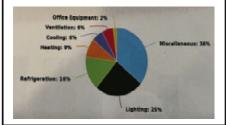


From the Parish Office:





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

End of the Year **Contribution Statements**

The End of the Year Contribution Statements have been mailed. Please contact the parish office if you have not received it.

PB&J Ministrv 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.

Thank you to Denise Kehren, Christian Service Coordinator,

the volunteers and all the parishioners who so generously donated to help all the MCREST guests

this year. Photos and program recap will be in next weeks bulletin.

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. Masses are offered Wednesday through Sunday. Intentions can be scheduled up to 1 year in advance. Information needed is the person the Mass intention is for, who is requesting it (including their phone number to verify dates) and the Mass date/time requested. Requests and donations can be dropped off in the parish office or placed in the Sunday Offertory. 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.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships



Knights of For many years the Columbus 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 All submissions are due open. 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 or contact Joe Suminiski at 586-337-5776.

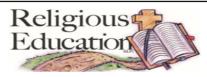


Exciting News

St. Clement Christian Service now has a clothing closet for adults and chil-

dren. 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.

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. 31, Feb. 1 – 4:30, 6:30 Classes Held

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.

A Family Perspective.....



Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at

his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family. ~ Bud Ozar



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 kandi@stclementromeo.com Call the parish office with any questions.

Religious Education Office Hours <u>Monday through Friday</u>

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <u>Friday</u> - closed

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



Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw even closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed

through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28.30



available in the Parish Office. Bricks can be purchased for \$150 each.

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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is concerned with helping a person with their relationship with God by considering the questions: "Who is God to me and who am I to God?" This is done by helping the person to recognize the presence of God in their life and discover ways to focus on the prompting of the divine. Spiritual direction is really not about being directed as much as it is entering into a companionship with an attentive listener in a safe and open environment. The focus of a session is completely up to you. You may wish to explore important life decisions, seek new ways to pray or discern where God's spirit may be leading you. The director is present to the directee through deep listening, supportive questions and, above all else, maintaining strict confidentially. Typically, one will meet with their director monthly. For more information or to schedule a session, call Russell Morgan - (586) 307-2638. Sessions will be at St. Clement.

Cashless Giving and Mail In Donations

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.



Florence Bauer Gary Bianchi Thomas Breen Mike Brosowski Steve Bullock Claudette Buria Maureen Burns Adam Cole **Connie Davis** Elizabeth Decker Nancy Degnan Lisa Elliot Christine Gamrat Thomas Gamrat David Gonczar Jacob Gordon Peter Grygorcewicz Henry Hainer Amelia Hale Donna John Ethan Kammer Jennifer Kelts John F. Kern Glen Knoblock Daniel Knoche Matthew Knoche Tom Krafft Sharon Lark Ronald Lefchick Bettie Lester Jim Libs Nancy Lukowski Michalane Malack Domenico Maletti Sara Maletti Bob McFall **Bob Mickelson** Andrew Miller

Please Pray for the Sick

Ashleigh Motoligin Ellen Myers Cody Nichols Rocky O'Berry Theresa O'Connor Joe Olson Peter Osantowski **Muriel Paquette** Paul Paquette **Christine Pettineo** Judy Polakowski Edmund Radzilowski Jim Raska Richard Redd David Reed Glenda Roberts Karen Rothenhauser Patricia Ruggirello Paul Ruggirello **Daniel Schavel** Laura Staller Robert Szuba Terri Turner Jack Tytlawany Andre Vandevelde **Dennis Whiting**

Carla Wicklund Bubba Dan Wirick Michaela Wolford Christine Yonkos Cheryl Zuehlk Aldona Zynda

And those who care for them...

Newly Added to the Sick List Cheryl Zuehlk Daniel Schavel

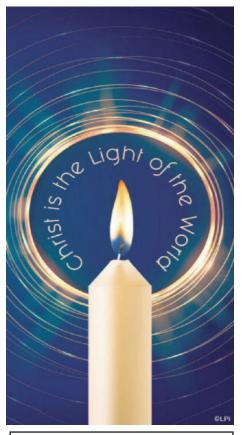
Jesus is the giver of life in the midst of death

For Those Who Have Died....

Otto Knittel Life has changed, not ended.....

l Said a Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart although he spoke no word. I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind). I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind! I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day. To grant you health and blessings and friend to share your way. I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small. But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all!



Mass Times on the Road... Traveling? Need the nearest Catholic Church and Mass times? www.masstimes.org



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the

souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Cpt. Nicole Adenomas MSG Omar Ambriz Spc. William Boeve Pvt. Dakota Burdo Capt. John L. Fellows Sr./AMN Michael P. Fellows A1C Andrew Fons Pfc. Brian Gaines SSGT Adam S. Girardot Sgt. James Griffie Spc. Mark A. Lipinski SSGT Ian McLaughlin SSG. Brian Niebel Maj. Catherine Peuterbaugh Spc. Zacari Pytleski Chief Jeff Richardson 2nd Lt. Stephen Rutherford Chief Jacob Shey E5 Rebecca Sovereign Spc. Michael Stobak Maj. David Stys Pfc. Bill Thompson Spc. Thomas Vani Pfc. Evan Vanouver Sgt. Bradley Wing L/Cpl. Robert Wing

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.

Immaculate Conception

Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!





St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, rightwing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor

who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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.

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.

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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.

Parish Council

Rev. 11-18-21

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR January 31 - February 6

Monday, January 31 9:00 a.m. - Forgotten Harvest

Tuesday, February 1

Wednesday, February 2 9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St. Clement Parishioners

Thursday, February 3 9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St. Clement Parishioners

Friday, February 4 9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St. Clement Parishioners

Saturday, February 5 5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int. Mrs. Cheryl from St. Clement family

Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts hosted by The Village at Orchard Grove 7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. Holy Souls in Purgatory req by Gail Nemshick 10:30 a.m. - MASS - Int. Rocco Tenaglia req by family 1:00 p.m. - MASS (Spanish) -Int. St. Clement Parishioners





St. Blaise February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise

lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Presider			
Lector	Kathy Markel	Diane Barr	Brandon Brown
Litu	rgical Appointr	nents for Febr	uary 12/13
Litu	rgical Appointr Saturday 5:00 p.m.	nents for Febr Sunday 7:00 a.m.	uary 12/13 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Litu Presider	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday



First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard

it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Are you a snow bird? Are you moving?

Please let the parish office know if you are moving, changing addresses or will not be at your current address for 3 weeks or more. St. Clement sends out mailings/envelopes multiple times a year. Making these changes will save money on return postage. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. Readings for the Week of January 31, 2022



Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-

25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 6: Is 6:1-2a, 3 -8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11



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.



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