

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday, Dec 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE
Thursday, Dec 31: Vigil Mass (4:00pm)
Thursday, Dec 31: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, Jan 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY
Friday, Jan 1: Mass (10:00am)
Friday, Jan 1: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, Jan 3: RCIA Dismissal and Class (9:45am)

Mass Schedule for Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

- **December 31st at 4:00pm**
- **January 1st at 10:00am**



Dear Brothers & Sisters: *"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things."* (John Burroughs)

A New Year always dawns with a sense of freshness and a vast opportunity to begin things anew. Many of us will be making New Year's Resolutions, some we might keep and others that might be broken by noon on January 1st. Besides some of the ordinary ones we make (losing weight, giving up smoking, etc.) perhaps 2010 can see us making resolutions in the area of a spiritual life. I offer here a short list, but feel free to add your own.

- Resolve to try to pray a little bit more each day.
- Resolve to try to read the Bible a bit each day.
- Resolve to try to spend some time with the family doing something spiritual.
- Resolve to be one who encourages others.
- Be hospitable. Resolve to be the one who provides food for those in need, the one who watches after children of a sick mom, and the one who always has a place for someone to stay who is in need.
- Be light. Resolve to be a shining light in this dark world. Live your life in such a way that people notice you are different from the world.

The ultimate goal of any resolution made is to make a permanent lifestyle change. Sadly, so many resolutions fall through the cracks within only a few weeks of the New Year. Hopefully, any "spiritual" resolutions which are made this year become a permanent part of one's life (myself included). **Have a Happy New Year!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your families,
Fr. Paul



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Sat 01/02	4:00pm	Fr. Tuttle	
Sun 01/03	8:00am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Gaul
Sun 01/03	9:30am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Willette
Sun 01/03	11:15am	Fr. Tuttle	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 01/03	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

Monday, December 28

8:00 am † **Thomas Marshall**
 - req. by the Weliczka family
 8:00 am † **William Dushane** - req. by the Pollard family



Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by the Conley family
 8:00 am † **Anthony Farone**
 - req by Denny & Judy Farone

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am † **Madeline Hendrix** - req. by sister
 8:00 am † **Michael Fallon** - req. by Peggy Carey
 5:30 pm † **Robert F Wincowski**
 - req. by Mom, Dad, Joel & family
 5:30 pm † **Ellyn Kearns** - req. by Loretta Quigley

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am † **Perks & Zabala families**
 - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala
 8:00 am † **Brother Frank Alfone, CSSR**
 - req. by Mimsey Kelly
 4:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**

Friday, January 1 [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God]

10:00 am † **Souls in Purgatory**
 - req by Fawn & Earl Derby
 10:00 am † **Hulda & Albert Helenek**
 - req. by Bob & Marilyn Helenek

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am † **Jean Cook** - req. by the Hines family
 8:00 am † **Mike Fallon** - req. by Loretta Quigley
 4:00 pm † **Rosemary Carr** - req. by Ted & Carol Obloy
 4:00 pm † **Henry Trombley**
 - req by the Gapczynski family

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am † **Marie Barber** - req. by Lev & Lee Dupell
 8:00 am † **Arthur & Josephine Berger** - req. by family
 9:30 am † **Gregory D'Ascoli**
 - req. by Brian & Nancy Christiansen
 9:30 am † **John Prock** - req. by the Boyer family
 11:15 am † **Marie Duddy** - req. by Laverne & Jeri Utter
 11:15 am † **Mary Benham** - req. by Jean Benham
 5:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **John Santa Barbara** requested by **Mom, Dad, Tom & Dona**

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.



Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Bulletin went to print prior to the counting of the collection for the weekend of December 19/20 as well as for the Christmas Eve/Day collection. We will post those figures in the Bulletin the weekend of January 9/10. May God bless you for your generous support of St. Clement's Parish!

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

YOUTH MINISTRY
youthminister@stclementschurch.com

LIFE TEEN News


All are invited! All 7th to 12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday Night for a **LIFE TEEN** Mass at **5:00pm** in Church followed by a **LIFE TEEN** Activity from **6:15pm — 7:30pm**

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



Party Time! Calling all Teens to join us for a New Year's Social on **December 31st, 2009** from **1:00pm to 4:00pm** in the School Gym. We will have snacks, beverages, games and more!

