

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Feb 8: Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)
Monday, Feb 8: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Monday, Feb 8: Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Tuesday, Feb 9: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Wednesday, Feb 10: School Mass (9:30am)
Wednesday, Feb 10: Valentine's Day Mass & Renewal of Vows (5:30pm)
Wednesday, Feb 10: Redemptorist Associates (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Feb 10: Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Thursday, Feb 11: Weekly Scripture Reflection (10:00am)
Thursday, Feb 11: Prayer Shawl Meeting (1:00pm)
Saturday, Feb 13: Retreat Team Meeting (4:00pm)
Sunday, Feb 14: RCIA Dismissal and Class (9:45am)
Sunday, Feb 14: Sacrament of the Sick Service (2:00pm)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: Most of us are familiar with the Cell Phone Commercial that has as its punch line: "Can you hear me now?" This weekend I ask the congregation of St. Clement's the same question: "Can you hear me now?"

Last weekend we christened our new sound system here in the parish. It will take some time for us to learn all the nuances of this new sound system so please be patient with us. The dedicated team from Monte Brothers Sound Systems, Inc. were extremely helpful in helping us understand what we needed to enhance the sound in the church and managed to install the entire system in remarkable time. Steve Minozzi, one of the founders of Monte Brothers, said to me as he was leaving: "Be careful what you ask for, Fr. Paul. Now that they can hear you, they may wish they never could!" May this addition to our Church lead us to truly hear the Word of God clearly and to add our voices to the wonderful music that comes forth from the speakers.

I continue to invite all present to truly enter into our wonderful Liturgical Celebrations. As we hopefully hear things more clearly, perhaps we can truly enter into a Spirit of Prayer during Mass. Perhaps a Lenten practice could be to try to arrive a few minutes before Mass starts instead of rushing in late. We might also want to think about staying till the end of Mass to truly thank God for his love for us.

Peace to you and your families,
Fr. Paul

Email: pborowski@stclementschurch.com



Redemptorist Associates Next Evening chapel will be this **Wednesday February 10th** at **7:00pm**.

Sat 02/13	4:00pm	Fr. Paul	Deacon Willette
Sun 02/14	8:00am	Fr. Tuttle	
Sun 02/14	9:30am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 02/14	11:15am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Gaul
Sun 02/14	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

Monday, February 8

8:00 am † **Michael J Cinquino**
- req. by Rose Cinquino

8:00 am † **Gabrielle R Cannistraci** - req. by Luz Ruelos



Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am † **Ruth Collins**- req. by Mary & Steve Zabala

8:00 am † **Allan T Weatherwax Sr** - req. by Krulcik family

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 am † **Bernard J Foley** - req. by son, Jon

8:00 am † **Ruth Collins** - req. by Mike & Betty O'Connell

5:30 pm † **Patricia Hannan** - req. by Gapczynski family

5:30 pm † **Corine Lanzillo** - req. by Amelia Costello

Thursday, February 11

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson**

- req. by Brian & Debbie Walsh

8:00 am † **Patricia Hannan** - req. by Dick & Pam Farrell

Friday, February 12

8:00 am † **Lev Dupell** - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala

8:00 am † **Patricia Hannan** - req. by Barbara Parrish

5:30 pm **United States of America**

- req. by Marie Harrison

5:30 pm † **Henry Kruchinski**

- req by Sandy & Lou Yellen

Saturday, February 13

8:00 am † **Thomas Arpei** - req. by family

8:00 am † **Allan T Weatherwax, Sr**

- req. by Kathleen & Ross Beckwith & family

4:00 pm † **Rosemary Carr** - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala

4:00 pm † **Frank Armenio, Sr & James Dobis & family**

- req. by Mary & family

Sunday, February 14

8:00 am † **Pauline & Douglas Harley** - req. by Claudette

8:00 am † **Spencer Boyce Sr & Spencer Boyce Jr**

- req. by Lev & Lee Dupell

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

11:15 am † **John Desidoro** - req. by TeTe

11:15 am † **Gabrielle Cannistraci**

- req. by the Jeffreys family

5:00 pm † **Sylvia Bauersfeld**

- req. by Cathy & Michael Hall & family

5:00 pm † **Diane D Vaillancourt**

- req by husband Richard

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The Sanctuary Lamp is available for the memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Please contact the Parish Office
The Altar Flowers this week are given in memory of **Gabrielle Cannistraci** donated by **Drs Emilio & Cecilia Ruelos**.

