presents were under the tree but I recall time spent with family, friends and with others as we celebrated the Birth of God's Son into our world. Wherever you may be this week, hopefully it will be a time that creates wonderful memories. May we especially always remember the most wonderful gift we have received — the Christ, the Love of God.

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



<b>Sat 12/26</b>	4:00pm	Fr. Paul	Deacon Hanson
<b>Sun 12/27</b>	8:00am	Fr. Sullivan	
<b>Sun 12/127</b>	9:30am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Willette
<b>Sun 12/27</b>	11:15am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Turcotte
<b>Sun 12/27</b>	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

**Monday, December 21**

8:00 am † **Philip Schultheis**  
 - req. by wife, Ines  
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Jane & John Corrou



**Tuesday, December 22**

8:00 am † **Jim Collins** - req. by family  
 8:00 am † **Deceased members of McEwan & Brown families** - req. by Fran McEwan

**Wednesday, December 23**

8:00 am † **Kathleen & Robert Quinn** - req. by family  
 8:00 am † **Alfred Bannon** - req. by Sara Bannon  
 5:30 pm † **Carl Matrianni** - req. by the Matrianni family  
 5:30 pm † **Maglione family** - req. by family

**Thursday, December 24 [Christmas Eve]**

8:00 am † **Hillary Downey & son, Romello Taylor**  
 - req. by Kristin Downey  
 8:00 am † **Rose Abdallah** - req. by the Guarino family  
 4:00 pm † (Church) **John Santa Barbara**  
 - req. by Mom, Dad, Tom & Dona  
 4:00 pm † (Church) **Marion & Charles O'Connor & Donald** - req by daughter  
 4:00 pm † (Gym) **Erin Fay**  
 - req. by Stu & Linda Byrne & family  
 4:00 pm † (Gym) **Helen M Herman**  
 - req. by Maddison, Cameron & Adelle Feeley  
 6:00 pm † **Ryan Donohoe** - req. by family  
 6:00 pm † **Ginnie Elizabeth Davis** - req. by Angie Green  
 8:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**  
 12:00 am † **Bernard J & Wanda S Foley** - req. by son, Jon  
 12:00 am † **Virginia C (O'Boyle) Barron** - req. by children

**Friday, December 25 [Christmas Day]**

10:00 am † **John A Simone, Jr** - req. by wife, Ginny  
 10:00 am † **Perks & Zabala families**  
 - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala

**Saturday, December 26**

8:00 am † **Roy J Best** - req. by wife  
 8:00 am † **Anthony Farone** - req. by Paul & Patrice  
 4:00 pm † **Margaret & Louis DeMatteo**  
 - req. by son, Lou  
 4:00 pm † **Rosemary Carr** - req. by Walt & Betsy Delay

**Sunday, December 27**

8:00 am † **the Lombardi family**  
 - req by the Horgan family  
 8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala  
 9:30 am † **Fred, Rose & Alice Dugan**  
 - req. by Theresa Best  
 9:30 am † **Edward DiMiceli** - req. by wife, Diane  
 11:15 am † **Patricia Denton** - req. by Irene Polequin  
 11:15 am † **Rosemary Miller** - req. by the Callahan family  
 5:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**

Immaculate Conception offering:	<b>\$ 2,119.00</b>
December 12/13 weekend's offering:	<b>\$14,251.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:	<b>\$14,418.82</b>
Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
[youthminister@stclementschurch.com](mailto:youthminister@stclementschurch.com)

**LIFE TEEN News**

**Christmas Eve Mass** The Life Teen Ministry of St. Clement's invites all Parishioners to celebrate **Christmas Eve Mass (Thursday, December 24th)** at 6:00pm with them.

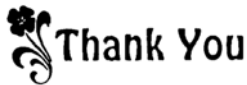


**Party Time!** Calling all Teens to join us for a New Year's Social on **December 31st, 2009** from **2:00pm to 5:00pm** in the Parish Center. We will have snacks, beverages, games and more!



