

SAINT CLEMENT

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“Get Behind Me Satan” by Bertrand Bahuét—contemporary French artist

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9:30 am - 4:30 pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Religious Education :
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THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

(Rm 12:2)

MASS READINGS AND INTENTIONS**Monday, September 4**

1Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

7:00 A.M. – Mass

Tuesday, September 5

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

7:00 A.M. - William and Mildred Fleming, Memorial

Wednesday, September 6

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

7:00 A.M. - The Cipriani Family, Memorial

Thursday, September 7

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

7:00 A.M. - Mass

6:30 P.M. - Mass

Friday, September 8

Mt 5:1-4/Mt 1:1-16,18-23

7:00 A.M. - Angelo & Eda Ciano, Memorial

Saturday, September 9

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

7:00 A.M. - Mass

4:00 P.M. - Frank & Edith Gulino, Anniversary
Lillian Materazzo, 1st Anniversary**Sunday, September 10**

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

7:00 A.M. - Mass for St. Clement Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - The Giso Family, Anniversary
Pasquale & Bianca Martiniello, Mem.11:00 A.M. - Eva Andrews, Anniversary
Mathilda Shannon, 20th Anniversary**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

Walter Hart

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3-4 PM or by appointment

**The Anchor***“What can one give in exchange for his life?” (Mt 16:26)*

We could consider these words from the point of view of someone who is held hostage by highway robbers against ransom.

But are we God’s hostages?

Sometimes we hear people who literally regret even being born. We do not have to stray very far: take a look at the book of Job (ch. 3) in the Bible itself.

Let’s be clear-headed and honest, though. We could not even hold these thoughts for our idle consideration, were we not born.

Our life is evidently a gift we received. But it’s not just “something”. It is the very basis for anything else. Be that our most negative, nagging thoughts.

But is life worth the effort?

I think we all need – from time to time – some time to re-assess our reasons for being who we are, and doing what we do. We need a bit of perspective, as it is. And perspective is not achieved by throwing ourselves into hand-to-hand combat with our daily life and routine. Perspective is achieved only when we take time, step back, and consider.

Today we hear St. Paul (Rm 12:2) recommend that we do not conform ourselves “to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Let’s see, how can we change our minds, especially when it is so easy and immediately rewarding to follow what our society proposes (or sometimes subtly imposes)? It is not easy, for sure.

Peter was best friends with Jesus and was among the first to recognize who Jesus really was; yet even Peter was tempted to try and stop Jesus from doing what he had to do: it sounded too scary and dangerous, even to him.

What is it, then, that can really change our minds, when we are tempted to follow something else other than Christ?

Ultimately not our strength, but His Presence. Knowing where Christ is, objectively: even when we seem to be far away from Christ, he promised he will be there for us. Being able to recognize Christ’s presence is (that is faith, by the way), in the end, what will save us. Frequently that place will have the shape of the cross.

Fr. Stefano

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for students in grades 1-5 begin the week after Labor Day.

It has often been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The same is true for Religious Education. It is the responsibility of the parish to educate its youth to know and to love God. Won't you consider participating in this worthwhile ministry?

Looking ahead, we need some extra hands to help us with classes that meet only once a month-Sunday morning or evening, or Tuesday evening.

Please pray about joining us this fall!
We will be here to lend educational and personal support. If interested, please see Fr. Paolo or Mary Grace for more information at 781-396-3322. Thank you.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 6:30 PM.

Mass will be celebrated in memory of deceased members of Court St. Clementine, Catholic Daughters of the Americas and for persons who lost their lives, then and now, because of the attack on America, September 11, 2001.

Please join the Catholic Daughters in prayerful contemplation.

Catholic Daughters monthly meeting will follow the Mass of Remembrance, in the school hall, at 7:00 PM.



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES
will burn for the month of September in loving memory of George Ackerley given by his wife, Mary and their family.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH.
HOPE YOU HAVE A RESTFUL DAY.**

PARISH RETREAT TO GLASTONBURY ABBEY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Registration materials and program for the day are now available at all Church entrances.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, which includes breakfast and round-trip motor coach transportation from St. Clement Church.

Time: 8:30 AM (breakfast in the School Hall) to 6:00 PM

Mass will be celebrated at the Abbey at 4:00 PM . We ask each participant/couple to provide a food item to be served at lunch. Full kitchen facilities are available on-site.

Please refer to the schedule posted at each entrance to the Church.

Any questions? Please contact Diane at: caradave@comcast.net or 617-480-1959.



Come spend time in quiet prayer in front of the Eucharist, the gift of the real presence of our resurrected Lord.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday 5:30 PM
Followed by Mass at 6:30 PM

ST. CLEMENT CUB SCOUT PACK 71

Cub Scout sign-up for boys in grades 1-5 will take place Thursday, Sept 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Barry Hall

Any questions, please phone Terry Dolson at 617-710-9615.

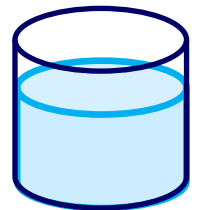
COLLECTION DASHBOARD

OUR GOAL FOR OUR WEEKLY FIRST COLLECTION: \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK'S FIRST COLLECTION : \$ 2,621.00

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY 9/3

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: QUARTERLY ANNUAL COLLECTION. 9/10



Note how the collection tends to decrease during the summer weekends, please see if you can help. Thank you!

