

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Feb 15: Parish Office Closed
Monday, Feb 15: Life Teen Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Wednesday, Feb 17: ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, Feb 17: Mass with Distribution of Ashes (8:00am)
Wednesday, Feb 17: Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes (12noon)
Wednesday, Feb 17: Mass with Distribution of Ashes (5:30pm) (With RCIA Dismissal)
Wednesday, Feb 17: Mass with Distribution of Ashes (7:00pm)
Thursday, Feb 18: Weekly Scripture Reflection (10:00am)
Friday, Feb 19: Stations of the Cross (7:30am)
Friday, Feb 19: Stations of the Cross (12noon)
Friday, Feb 19: Stations of the Cross (5:00pm)
Saturday, Feb 20: Retreat Team Meeting (4:00pm)
Sunday, Feb 21: RCIA Rite of Sending (during 9:30am Mass)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: Many people, including Catholics themselves, have no idea why we walk around on Ash Wednesday with dirty black smudges on our foreheads. First, it's not a smudge. It's supposed to be a cross drawn with ash. However, some of the people administering the ashes are a little better artists than others. Either way, it gets the job done. Second, the ashes represent our mortality and are an outward sign of our sinfulness. But why would anyone want to be reminded of this? Perhaps because it's true. We are indeed mortal – we are dust, and to dust we shall return (**Gen 3:19**). We are sinful too. And in a world that constantly says “if it feels good, do it” and suggests that a guilty conscience is just one more thing we need a prescription for, we definitely need this healthy dose of reality. There is something much more important that must go along with this, though. It always helps to put everything we do in the Church in context with the most important event – the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Easter. In this case, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent which is preparation for Easter. And real preparation for Easter isn't done with travel plans, fervor over the Sunday afternoon meal, and a resolution to eat less chocolate. It's done in your soul. When we look in the mirror on Ash Wednesday and see that black smudge on our forehead, we should be reminded that, no matter what, we are still sinners in need of constant conversion. It is the Church calling us back once again to the graces of our baptism, to do penance, and amend our lives as we approach the greatest celebration in the Church – Easter. So don't wear your ashes proudly, but make sure you wear them...and wear them humbly. (www.fallibleblogma.com)

Peace to you and your families,
Fr. Paul

Email: pborowski@stclementschurch.com



Sat 02/20	4:00pm	Fr. Tuttle	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 02/21	8:00am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Gaul
Sun 02/21	9:30am	Fr. Paul	
Sun 02/21	11:15am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Willette
Sun 02/21	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

Monday, February 15

8:00 am † **Frieda Wagner**
 - req by Marilyn & Bob Helenek
 8:00 am † **Patricia Hannan** - req. by Nellie Mastroianni



Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson** - req. by Norine Griffith
 8:00 am † **Richard O'Brien**
 - req. by Sally & Russ Florence

February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 am † **Emanuele Paolicelli** - req. by family
 8:00 am † **Audrey D Ennist** - req. by Adele Howard
 5:30 pm † **Kenneth Dailey**
 - req. by Linda, Stu, Nicholas & Lily
 5:30 pm † **Mr & Mrs William Graul**
 - req. by Bob & Phil Murphy
 7:00 pm **St. Clement's Parishioners**

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am † **Patricia Hannan** - req. by Lee Dupell
 8:00 am † **Catherine Toma** - req. by Sandy Hannam
 5:30 pm † **Ruth Collins** - req. by Bernadette Joyce
 5:30 pm † **Josephine Zdunczyk**
 - req. by Barbara Hunter & Theresa Place

Friday, February 19

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson** - req. by Ann Beach
 8:00 am † **Josephine Zdunczyk**
 - req. by Gapczynski family
 5:30 pm † **William Nudo** - req. by Nudo family
 5:30 pm † **Mary Whitehead** - req. by Loretta Quigley