January 30/31 weekend offering:	\$13,583.00
Second Collection for School	\$ 3,538.00
<i>Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:</i>	\$14,163.53
<i>Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:</i>	\$16,000.00

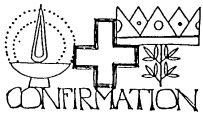
SACRAMENTAL PREP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
 dsalage@stclementschurch.com
 584-6122 (Extension 29)

First Eucharist Mandated Parent/Guardian Preparation Sessions

The first series of required parent sessions were held on January 27 and 28. If you missed this required meeting please contact Denise.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
 kdonnellan@stclementschurch.com



Confirmation Reminder

Reminder that the Second Confirmation Ritual will take place **Sunday, March 7** at the **5:00pm Mass**.

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.

RCIA News

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Inquiry Session Information Do you know, work or live with someone who may be interested in learning more about the *Catholic faith*? Is there someone in your life who is hungering and thirsting for God? We are starting up our next inquiry sessions for adults who are considering Christianity as well as for baptized Christians who are considering becoming Catholic. The process of journeying to baptism is called the RCIA, *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. For those already baptized, the process of preparing for full reception into the Catholic Church is truly a time of deeper reflection, catechesis, and prayer. The period of inquiry for both non-baptized and baptized will begin this Lent. If you're interested for yourself or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 587-3611 or email Fr. Neil or Fr. Paul at the above emails.

ST. CLEMENT'S NEWS



Valentine's Day Mass & Dinner

There will be a special Mass for all married couples **this Wednesday, February 10th** at **5:30pm** with a renewal of wedding vows.

Coffee, Conversation and Christ Our Saturday morning discussion group will be meeting **this Saturday, February 13th** following the **8:00am Mass**. All are invited!



Anointing of the Sick Service will take place **next Sunday, February 14** at **2:00pm**.

LENT INFORMATION

Ash Wednesday The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 17th**. The schedule for that day here at St. Clement's is:



- **8:00am** Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- **12noon** Liturgy of Word Service with Distribution of Ashes
- **5:30pm** Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- **7:00pm** Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Parish Retreat News

- There will be a Parish Lenten Retreat the weekend of **February 26— 28** at St. Joseph's Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham, NY. Applications can be picked up at the Parish Office. The cost for two nights and six meals is \$160 per person.
- The year 2010 marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Parish Retreat Ministry. There will be a celebration to mark this event on **Saturday, March 6th**. Former Retreatants must make a reservation. Forms are available in Parish office or call Earl Derby at 584-1207 .



Daily Mass During the Season of Lent there will be Mass at both **8:00am** and **5:30pm, Monday thru Friday** in the Main Church.

Stations of the Cross During the Season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at **7:30am, 12noon** and **5:00pm, each Friday** in the Main Church.



Parish Mission From **Sunday, March 7th** until **Wednesday, March 10th** will be the Parish Redemptorist Mission. The Main Evening Service will be at **7:00pm** each night. Redemptorist Father Paul Bryant and Sr. Mary Sninsky, OSF will be directing this wonderful Parish Experience!



"Repent and believe the Gospel." (Mark 1: 15b)

PASTORAL CARE AND ADVOCACY
kempie@stclementschurch.com
584-6122 (Extension 13)

Bereavement Ministry A volunteer is needed to make follow up phone calls in our Bereavement Ministry. If you think you might be interested, please call the Pastoral Care Office..



Holy Communion for the Sick Please call the Pastoral Care Office for Holy Communion at home or in the hospital. If you are a nursing home resident, please tell the Nursing Home staff or have your family call the Pastoral Care Office so you can receive Communion.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings Thursday, February 11th and Thursday, February 25; both at 1:00pm in the Hofbauer Room.



Jail Ministry *Is Jail Ministry for you?* "Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, kindness. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you." (Colossians 3:12 — 13)

Ashes for Homebound Ash Wednesday is February 17th. If you are homebound and would like to receive ashes, please call the Pastoral Care Office. It would be appreciated if your request comes at least three days before Ash Wednesday.

