

ST. CLEMENT'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Feb 22: Cenacle Prayer Meeting (9:30am)
Monday, Feb 22: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Monday, Feb 22: Finance Committee (5:00pm)
Monday, Feb 22: School Board Meeting (7:00pm)
Monday, Feb 22: LIFE TEEN Band Rehearsal (7:30pm)
Tuesday, Feb 23: Faith Formation Classes (4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm)
Tuesday, Feb 23: Respect for Life Meeting (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Feb 24: First Eucharist Parent Meeting (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Feb 24: Evening Prayer for Peace (7:00pm)
Thursday, Feb 25: Weekly Scripture Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross (10:00am)
Thursday, Feb 25: First Eucharist Parent Meeting (10:00am)
Thursday, Feb 25: Prayer Shawl Meeting (1:00pm)
Friday, Feb 26: Stations of the Cross (7:30am)
Friday, Feb 26: Stations of the Cross (12noon)
Friday, Feb 26: Stations of the Cross (5:00pm)
Friday, Feb 26 — Sunday, Feb 28: Adult Retreat in Latham, NY
Sunday, Feb 28: Penitential Rite for Candidates and RCIA Dismissal and Class (at the 9:30am Mass)
Sunday, Feb 28: Faith Formation Classes (K—6) (11:00am)
Sunday, Feb 28: LIFE NIGHT (6:15pm)

Dear Brothers & Sisters: *"To have begun is to have done half the task; dare to be wise."* (Horace) I am sure that many of us have made our Lenten promises already. We have already decided what we are going to give up this Lent, how we are going to pray a bit extra each day, how we are going to make these Forty Days and Forty Nights a bit extra special. Well, that was on Ash Wednesday and by now, many of us may have already fallen short of doing what we set out to do. The message of the First Sunday of Lent is: Do not despair! Speaking for myself, I know often that when I make a resolution or a promise to do something and the first time it falls by wayside I often get discouraged and give up trying. This is not the message that our Lord gives us. The Season of Lent is all about each of us striving to change our hearts; to become a bit more loving of our brothers and sisters; to draw closer to our God who loves us. This is not an overnight "change" but a long time process. Conversion of heart is not a sprint race but more like a marathon.

So, don't be discouraged. If we fall in our Lenten promises, let us wake up the next day with a renewed heart and spirit to try a bit harder. Remember, the goal of Lent is not just to say one gave up something for forty days but to be able to say on Easter Morning: "I feel closer to my God than I did forty days ago. *"A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit."* (Psalm 51: 12) To help with this goal, please join us for our Parish Mission from **Sunday, March 7** until **Wednesday, March 10** each night at 7:00pm.

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



Sat 02/27	4:00pm	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Willette
Sun 02/28	8:00am	Fr. Paul	
Sun 02/28	9:30am	Fr. Paul	Deacon Gaul
Sun 02/28	11:15am	Fr. Sullivan	Deacon Turcotte
Sun 02/28	5:00pm	Fr. Paul	

Monday, February 22

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson**
 - req. by Faith Formation Team
 8:00 am † **Ellen Wren** - req. by Eva Nolan
 5:30 pm † **Deceased Members of the Pidgeon/Forbes & Shannon families** - req. by Michael Pidgeon
 5:30 pm † **Philip Schultheis** - req. by wife, Ines

† † † Masses
 For The Week

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am † **Bob Lee** - req. by Max & Christina
 8:00 am † **Ellen Wren** - req. by Ann Beach
 5:30 pm † **Paul S Nielsen** - req. by Mary & Steve Zabala
 5:30 pm † **Robert Deiss** - req. by Gapczynski family

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson** - req. by Fran McEwan
 8:00 am † **William Hesler** - req. by Gionet family
 5:30 pm † **Thomas Finnen** - req. by family
 5:30 pm † **Kenneth Tyler** - req. by Stanton Williamson

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am † **Rosario & Anna LaRocca** - req by Hyatt family
 8:00 am † **Mary Ryan** - req. by Gionet family
 5:30 pm † **Phyllis Pollard** - req. by Pollard family
 5:30 pm † **Robert King** - req. by Ines Schultheis