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am † **Souls in Purgatory**
 8:00 am † **Walter Webb** - req. by daughter
 4:00 pm † **Marie T Costanzo**
 - req. by Dorothy DeRosa
 4:00 pm † **Bob Ladd** - req. by Harry & Theresa Kent

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am † **Francis & Elinor Cunningham**
 - req. by Lev & Lee Dupell
 8:00 am † **Anne & Bill Graul**
 - req. by Walter & Betsy Delay
 9:30 am **St. Clement's Parishioners**
 11:15 am **All Aborted Babies & Their Families**
 - req. by Marie Harrison
 11:15 am † **Anne Graul**
 - req. by Joseph & Mary Pietruccia
 5:00 pm † **Rosa Santana Quinones**
 - req. by Kathleen Monaco
 5:00 pm † **Elda Kuehn** - req. by Veronica Spillane

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn to the Glory & Honor of Almighty God in memory of **Sr. Mary Isabelle Kwiatkowski** requested by **Sigmund Kwiatkowski**



February 6/7 weekend offering:	\$13,928.00
Second Collection for Fr. Phillippe	\$14,157.00
Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:	\$14,144.80
Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:	\$16,000.00

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



**First Eucharist Mandated Parent/
Guardian Preparation Sessions**

The second series of required parent sessions will be offered on **Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00pm** and on **Thursday, February 25 at 10:00am**. Both meetings will be held in Our Lady's Chapel in the Parish Center. Please choose to attend either the evening or morning session.

Catechists are still needed! We are still 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 youth who are currently preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Sacramental Preparation Volunteers Needed!

If you love children and love the Eucharist please consider volunteering to help with the First Eucharist Activity Centers that are scheduled to take place during the second week and the fourth week of March. The Activity Centers are an interactive pictorial reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist for the first communicants and their parents. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare banner kits and/or assist with greeting the families as they come to participate in the First Eucharist Activity Centers.

For more information on any of the above please contact Denise Salage at the Office of Sacramental Prep for Children.

FAITH FORMATION
frneil@stclementschurch.com
mrvivers@stclementschurch.com

Faith Formation Classes There are **NO** Faith Formation Classes this week.

- Monday Classes resume on **Monday, February 22nd**
- Tuesday Classes resume on **Tuesday, February 23rd**
- Sunday Classes resume on **Sunday, February 28th**

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

School News St. Clement's School will be closed the for the week of **February 15th**. Classes will resume on **Monday, February 22nd**.

- St. Clement's Students will be treated to a performance by Lake George Opera on **Monday, February 22nd**.
- St. Clement's School is currently taking registrations for the 2010 - 2011 School Year. If you have an interest in our school, please call Barbara at 584-7350 for further information or to set up a tour.



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!



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.

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



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 25 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)

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 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.



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

ST. CLEMENT'S NEWS

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

Coffee, Conversation and Christ Our Saturday morning discussion group will be meeting **Saturday, March 6th** following the **8:00am Mass**. All are invited!



SCRIPTURE SECTION



BLESSED
ARE YOU
WHO ARE POOR,
FOR THE
KINGDOM OF
GOD IS YOURS.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blest are you who will embrace the paradox of discipleship, who will be poor and hungry and hated now

so as to enjoy a future fulfillment. (Luke) Blest are you who have learned to rely upon God, (Jeremiah) you shall experience fullness of life and a share in the glory of Christ himself. (1 Corinthians)

1. Trust in God forms the network that determines and supports all our other alliances. **(Jeremiah)**
2. Our present experience of forgiveness is a preview of the victory we shall one day enjoy with the risen Christ. **(1 Corinthians)**
3. Blessedness is God's everlasting gift to those who embrace the temporary sufferings of discipleship. **(Luke)**

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



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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.] **There will be special collection on Ash Wednesday at all services and all monies collected will go to Operation Rice Bowl.**

SIXTH 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

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 babies who were baptized on **Sunday, February 7, 2010:**
Jayden Patrick Delancy, Sophia Murray, Maxwell John Tillou, Olivia Valentin,
Congratulations Parents & Godparents!

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.

