

# SAINT CLEMENT OF ROME

*In Historic Romeo*



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 23, 2022

## From the Parish Office:



Thank you to all who advertise in our bulletin. The ads that are purchased help pay for the printing of the bulletin so there is no cost to St. Clement. Please keep these businesses in mind when looking for services.

## End of the Year Contribution Statements

The End of the Year Contribution Statements will be mailed soon. Please contact the parish office if you have not received it by January 31.



## Donations for MCREST

Cash and check donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of hosting MCREST for the week. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.



## MCREST ENDS TODAY!

*O God of Loving Devotion, please be near our homeless citizens. Remain by their sides and meet their needs. Show me how to be a part of their lives by generously giving my prayers, time, and money to help them. Guide me so that I can spread your word to the needy. Direct my actions so I can help the world understand that when we help the needy, we are acting as the body of Christ. Let me be a cornerstone for those in my area who are less fortunate. I ask You, almighty Father, to show me unending opportunities to help them and serve You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

## Lectors & Communion Ministers

For more than four decades, the Church has invited the faithful to participate in the celebration of the liturgy as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Today the Church, and especially our parish, relies heavily on the work of lay ministers to bring forth a meaningful liturgy. As with all ministries, they begin with an invitation.

The requirements for serving as a liturgical minister is fully confirmed, at least 16 years of age, and available for training/formation. Training will be scheduled for a day and time to accommodate those interested.

We would like to invite anyone who may be interested in discerning these ministries to contact the Worship Office at (586) 752-6984.

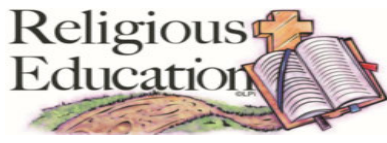
## PB&J Ministry Jelly Donations Needed

The PB&J Ministry is in need of donations of jelly. Jars can be placed on the carts at the entrance of church. Thank you for help with this wonderful ministry.

## Communion for the Homebound

If you have a family member or a neighbor who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the Parish Office at 752-9611. Arrangements will be made for a visit.

***We of St. Clement of Rome Parish, with the Power of the Spirit, welcome, embrace and unite all the many faces of Christ who worship with us. As a family, we deepen our faith and seek God in the community, through prayer and good works.***



**Mon/Tues, Jan. 24, 25** – 4:30, 6:30 Classes Held  
**Mon/Tues, Jan. 31, Feb. 1** – 4:30, 6:30 Classes Held

**Book Club**



Tuesday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Discussing “Busy Lives and Restless Souls”

**PB&J Ministry Needs Volunteers**

Every Sunday individuals or families from St. Clement make 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless and deliver them to Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. All supplies will be given to you. If you would like to volunteer for our PB&J Ministry, please call 752-9611.

**St. Lawrence Open House**

St. Lawrence Catholic School (grades K - 8) will hold an open house on Sunday, January 30 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to tour the school, meet the staff and ask any question one may have about St. Lawrence Catholic School.

www.stlawrence-school.com  
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**Forgotten Harvest**

The Forgotten Harvest pop-up pantry will be in our parish’s parking lot. Volunteers from Forgotten Harvest will be distributing food on **Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Religious Education Office Hours Monday through Friday**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

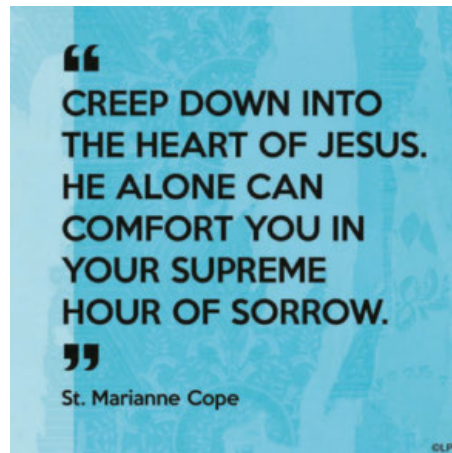
**Friday** - closed

*The office is closed daily from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch*

**Knights of Columbus Scholarships**



For many years the Knights of Columbus at St. Clement have offered financial assistance to our parishes students attending Catholic K-12 educational institutions and colleges. The application period is now open. All submissions are due March 31st. Applications without the essay will not be considered Please see our website for more information or to download the application. Copies of the application are also available in the parish office. More information on our website [www.romeoknights.com](http://www.romeoknights.com) or contact Joe Suminiski at 586-337-5776.



**A Family Perspective.....**



In today’s gospel Jesus was “praised by all” except at home in Nazareth where the “eyes of all were intently on him” Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to “proclaim liberty” to anyone “oppressed” or “captive” by our EXPECTATIONS. ~ Bud Ozar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.



**Weekly Soup for the Homebound**

Do you know anyone who is elderly and home bound, anyone who has undergone a recent surgery, or anyone who is struggling with health issues and would appreciate a weekly visit to drop off some soup? If so, contact Christian Services 586-651-0734 and we will add them to our SOS ministry. We are currently deliver soup weekly to 27 households. The SOS (serving others soup) ministry delivers soup that is donated from the Romeo Family Restaurant.