Friday, February 26

8:00 am † **Emily Thompson** - req. by Denise Salage
 8:00 am † **Richard Vinciguerra** - req. by Emily
 5:30 pm † **Erin Fay** - req. by Maureen Rivers
 5:30 pm † **Edna Schmidt** - req. by Bedard family

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am † **John Theisen** - req. by Rita Theisen
 8:00 am † **Doug McCauley** - req. by Rita Theisen
 4:00 pm † **Mary McMartin** - req. by Mansfield family
 4:00 pm † **Marion L Sarro**
 - req. by Pat Forbes & Michael Pidgeon

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am † **Patricia Hannan**
 - req. by Jeff & Brenda Vredenberg
 8:00 am † **Mark Major** - req. by Dopman family
 9:30 am † **Ruth Collins** - req. by Lally family
 9:30 am † **Allan Weatherwax**
 - req. by Stacie & Mike Arpey
 11:15 am **St Clement's Parishioners**
 5:00 pm † **Anthony Joseph DiPaolo** - req by Zinter family
 5:00 pm † **Robert Bouyea** - req. by Carol & Ted Obloy

Starting today, the names for the Mass Intentions will be included with the Prayer of the Faithful and not mentioned at the beginning of the Mass. Thank you!

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for the memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Please contact the Parish Office.



February 13/14 weekend offering:	\$11,571.00
Second Collection Fuel/Heat	\$5,325.00
<i>Fiscal Year to Date Weekly Average:</i>	\$14,138.03
<i>Fiscal Year Weekly Expenses:</i>	\$16,000.00

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Faith Formation Classes

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

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. 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!

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.

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

School News

- 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.



ST. CLEMENT'S NEWS



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

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



LIFE NIGHT Our next **LIFE NIGHT** (entitled: "Unshakable Faith" – reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Haiti) will take place on **Sunday, February 28th**

from **6:15pm until 7:30pm** for all **9th to 12th Graders**. At this **LIFE NIGHT**, Bernice McLellan will speak about her recent trip to Haiti and her experience of providing medical assistance and compassion to the earthquake victims. There will be no meal served at this **LIFE NIGHT** as we will donate the money to Haiti. If you want, please bring loose change or other donation for our donation jar for Haiti in the Youth Room.

Living Stations We invite the parish to join us on the following dates and time:

- **Monday, March 1st at 5:30pm & 7:00pm**
- **Tuesday, March 2nd at 5:30pm & 7:00pm**
- **Sunday, March 28th at 6:30pm (Palm Sunday)**



If you are 13 to 18 years old and would like to participate in the presentations, please call or email the Youth Ministry Office. We will be scheduling rehearsals in the near future.



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

LENT INFORMATION

Parish Retreat News The year 2010 marks the 25th 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!

Operation Rice Bowl Please remember to sacrifice one meal a week and donate the savings to your Rice Bowl. The money collected goes to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger.



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry This Thursday,
February 25 at 1:00pm in the Hofbauer Room.



Senior Social is Wednesday, March 3rd at 1:00pm

7th Annual Snowball at The Wesley Community is Friday, March 26th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

This is a swinging and very enjoyable dinner dance with door prizes and more. Call Pat Rachiele at (518) 691-1565 for information and reservations.

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)

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! Mardi Gras St. Clement's Style was an evening of fun, fellowship and filling up on some fabulous food all donated by the generous restaurant community of Saratoga Springs. The Confirmation Candidates and their parents organized this event which was co-chaired by candidate, Julie Marco. \$1,500 was raised with proceeds going to Father Phillippe and his mission in Haiti and to Father Fred Enman and the Matthew 25 Project out of Worcester, MA in this "Year for Priests". We want to thank the following restaurants for their support and generosity:

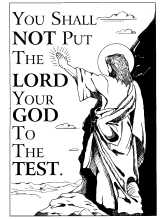
Black Diamond Caterers; The Bread Basket; The Students at BOCES; Christina's Pizzeria; D'Andrea's Pizza; Grey Gelding; The Logjam Restaurant; Longfellow's Restaurant; The Olde Bryan Inn; Pepper's Market; Sperry's; The Wishing Well; Wings Over Saratoga. Special thanks to Mrs. Linda Byrne, Mr. Randy Rivers and Mrs. Kim Wegner for their efforts and hard work and thanks to all those parishioners who bought tickets, came to Mardi Gras and showed their support.