Please note that there will be NO 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, February 7th, 2010. There will also be **NO LIFE TEEN** Activity that night as well.



FAITH FORMATION
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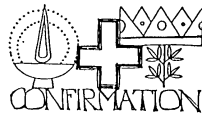
Angels Needed!! We are in need of 'spirited and children loving' angels who want to share God's Word with the little ones at the **9:30am Mass** at LOWC. There are teams already established that are very willing to

help you learn the ropes. Please contact Maureen Rivers in the Faith Formation Office at 587-3611.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
kdonnellan@stclementschurch.com

Confirmation Reminders

Reminder that the first Confirmation Ritual will take place on **January 10, 2010** at the **5:00pm Mass**. The Rituals are mandatory and are intended for the candidate and his/her sponsor. However, if the sponsor cannot attend the Ritual a parent may stand in for the sponsor. If you know you have a conflict and cannot make this Ritual please call Kathy (587-3612) to discuss attending the Ritual at St. Peter's. Following the Ritual, there will be a Mardi Gras planning meeting for parents and candidates (sponsors are also welcome!)



Also, a reminder for all those registered for Level II or Immediate Confirmation Preparation, the next Confirmation Classes for Candidates is **Sunday, January 17th, 2010** at **6:15pm**.

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

PASTORAL CARE AND ADVOCACY
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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.

January Senior Social is **Wednesday, January 6th** at **12noon**. It will be a pot luck luncheon. Bring a friend if you'd like!




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



Save the Date! The Confirmation Candidates will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Celebration on **Saturday, February 6th, 2010**. The event is open to all parishioners of all ages. Plenty of fun, food and fellowship! Keep an eye open for information in future Bulletins!



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

School News

- St. Clement's School Classes will resume on **Monday, January 4th, 2010**



Happy New Year! 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 Happy New Year! May it be a Happy, Healthy and Holy One for you and your families!

Happy New Year!

Thank You! At this time of year there are so many people to thank for helping to make St. Clement's Church a wonderful place to celebrate the Christmas Season. For fear of forgetting any individual names let me thank a number of groups who helped make Christmas 2009! (*Hopefully I won't forget any group!*)



- To those who helped clean and decorate the Church; from putting up the lights and trees to the flowers and the Manger Scene
- To all Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers
- To all those involved in the Music Ministry who sang with the Choirs of Angels
- To all those who donated money for the Christmas Flowers (we hope to have that list out very soon)
- To each and everyone of you whose presence in the Church on Christmas Eve and Day was the best present to give to the Christ Child!

The faithful support of so many people helped to make for a wonderful celebration of the Birth of Christ. This Christmas Season has been a Blessed One of Joy, Peace and Good Will among us all. May this Celebration of God's Love come into our world and be with us into the New Year. As one of my favorite characters, Ebenezer Scrooge



said towards the end of **A Christmas Carol**: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year." Again, thanks to all and "May God Bless Us, Everyone!"

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**



SCRIPTURE SECTION

*Blessed are they
who dwell in
Your house, O Lord.*

**Solemnity of the
Holy Family**

Through the bonds of family love, God spoke his word into the world and that word, Jesus, revealed to all peoples the saving good news of his loving Father. (Luke) Familial bonds that guide, protect and encourage reflect and perpetuate that divine love. (Sirach) In the family of faith, believers celebrate those bonds that grow stronger in prayer and more flexible through mutual forgiveness. (Colossians)

- Families grow happier in times of joy and stronger in times of sorrow. **(Sirach)**
- Family ties are made of blood; communal bonds are rooted in forgiveness. **(Colossians)**
- Those who sincerely set out to find Jesus will discover more than they ever expected. **(Luke)**

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

- 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
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



National Day of Penance & Prayer



Friday, January 22nd is the Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade* (1973). This day shall be observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of

the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life. Join us on **Friday, January 22nd, 2010** for a Day of Penance & Prayer here at St. Clement's. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Church from **8:30am until 7:00pm**. At **7:00pm** we will have Evening Prayer with Benediction. During the day we would like to have someone in the Church at all times in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please call Chris Bean in the Parish Center to sign up for an adoration time.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Please pray for the sick especially: 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

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



In a spirit of prayer and fellowship, the Redemptorist Mission Cross will be visiting the homes of our **St. Clement's Redemptorist Associates** for the months of January and February.

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.

