

SAINT CLEMENT

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Job rebuked by his friends - William Blake, c. 1806-21

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Rosary Prayers:
Monday and Saturday
7:00 AM

Daily Mass:
Tuesday - Friday
7:00 AM
Saturday Vigil:
4:00 PM
Sunday Mass:
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” (Matthew 18:15)

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass: Tuesday ~ Friday at 7:00 AM -- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM -- Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

This week's Eucharist Celebrations are for:

- Sunday, September 6 - 9:00 AM: Michael Falco
 ~ 11:00 AM: Pasquale & Bianch Martiniello
- Tuesday, September 8 - 7:00 AM: Matthew O'Brien
- Wednesday, September 9 - 7:00 AM: Neli Giliberto and Vincenzo Divirgilio
- Friday, September 11 - 7:00 AM: Angelo & Eda Ciano
- Saturday, September 12 - 4:00 PM: The Anniversaries of Kevin Driscoll and Nicholas & Ruth Iannuzzi

Please pray for repose for the soul of **Julia DiPasquale**, who was buried from St. Clement this week.

Rosary Prayers are on Monday & Saturday at 7:00 AM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday's from 3:00 ~ 4:00 PM.

Baptisms may be scheduled on an individual basis by contacting the Parish Office.

For the month of September, the **Sanctuary Candle** is given in loving memory of **Armando Federico**, given by his wife, **Valentina Federico**, and family.

Weekly Prayer Column

Please pray for the strength and well being of **Charlotte Zachery, Mary Ackerly, Jessica Benton, Fred & Eleanor Hunter, Graziella Iacovino and Dora DelGizzi.**

FROM FR. PHONG

“Yes, 'n' how many years can a mountain exist
 Before it is washed to the sea?
 Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist
 Before they're allowed to be free?
 Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head
 And pretend that he just doesn't see?
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.”

The answer carried everywhere by the blowing wind has ceaselessly tussled our hair, chaffed our face, chilled our hands and somehow at times brushed against our bones. Yet, it still seems illusive and undiscovered. There seems to be a chasm between the questions and the answer. For we humans still point fingers. Still shout. Still shoot. Still dehumanize. Still categorize. Still are very lost and very confused and very mixed up. And we still allow fears to knee-jerk our conviction and reaction.

The antithesis of faith in God is not doubt but fear. The worst kind of fear is not uncertainty or lost of control but of one's self. I am not good enough. I am not beautiful enough. I am too sinful. I have too many dirty thoughts. I am lustful. I am too fat. I am too skinny. I am too short. I am too dumb. I am unlovable. Thus, I have got to hide my fears. I have got to show and act as though I have no fears. That I know everything. That I am good at everything. That I am invincible. That I don't get hurt. That I don't cry. That I don't care what others say or think about me. That I need nobody.

We do know better. Ooh, we should know better. An empty cup can not quench our thirst. A heart full of

fears can never love compassionately and divinely. And only when we see upon the face of every human being - every human being, including ours - the beautiful Face of God, will we be able to catch that answer blown all around us by the wind. Thank you, Mr. Bob Dylan.

Great news! On Thursday evening, September 10th at 7 p.m. St. Clement's Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with a total of 9 candidates. The Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region, Very Rev. Brian McHugh, has graciously accepted our invitation to come and administer this sacred sacrament at our beautiful church. Please say a prayer for these special young men and women. Pray that they will be light for the world and salt for the earth. Pray that they will be exceptional instruments of the Holy Spirit!

We are in the Year of the Eucharist. So, having somewhat familiarized with the daily routine, I am going to put back the Thursday Evening Holy Hour. Beginning on Thursday, September 17th, the church's doors will open at 7 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the Altar. You all are invited to come in and pray. In silence, I invite you to pray for peace. Pray for unity. Pray for harmony and love. Pray for others. And pray for ourselves to live free of fears so to be able to catch the answer to joy and happiness.

Please wear mask when going outside. Be safe.

Shalom, Father Phong



Job and his friends by Ilya Repin, 1869

“Brothers and sisters: Own nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13:8)

Request for a Ride

Two elderly parishioners are requesting a ride to Mass. They live together in the vicinity of Windsor Road in Medford. They have not specified a preferred Mass time. If you think you might be able to assist them, please contact the parish office. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

Save the Date: Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, September 26 from 9:00am ~ 3:00pm
In the Parish Hall

Court St. Clementine will host another Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross. All potential donors will be required to wear a mask or other acceptable form of facial covering. The Red Cross has protocols in place to assure the safety of all who participate in this important drive. As of June 2020, all donations are being screened for the COVID 19 antibody. Please sincerely consider participating in this critical activity. You may sign up on the Red Cross App or website. Also, sign up sheets will be available as we get closer to the date of the drive. Give the Gift of Life!!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday, September 10

We are thrilled that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Clement! Please keep the young adults, their sponsors, and their teachers in your prayers.

Our Confirmandi:

RCIA: Anthony Chiappini and Jacqueline Tellez
CCD: Richard Moretti, Claudia Cooper, Kaleigh Costa, Shayla Lemmons, Alessandra DiFusco, Kendall Perry, and Diana Lucien

Volunteers Needed!!

As mandated by the Archdiocese, ALL volunteers, Lectors and musicians must have their temperature taken at each Mass before they begin serving. We still **urgently need non-risk volunteers to help usher** at each Mass. All of masses are currently understaffed for ushers and we are happy to have your help for any mass time you are able to come! We also need more people to remain after Mass to help **clean and disinfect the church** before the next Mass. To start volunteering, contact Allison Fillo: **(860) 227-6429** or **allison.ahern@gmail.com**. Indicate what role you will volunteer for and which masses you can help with.

CDA: First Meeting of the 2020-21 Year

On Monday evening, September 14, Court St. Clementine will hold their biannual Installation of New Officers and Prayer Service, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. Following the installation will be a collation and our monthly business meeting. Please note: facial coverings are required for this, and each meeting, in the foreseeable future. Rules of social distancing are in effect, as well.

COLLECTION DASHBOARD

Weekly Collection Goal: \$4,000.00

Last Week's Collection: \$3,203.00

This weekend there is no second collection.

Next Weekend's Second Collection: Quarterly Annual