SCRIPTURE SECTION

First Sunday of Lent

The normal span of life is punctuated with the question marks of temptation and the exclamation points of confessional faith. (Luke) Guiding and providing through each moment of existence is the God who both creates and redeems, who has become personally involved in the human story. (Deuteronomy) He is the savior of all who question, the Father of all who confess, the brother of all who exclaim, "Jesus is Lord." (Romans)



1. The first fruits of all we are and all we have belong to the Lord, not as a tithe that is owed but as a freewill offering, lovingly given and gratefully shared. (Deuteronomy)
2. Faith in the one Lord supersedes the particularities of race and culture - making the many one people and one family in God. (Romans)
3. Grace gives the believer, not immunity from temptation but alertness to the strength afforded by the victory of Jesus on the cross. (Luke)

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Called to Be Church Lenten Retreat The four parishes of St. Peter's (Saratoga Springs), St. Mary's (Ballston Spa), St. Joseph's (Greenfield Center) and St. Clement's (Saratoga Springs) are sponsoring a Lenten Parish Retreat Experience. The schedule is as follows:
Sun, March 14 at St. Mary's at 7:00pm

"The Samaritan Woman" by Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ
Mon, March 15 at St. Joseph's at 4:00pm and 7:00pm
"The Man Born Blind" by Fr. Kevin Murray, C.Ss.R.
Tues, March 16 at St. Peter's at 4:00pm and 7:00pm
"The Raising of Lazarus" by Sr. Anne Smollin, CSJ
Thurs, March 18 at St. Clement's at 4:00pm and 7:00pm
"Reconciliation Service" by Fr. Steve Moore

This week will be a chance to reflect upon the beautiful readings that are used during the Scrutinies for the Church's RCIA candidates. It will also be a chance to enter into Lent with other members of our local Church.

PRAYER EVENTS at ST. CLEMENT'S

Next Evening Prayer for Peace:
This 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**



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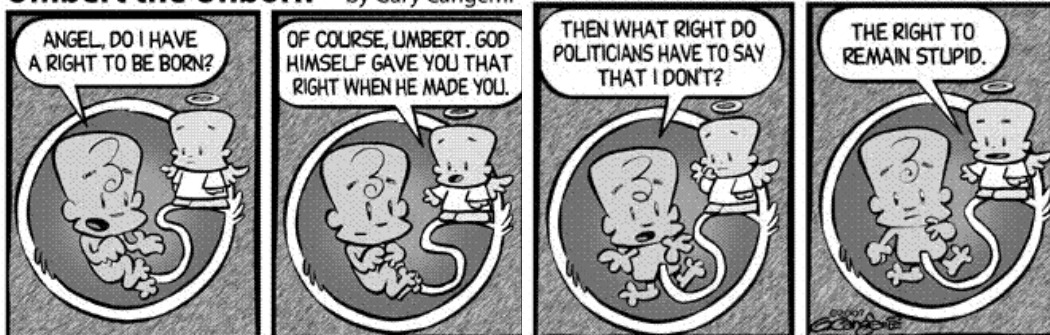


Please pray for the sick especially: Frances Gaba, David Iacometta, Lucille Hartmann, Joshua Cuttita, Mark Harvey, Michael Harvey, Josephine Laura, Allison Page Hutton, Annie Jetter, Mary Engleman, Carol Tomlinson, Jenna Bloomer, Ann Ruggeri

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



Please remember to pray for all those involved in the RCIA Program during the Season of Lent. Let us keep in prayer our catechumens, candidates 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.

