

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Jan 11: Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)
Monday, Jan 11: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Monday, Jan 11: Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Tuesday, Jan 12: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Wednesday, Jan 13: School Mass (9:30am)
Wednesday, Jan 13: Redemptorists Associates (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Jan 13: Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Thursday, Jan 14: *Feast of Blessed Peter Donders, C.Ss.R.*
Thursday, Jan 14: Weekly Scripture Reflection (10:00am)
Thursday, Jan 14: Prayer Shawl Meeting (1:00pm)
Saturday, Jan 16: Retreat Team Meeting (3:00pm)
Sunday, Jan 17: RCIA Dismissal and Class (9:45am)
Sunday, Jan 17: Faith Formation Classes (K - 6) (11:00am)
Sunday, Jan 17: Confirmation Class (6:15pm)
Sunday, Jan 17: LIFE TEEN Activity (6:15pm)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: **Thursday is the Feast Day of Blessed Peter Donders, C.Ss.R.** Peter Donders was born in Tilburg, Holland, on October 27, 1809. From an early age, Peter had formed the desire of becoming a priest. In due time he was ordained priest on June 5, 1841. While still engaged in his theological studies he had been guided by his superiors in the seminary towards the missions of the Dutch colony, of Surinam. He arrived in Paramaribo, the principal city of the colony in 1842 and applied himself at once to the pastoral works that were to occupy him until his death. His first duties included regular visits to the plantations along the rivers of the colony, where he preached and ministered the Sacraments mainly to slaves. His letters express his indignation at the harsh treatment of the African peoples forced to work on the plantations.

In 1856 he was sent to the leper station of Batavia; and this was to be, with very few interruptions, the scene of his labors for the rest of his life. In his charity he not only provided the benefits of religion to the patients, but even tended them personally until he was able to persuade the authorities to provide adequate nursing services. When the Redemptorists arrived in 1866 to take charge of the mission of Surinam, Father Donders and one of his fellow priests applied for admission into the Congregation. The two candidates made their novitiate and they took their vows on June 24, 1867. Father Donders returned at once to Batavia. Because of the assistance he now had with the lepers, he was able to devote time to a work he had long wished to undertake. As a Redemptorist he now turned his attention to the Indian peoples of Surinam. He began to learn the native languages and to instruct the Indians in the Christian faith, until failing strength compelled him to leave to others what he had begun.

He continued his ministry until weakening health finally confined him to bed in December of 1886. He lingered for two weeks until his death on January 14, 1887. The fame of his sanctity spreading beyond Surinam and his native Holland; his cause was introduced in Rome. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 1982.

Peace to you and your families,
 Fr. Paul
 Email: pborowski@stclementschurch.com



Sat 01/016	4:00pm	Fr. Paul	Deacon Willette
Sun 01/17	8:00am	Fr. Paul	
Sun 01/17	9:30am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 01/17	11:15am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Gaul
Sun 01/17	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

Monday, January 11

8:00 am † **Anthony P Farone**
 - req. by Betty French

8:00 am † **Stacy O'Hara**
 - req. by St Clement's School Faculty

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am † **Dr Edward L Gallagher**
 - req. by Theresa Arpei

8:00 am † **Rose & Carl Herrmann-** req by granddaughter

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am † **Jaime D Coleman** - req. by Sharon Coleman

8:00 am † **Michael Dalton** - req. by Josephine McMann

5:30 pm † **Noreen (Ruth) Wink**
 - req. by Barbara Parrish

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am † **In Loving Memory of Lucia & Biagio Vinciguerra** - req. by Irene Vinciguerra

8:00 am † **Stacy O'Hara-** req by Mr & Mrs William Leroux

Friday, January 15

8:00 am † **Virginia McPherson** - req. by Babbie Boyle

8:00 am † **Joseph Paul Raucci**
 - req. by Mr & Mrs Philip D'Agostino

5:30 pm † **Eva Albert** - req. by family

5:30 pm † **Anthony Farone**
 - req. by Carmella Bruckner & family

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am † **Stacy O'Hara** - req. by Jane & Lou Kromm

8:00 am † **Anne Graul** - req. by the Ross family

4:00 pm † **Ruth Goodhart**
 - req. by Donald & Rose Lee & sons

4:00 pm † **David A Duval** - req. by
 Donald & Rose Lee

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am † **Andrew M Sharp** - req. by family

8:00 am † **Milton T Porter** - req. by family

9:30 am **St. Clement's Parishioners**

11:15 am † **Edward Kent** - req. by Mom & Dad

11:15 am † **Anthony Farone** - req. by
 John Marcolongo & family

5:00 pm † **Cletus Fox** - req. by Mike & Stacie Arpey

5:00 pm † **Stacy O'Hara** - req. by Linda Haswell

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **Lillian Dawsey** requested by **Mary Jane & Walter Doyle**



Thank you for all your generosity!