**Divine Delivery**

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend’s new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription “Rest in Peace.” He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. “It could be worse,” the florist said, “Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription ‘Congratulations on Your New Location!’”



**Exciting News**

St. Clement Christian Service now has a clothing closet for adults and children. If you need clothing or know of someone who does, please contact Denise at 586-372-3576 to schedule a time to come in to shop. “The CS Boutique” is in the upper level of the Agape Center.

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## Please Pray for the Sick

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Steve Bullock	Rocky O'Berry
Claudette Buria	Theresa
Maureen Burns	O'Connor
Adam Cole	Joe Olson
Connie Davis	Peter Osantowski
Elizabeth	Muriel Paquette
Decker	Paul Paquette
Nancy Degnan	Christine Pettineo
Lisa Elliot	Judy Polakowski
Christine Gamrat	Edmund
Thomas Gamrat	Radzilowski
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Peter	David Reed
Grygorcewicz	Glenda Roberts
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Michalane	Christine Yonkos
Malack	Aldona Zynda
Domenico Maletti	
Sara Maletti	
Bob McFall	
Bob Mickelson	
Andrew Miller	

## And those who care for them...

*Remember, the pain will pass. Your brokenness will heal. The sun will rise again in your soul. Peace will come. You will survive. You are not alone.... Ever. God walks with you. God holds you tenderly and close. God's grace will sustain you. You are loved. May you be blessed by God, God's Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

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## Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Please Pray for the Members Serving Our Country

*Cpt. Nicole Adenomas*  
*MSG Omar Ambriz*  
*Spc. William Boeve*  
*Pvt. Dakota Burdo*  
*Capt. John L. Fellows*  
*Sr./AMN Michael P. Fellows*  
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*Pfc. Evan Vanouver*  
*Sgt. Bradley Wing*  
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*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen*

## Prayer of a Soldier's Mother

*Oh, Sweet Mother Immaculate receive my earnest plea. To guide and guard my soldier son/daughter; take care of them for me. When danger stalks too close to them, their hand in yours to take, and lead them to a place secure; my child, do not forsake. But, most of all, dear Mother mine, their soul I trust to thee, that grace sublime in them may shine and God-like they may be. Amen.*

## Is it Right to Sue?

**Question:** Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

**Answer:** Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## FIVE WAYS By Deacon Kurt Godfryd

When I was young, my mother would constantly remind me: Put your boots on...Bring an umbrella...Don't forget to pack your lunch. In my youthful wisdom, I would chuckle and say, "Okay, mom" and proceed to follow none of the above. But sure enough, from nowhere, a snowstorm would appear, a drenching rain would ensue, or a certain "free lunch" that I thought would be served—wouldn't.

The bottom line? When wisdom fills your ears, there is wisdom in listening to it!

Among the numerous Apps that grace my iPhone is one containing a smorgasbord of talks given by the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. The categories are numerous and include words of wisdom related to: Gospel characters, Human disorders, Love, Marriage, Jesus Christ, the Church, and Catholic teachings. One that caught my ear is entitled The Five Ways We Fall. Here, this future saint outlines Simon Peter's fall (and ours):

**Neglect of prayer.** He notes that while the Lord commands us to "watch and pray," we sleep. Our neglect of prayer begins one piece at a time. First, we cease to fulfill the obligation (say the Office, if one is a member of the clergy). Next, our time spent in prayer declines. And finally, as though a light switch has been pushed, our prayer life goes dormant.

**Substitution of action for prayer.** In recalling how Peter severed the ear of the High Priest's servant, Sheen reminds us of Jesus' miracle in healing that ear and restoring his gift of hearing. In using this example, he warns us to be aware of falling into an "extra-active" mode of living our lives—especially one that precludes prayer. For in doing so, our actions will sometimes end in violence and the choosing of our enemies.

**Following the Lord from far off.** After denying Jesus, Peter was ultimately "dragged to the foot of the Cross." Given the Signs of the Times that were playing out in his midst, it was clearly dangerous to follow the Lord too closely. Using this faulty wisdom, he ponders how often we follow far behind His footsteps so as to not be recognized as a close follower?

**Focus on creature comforts.** Rather than going out into the Lord's vineyard and doing the work that needs to be done, we instead insist upon resting and warming ourselves by the fire. In walking down this road, Sheen notes that complacency sets in.

**Focus on creature friends.** Here, Bishop Sheen declares that we agree to make spiritual retreats as long as Jesus Christ is not discussed. The rationale? Our Lord places too many demands upon us, especially in regard to the way we should live our lives. Given this, it is better to leave Him in the background. However, in leaving Him there, we deny His Holy Path and instead choose creatures with similar views. Hence, we fulfill the words of St. Peter: "Truly, I do not know the man."

Nevertheless, when we fall, Jesus encourages us to rise again.

*After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, "Will you also go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:66-69)*

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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Spanish - 1:00 p.m.