YOUTH MINISTRY
youthminister@stclementschurch.com
www.stclementschurch.com/youth

Next LIFE NIGHT Mark your calendar: the next LIFE NIGHT will take place on Sunday, February 28th from 6:15pm until 7:30pm for all 9th to 12th Graders



Work Camp 2010 This year's Work Camp will be from Tuesday, August 17th until Friday, August 20th at the Pine Grove Camp on Pine Rd in Saratoga. Contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more information. Designed for Campers ages 13 to 15, participants will work at community based programs such as Head-Start, EOC, Saratoga Bridges, Maplewood Manor Long-Term Care Facility.

Habitat for Humanity 2010 From Sunday, July 18th through Friday, July 23rd, 12 to 14 teenagers (ages 17 and 18) will make a pilgrimage to Portland, Maine. During this week we will volunteer to help build a Habitat for Humanity house in the Greater Portland area. Space is limited if you are interested contact the Youth Ministry Office.



SCRIPTURE SECTION



THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's call to service is a creative one; it not only summons the person to engage in a certain task but also to become all that by divine grace he is capable of being.

(Isaiah) Often the least likely candidates by worldly standards have become the greatest achievers. (1 Corinthians) Perhaps this is due to the fact that the divine criterion for success is measured not in a rising line on graphs but in the raising to life of broken, sinful hearts. (Luke)

1. The person who would search for God's majesty will find his own sinfulness along the way. (Isaiah)
2. Whoever said: "You can't make a silk purse out of a pig's ear," did not take into account God's grace or remember Saul. (1 Corinthians)
3. Launching out into uncharted waters of the unchurched is part of the task of discipleship. (Luke)

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

PRAYER EVENTS at ST. CLEMENT'S

Next Evening Prayer for Peace:

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm

Next Holy Hour for Vocations:

Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00pm

Parish's Adoration Chapel:

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



Operation Rice Bowl Each Lent, Catholic families, parishes and schools use symbolic rice bowls during the 40 days of Lent as the focal point for their prayer, fasting and learning. Participants fast in solidarity with those who hunger and make the small sacrifice of preparing **simple, meatless recipes** from developing countries each week, putting the money they would have spent on a big meal into the rice bowls. That money goes to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger. [St. Clement's will be participating in this work of mercy and justice. Our hope is to have increased participation from every household in the parish.] There will be special collection on Ash Wednesday at all services and all monies collected will go to Operation Rice Bowl.

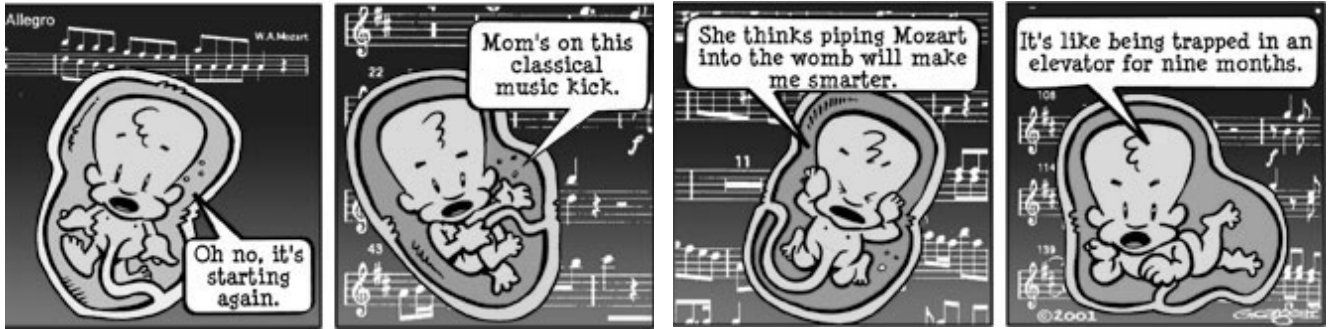
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please pray for the sick especially: Frances Gaba, David Iacometta, 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: Audrey Furey, James Lynch, Marion Waring

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.



Please remember to pray for all those involved in the RCIA Program as we approach the Season of Lent. Let us keep in prayer our catechumens, candidate and the elect as well as their catechists, sponsors and all those involved with their Faith Formation training.

Come & See Weekend at the Redemptorist Formation House, Bronx, NY from **April 8th until April 11th**. If you are interested in finding out more about a vocation to the Redemptorists, please contact Fr. Richard Bennett at vocations@redemptorists.net. Visit us on the Web at: www.redemptorists.net



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 month of 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.