December 26/27 weekend's offering:	\$11,868.00
January 2/3 weekend offering:	\$12,967.00
<i>Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:</i>	<i>\$14,249.44</i>
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$3,789.00
Christmas Collection (Dec 24/25)	\$51,954.00
New Year's Collection (12/31 and 1/1)	\$3,369.00

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION kdonnellan@stclementschurch.com



Confirmation Reminders

Reminder that the first Confirmation Ritual will take place **tonight, 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 (or any of the other) Rituals please call Kathy Donnellan (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 are **next Sunday, January 17th, 2010 at 6:15pm** and **Sunday, January 24th at 6:15pm**

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 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

WE NEED YOUR HELP Emergency! Catechists Needed!

We are in need of adults and youth to join our RCIC team. The most important qualification is to be willing to share your Catholic faith with a small group of children who are preparing to be baptized and welcomed into our Catholic family. Our goal is to coordinate a team of volunteers to assist with the faith formation and sacramental preparation for children and youths who are currently preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. For information about this vitally important ministry please contact Denise Salage at 584-6122 (Ext. 31) or send an email to the above email address.



THANK YOU TO
ALL OUR CATECHISTS!

YOUTH MINISTRY youthminister@stclementschurch.com

LIFE TEEN at St. Clement's 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**



PASTORAL CARE AND ADVOCACY 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings this month are on **this Thursday, January 14th** and **Thursday, January 28th**, both at **1:00pm** in the Hofbauer Room

Redemptorist Associates Evening Chapel will be this **Wednesday, January 13** at **7pm** in Our Lady's Chapel.

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

Poor Box Requests for emergency assistance have increased significantly due to the difficult economy. Your donations spare many local families from suffering extreme hardship such as eviction or utility shut-off.

Food Pantry Please place donations of non-perishable items in the baskets located at church entrances. Current special needs are Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Powdered Milk, Juices.



Please pray for our Outreach Ministry recipients. God bless you for your generosity to the poor.



Thank You

A Christmas Thank You! From the Redemptorist Community of Fr. Paul, Fr. Sullivan, Fr. Tuttle and Brother Bosco a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who shared Christmas Cheer with us through cards, goodies and excellent Christmas cookies. We are all thankful for each and every parishioner and pray that this New Year of 2010 may be a blessed one for all parishioners and their families. Again, may our Gracious Lord bless you for your kindness to us!

Coffee, Conversation and Christ
Our Saturday morning discussion group will be meeting **this Saturday, January 16th** following the **8:00am Mass**. All are invited. **[Please note the date change.]** We will be discussing "Mary's Role in the Life of Catholics".



Second Collection Corrections For those who receive collection envelopes: The Second Collection envelope for **January 17th** is in error. The Diocesan Assessment Collection is for the **ALBANY DIOCESE**. Also, the Second Collection envelope for **January 24th** is in error. The second collection for St. Clement's School will be taken on **Sunday, January 31st**, the start of Catholic Schools week.

ST. CLEMENT'S NEWS

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.

Mardi Gras Celebration The Confirmation Candidates will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Celebration on **Saturday, February 6th, 2010** from **6:30pm until 9:30pm** in St. Clement's Gym. Tickets go on sale beginning next weekend after all Masses. Adults: \$7; Senior Citizens: \$5; Children under 12: Free. The event is open to all parishioners of all ages. Plenty of fun, food and fellowship!

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

Thank You! Many of you noticed the beautiful Christmas Stole that was worn by our priests during the Christmas Season. This was a gift from St. Clement's School and we are truly thankful that the School graced us with this beautiful Christmas stole (and not a lump of coal!) **THANK YOU!**



CBA Informational Meeting Christian Brothers Academy, of Albany, NY, cordially invites interested families to an informational meeting to be held in Saratoga Springs on **Sunday, January 24th**, from **7:00pm to 8:00pm**. The school's Principal will be on hand to share important information about the school, and to answer questions about CBA. If you are interested in attending, please call Marty McGraw at CBA, at (518) 452-9809, Ext. 110, for more details.



SCRIPTURE SECTION



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In Baptism, the life of the Christian begins anew - a life of service and suffering, a life of conversion and growth. (Acts) Once initiated into the life of grace and faith, the believer shares the mission of Jesus himself. In Jesus, the Christian is called to be light, to give sight, to dispel darkness, to work for freedom. (Isaiah) Only prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit make such life possible. (Luke)

1. By its teaching, the church that believes in the Isaian servant must bring light and sight and freedom to all the waiting peoples of the earth. **(Isaiah)**
2. Partiality is a human invention, unworthy of God's overwhelming gifts of love and life. **(Acts)**
3. Prayer is the most powerful moment of our existence. **(Luke)**

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010



- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

PRAYER EVENTS at ST. CLEMENT'S

- Next Evening Prayer for Peace:
Wednesday, January 27th, 2010 at 7:00pm
Next Holy Hour for Vocations:
Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm
Parish's Adoration Chapel:
Open **Monday thru Friday** from **8:30am** until **7:00pm**



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.

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



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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: Howard Nolan, Violet Palopoli

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 27, 2009:**

Connor Bemby

Congratulations Parents & Godparents!



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.



Bl. Peter Donders, C.Ss.R.

Memorial January 14th