**Holyday and Weekday Masses**

As announced

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

By appointment

**Baptism:** Prior arrangements must be made.

Call the parish office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at

least six months in advance of the marriage

date.

**Care of the Sick:** Call the parish office at

any time to make arrangements for

Anointing, Communion calls or Visitations.

**Funeral Luncheon Ministry:** Please call

the parish office.

**Registrations:** New parishioners should

register at the parish office. Those moving

should notify the parish office.

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**WEEKLY EVENTS FOR  
 January 24 - 30**

**Monday, January 24**

9:00 a.m. - Forgotten Harvest

**Tuesday, January 25**

**Wednesday, January 26**

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.

Clement Parishioners

3:00 p.m. - Vaccine Clinic - Social  
 Hall

**Thursday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.

Clement Parishioners

**Friday, January 28**

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.

Clement Parishioners

**Saturday, January 29**

5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int. Mario

Coletti req by Linda St. Laurent  
 & family

**Sunday, January 30**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary  
 Time**

**Coffee & Donuts hosted by  
 Parish & Family Life Ministry**

7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. Dale

Jenuwine req by the

Braeckvelt family

10:30 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.

Clement Parishioners

1:00 p.m. - MASS ( Spanish) -

Int. St. Clement Parishioners

**Mass Intentions**

If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or memory of someone you can request at the parish office, 752-9611. Mass intention cards can also be picked up from the parish office. Names will be printed in the bulletin the Sunday prior to the Mass.

**Mass Times on the Road...  
 Traveling? Need the nearest  
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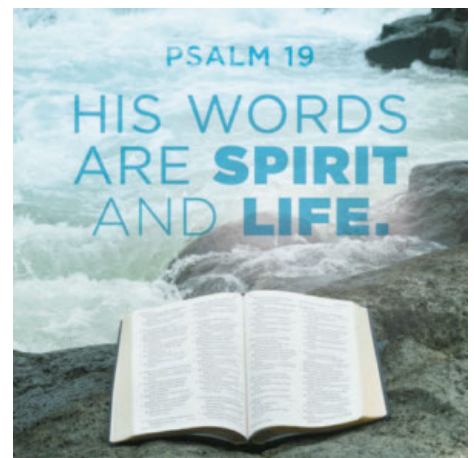
**Kindness**

*It Starts with You. Pass it on!*

- Share a smile
- Brighten someone's day
- Open a door
- Listen with your heart
- Say "hello"
- Visit a sick friend
- Say "thank you"
- Give blood
- Read to a child
- Commit Random Acts of Kindness daily
- Give compliments
- Respect others
- Say "I love you"
- Have patience
- Do a favor
- Forgive mistakes
- Say "please and thank you"
- Show compassion
- Lend a hand
- Help a neighbor
- Use encouraging words
- Spread kindness

**Family Photos at Church**

We are looking for any family photos you may have from Mass and parish activities/ministries. We will scan the picture(s) in the parish office. You can send digital pictures to [kan-di@stclementromeo.com](mailto:kan-di@stclementromeo.com) Call the parish office with any questions.



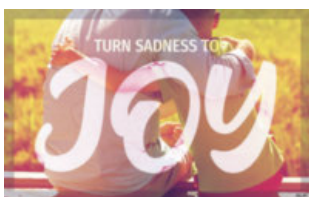


### Liturgical Appointments for January 29/30

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
<b>Presider</b>			
<b>Lector</b>	Rose Stewart	Henry Malburg	Roz Mischley

### Liturgical Appointment for February 5/6

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
<b>Presider</b>			
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Markel	Diane Barr	Brandon Brown



Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

### Cashless Giving and Mail In Donations

St. Clement has been able to assist people in need thanks to donations from our parishioners. In order to continue these good works we would deeply appreciate any contributions *St. Clement has Cashless Giving available on our website using the Online Giving tool or donations can be mailed into the parish office.* Please include your envelope number with all donations. Do not send cash. It is because of the generous donations of our parishioners that we are able to help so many. Thank you again for your generosity and God bless.

### Readings for the Week of January 24, 2022



**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday, January 30:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

**Walking In The Gym...**  
The gym is available for walkers Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Please remember to wear your gym shoes.**



### IHM Sister’ Raffle

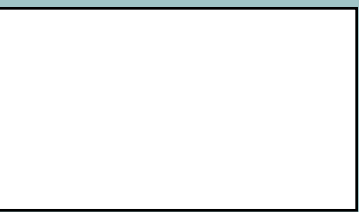
Tickets are available in the parish office for the IHM Sister’s Raffle. Tickets are \$25 each and with each ticket there are 144 opportunities to win. All proceeds make it possible for IHM to provide quality and compassionate care to their retired sisters.

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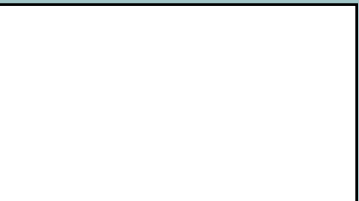
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