- There will be **NO LIFE TEEN** Activity on Sunday, **December 27th, 2009.**

**A Great Big Thank You to the St. Clement's Community, for all the Prayers and Financial Support. Our participation at The National Catholic Youth Conference would not have happened without you!**



<i>Service Mc Lellan</i>	<i>Maureen Rivers</i>	<i>Emily Fleming</i>
<i>Emily Fleming</i>	<i>Sara Donnellan</i>	<i>James Bell</i>
<i>Leon Smith</i>	<i>Kevin Rinn</i>	<i>Uma Piossi</i>
<i>Alicia Bean</i>	<i>Corbin Randall</i>	<i>Stephanie Powers</i>
<i>Megan Fleming</i>	<i>Jacqueline Hoesch</i>	<i>Cassie Rivers</i>
<i>Christina</i>	<i>Chris Cox</i>	<i>Ray</i>
<i>Julie Marce</i>	<i>Jiz Rogan</i>	<i>Karen Towers</i>
<i>Jeff Lammie</i>	<i>Chris Finkle</i>	<i>Paul Benson</i>
<i>Kris Lammie</i>	<i>Joe</i>	
<i>Maureen Rivers</i>	<i>Kathy Donnellan</i>	



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

**ADVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**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!

**FAITH FORMATION**  
[frneil@stclementschurch.com](mailto:frneil@stclementschurch.com)  
[mrivers@stclementschurch.com](mailto:mrivers@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 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.




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



**Bereavement support services** are available at St. Clement's Church through the Pastoral Care office. This is provided confidentially and on an as-needed basis. Please do not hesitate to inquire for information 584-6122, extension 13.

Please call the parish office, extension 13 for **HOLY COMUNION AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL**. If you are a **NURSING HOME RESIDENT**, please tell the home staff and your family to call our office so you can receive Communion.

 **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **Anthony F Mangona** requested by the family.

**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.

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

**School News**

- Christmas Recess from **Thursday, December 24th, 2009** until **Sunday, January 3rd, 2010**



REDEMPTORIST NEWS  
www.redemptorists.net



**Come & See Weekend** at the Redemptorist Formation House, Bronx, NY from **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

PRAYER EVENTS at ST. CLEMENT'S

Next Holy Hour for Vocations:

**Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 7:00pm**

Next Evening Prayer for Peace:

**Wednesday, January 27th, 2010 at 7:00pm**

Parish's Adoration Chapel:

Open **Monday thru Friday from 8:30am until 7:00pm**



**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 Garran in the Parish Center at 584-6122 (ext 27) for more information.

**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!



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS



**Thank You!** We would like to thank all who came forward during the discernment process for the Pastoral Council. We welcome two new members to the Council this year: **John D'Alanzo** and **Becky Stauffer**. We also thank those who accepting leadership roles in this year's Council: **Christopher Case** (*Chair*) and **Patricia Reo** (*Vice Chair*).

We thank the outgoing members for their years of service on the Council: **Trip Gannon** (*Chair*), **Barbara Garro** and **Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak**.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart,  
and try to keep it all the year." (Charles Dickens)

SCRIPTURE SECTION

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Lord,**  
make us turn to You;  
let us see Your face and  
we shall be **SAVED**.



*Human standard of justice and temporal criteria for greatness were swept aside when God brought salvation to his world. In the smallest village and unto the*

*humblest heart came the one who would make the difference for all others, for all times. (Micah) His advent was first celebrated by two expectant mothers. (Luke) Their joy has become the mark of every believer made holy through the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews)*

1. Never underestimate small towns and humble beginnings. **(Micah)**
2. Ritual, no matter how difficult or perfectly performed, cannot substitute for an interior commitment to hear and to do God's will. **(Hebrews)**
3. Advent's spirit of hopeful anticipation should be a contagious joy and a communal celebration. **(Luke)**

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79  
*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  
*Midnight:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Friday: *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



**Merry Christmas!** On behalf of the Redemptorist Community here at St. Clement's as well as the entire Parish Staff, we would like to wish everyone and their families a Very Blessed Christmas! May the Peace and Joy of this Christmas Season be with you not only now but in the New Year to Come!



*Christmas Blessings*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions will be heard here at St. Clement's in preparation for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 22** from **1:00pm until 2:00pm** and from **7:00pm until 8:00pm**.



FOURTH 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: Peter Parry**

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



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.

