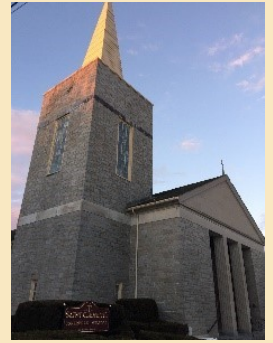


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## *Believe*

*When John came to you in the way of righteousness,  
you did not believe him;  
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.*

## *Righteousness*

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### STAFF

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday  
3:00 - 4:00 PM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Further information will be  
available in January 2021.

### MASS TIMES

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

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**  
Thursday 7:00 PM

**ROSARY PRAYER**  
Monday and Saturday  
7:00 AM

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	
4:00 PM	+Theresa Aquilino <i>26th Anniversary</i> +Louise Rose Nardella
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>	
11:00 AM	+Alfonso Auciello <i>Memorial</i>
<b>Monday, September 28</b>	
7:00 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>Tuesday, September 29</b>	
7:00 AM	
<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	
7:00 AM	+Kathleen Farrell <i>30th Anniversary</i>
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>	
7:00 AM	
<b>Friday, October 2</b>	
7:00 AM	Holy Souls of Purgatory +Richard Johnston and Robert Clay <i>Memorial</i>
<b>Saturday, October 3</b>	
7:00 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
4:00 PM	+Adolph (Al) and Lucy Davidio <i>Memorial</i> +Pauline Centrella <i>Anniversary</i> +Patricia Bradley <i>Birthday Memorial</i>
<b>Sunday, October 4</b>	
9:00 AM	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> +Luigi DiSisto <i>Month's Mind</i>
11:00 AM	+Armando Federico <i>Memorial</i> +Grace S. Faraci <i>Memorial</i>



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

Our sanctuary candle for the month of October will burn in loving memory of *Alfonso Auciello*, given by his wife, Maria.



**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for Dora DelGizzi, Mary Ackerly, Brian Branson, Fred and Eleanor Hunter, Graziella Iacovino, Marie Lahue, Florence Breau, and Charlotte Zachary.

**FROM FATHER PHONG**

A few weeks ago, I went to a friend's house for dinner. While wandering around I spotted a television left unconnected at the corner of the living. Well, it is now sitting on top of a bookshelf in Father Luca's old room. I went online and purchased an antenna. Then I asked Kevin to point me to the southwest, the direction where I should steer the antenna toward the best reception. Kevin must have thought that I was joking so he pointed me to the direction of the Atlantic. I got zero channels. Just a blank screen. But even when the direction was corrected instead of the advertised 50 plus I got only three channels. So the television, though looking grand and beautiful in no good. No reception. No use.

A priest with wrong direction would have a very weak spirit which leads to lacking compassion, which renders him useless!

It just dawned on me around noon today that I have been running everywhere except to God. I have been worrying about everything except my heart. Grouchy I have been. Difficult I have become. Just outright impatient and demanding I have unleashed most especially on those working closely with me. Mea culpa. Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. I am so old and yet my spirituality is so immature. I only wish that my heart can be as compassionately rich as the accumulation of fat in my body.

Please forgive me!

I had to swallow my pride and turn the heat on because the rectory's thermostat was registering at 55. I did not want to walk around the house as an Eskimo. It is only the beginning of Fall. But conversion, isn't it, takes place—most of the time after one's face hitting bottom—only with the realization, awareness and acknowledgement of one's own sin. That is why we begin Mass with the Confiteor. Perhaps this world would become a better place if national leaders could learn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps our country, our state, our city, our family, married couples, siblings, friends and neighbors would be an oasis of joy and happiness if we all, instead of outwardly pointing fingers or spitting forth blames or smirking away excuses, would learn humility and confess not only to God, but to one another our weaknesses, sins and misdirection. This humanity can be a very cold place. But much colder is the soul cocooned in pride, self-righteousness and thus godlessness.

Please forgive me.

I am returning the antenna. I am going to work on finding better reception so the television can function again. I need to know that it is okay to turn the heat on when it is cold. That there is no shame in admitting weaknesses. That there is nothing wrong with confessing missteps and misdirection. On the contrary, it is good for the heart to practice humility. It is good for the soul to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Yes indeed, a contrite spirit would be very good for the world, for this humanity, for you and me.

Shalom, Father Phong



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

**Thank You.** On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the special collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. last weekend. Through your generosity, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work, and our senior priests can live in community with access to quality care. If you missed the collection last week, you can still make a donation online at [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org).

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

On behalf of the American Red Cross and Catholic Daughters, Court 821, thank you to our parishioners and friends who donated to the September Blood Drive in the Parish Hall. Prior to the event, fifty individuals, the maximum for this blood drive, had volunteered to give the gift of life. May God's blessings be with you for your kindness and generosity.

### TUFTS STUDENT OFFERS DELIVERY SERVICE

Need help with grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions? A Tufts student has offered to help. The service is called BO-LIVERY ,and it is *free*. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements are due at the Parish Office no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Submit all notices to: [secretarystclement@outlook.com](mailto:secretarystclement@outlook.com) or [caradave@comcast.net](mailto:caradave@comcast.net).



If you are new or visiting here at Saint Clement Parish, please introduce yourself to Father Phong or call the Parish Office if we can be of any assistance.



## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

After meeting with our teachers and consulting with the Archdiocese, it has been decided to postpone the start of the Saint Clement Religious Education Program to January of 2021. Please be assured that the students in our First Communion and Confirmation Programs will be well-prepared to receive their sacraments in the Spring of 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Father Phong Pham, or Richard Johnston ([raaljohnston@yahoo.com](mailto:raaljohnston@yahoo.com); 617 633-6536). Thank you.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

As mandated by the Archdiocese, ALL volunteers, lectors and musicians must have their temperatures taken at each Mass before they begin serving. We still **urgently need non-risk volunteers to help usher** at each Mass. All 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](mailto:allison.ahern@gmail.com). Indicate what role you can fulfill, and at which Masses you can help.

## KEEPING UP WITH ST. CLEMENT!

Please visit our website regularly to complete the Mass attendance survey and keep up with the latest news from Saint Clement Parish. Our COVID-19 protocols and information are available, as well.



## COLLECTION

**Last Week's Collection: \$1,777.00**  
**This Weekend Second Collection: The Pilot Subscription**  
**No second collection next weekend.**