

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

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Christ and the Samaritan woman at the well - Angelika Kauffman, German, 1796

Daily Mass:
7:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:00 PM

Sunday Mass:
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursday - 5:30 PM
followed by Mass
at 6:30 PM

Additional Confession Times:
Wednesday's
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross:
Friday's - 5:45pm
followed by Mass
at 6:30pm

Parish Administrator
Fr. Stefano Colombo FSCB

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Fr. Luca Brancolini FSCB
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Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00-4:30 PM

**Our offices are in the
former high school building
Entrance in the alley between
the church and high school**

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Mrs. Mary Daley: Monday
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” - John 4: 14

MASS INTENTIONS

In this week's Eucharist Celebrations we will pray for:

- Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 AM: Scott Daley
- Wednesday, March 18 - 7:00 AM: The Sanctification of Priests
- Friday, March 20 - 7:00 AM: The Anniversary of Fr. Dennis Dever
- Saturday, March 21 - 7:00 AM: The Anniversary of Frances Kenney
 ~ 4:00 PM: In memory of Edward Brogan Sr. and Aaron McDaniel
- Sunday, March 22 - 7:00 AM: The Parishioners of St. Clement
 ~ 9:00 AM: In memory of Robert A. Trodella
 ~ 11:00 AM: In memory of Ersilia Chiocciariello and Cesare Moccia

Please pray for repose for the souls of **Angelina Cartolano** and **Frank Grande**, who were buried from St. Clement this week.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal classes are held every 1st Sunday and Baptisms, every 3rd Sunday of each month, both following the 11:00 AM Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday's from 3:00pm - 4:00pm
During Lent: Wednesday's from 6:00pm - 8:00pm,
or by appointment. *Please call the office to schedule.*



For the month of March, the **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of **Mafalda Abruzese**, given by her children, **Patricia Johnston** and **Robert Abruzese**.



Weekly Prayer Column

This week, please pray for the strength and well-being of **Charlotte Zachary**, **Marie Lahue**, **Jessica Benton** and those everywhere affected by the corona virus.

FROM FR. STEFANO

What do we grumble about? In our exercise of Lenten restraint, let's take a sharp look at ourselves and our laundry list of complaints; it's an interesting exercise, spiritually and socially. Laying, seething under the burden of spiteful thoughts, we plan for revenge or we just grow cynical and obdurate.

Every year we, the people of God, read the story of Israel, the original people of God, who spent 40 years in the desert, in the presence of the Lord, of his prophet Moses, having received the Law and nonetheless managed to get lost and wish to return to their slavery in Egypt. God is there, with them, but they are lost. How can that even be possible?

God is here, with us too, even more so now that we have the Sacraments, the Bible, the Church; when we can serve Christ in each other and in the poor, who "will always be with us", when we have the example of all the holy men and women we call saints, and we can even observe moments and example of holy life around us.

Do we pay attention? Do we remember all this, or are we grumbling like the Israelites in the desert?

We are seeing how fear spreads because of Covid-19, how this can turn busy streets, whole neighborhoods, entire cities and regions into a literal desert.

But our condition has improved infinitely over the Hebrews' because "we have been justified by faith", as St. Paul puts it in today's reading from his letter to the Christians of Rome.

What does that mean, though?

We have the perfect example in the famous, beautiful

passage from John's gospel, on the encounter between a woman from Samaria and Jesus. She met someone who completely knew her, and "told her everything she had done" in her life.

Jesus is not simply a law giver, or a sage, his Gospel is not just the pages in your Bible. He is the truth and the life and its meaning. Faith means eminently to recognize and follow Him, as the words of the Samaritan villagers express in such a compelling way: "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

Jesus is, first and prima facie, the Way. The People of Israel, though kicking and screaming, came to the promised land following Moses, but the whole generation that doubted, even in the presence of the Lord, could not get into the Holy Land, Moses included.

For us Christians, the Kingdom of God is not a place to go but a path to follow, someone who knows our life through and through, someone who casts light on our life because He is where our life is from, and where it flows to. We just need to remember to always drink that living water that saves us from a desert of our own making, from feeling lost even when God is always only a step away, a prayer away.

Like Jesus' best friends on the mountain, in last week's gospel, we have seen a glimpse of his glory. We may be asked to follow him to his cross and that may scare us, but we belong with Him and only our forgetfulness can make us slave of fear again.

CDA Annual Bake Sale

This weekend after each Mass in Parish Hall Lobby
The Catholic Daughters will be a Bake Sale offering Irish breads, an array of cakes, cupcakes, brownies, and cookies. Give your sweet tooth a treat while supporting the charitable works of Court St. Clementine, CDA!!

While you're there, you can take a look at the newly painted Parish Hall! This all happened thanks to your support of the CDA and a generous gift from Communion and Liberation.

Next St. Clement Talk on Faith - Sacred Art

Friday, March 20 at 7:00pm in Parish Hall

Please join us for St. Clement's latest faith-based presentation on Sacred Art, given by **Father John Tokaz, OFM Cap.** Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine

Saturday, March 21 from 9:00am - Noon

Please join us on this Lenten pilgrimage to the beautiful shrine in the Seaport district. The trip starts at Parish Hall with a continental breakfast, then a bus ride to Boston, a tour of the shrine, and time for reflection and prayer. After a mass, we will return to Saint Clement. Sign up sheets are available at church entrances, or you may register at: secretarystclement@outlook.com by leaving your name, phone number, email, and number of people in your party. **Deadline to register: March 19.**

Easter Flowers

Every year as Easter approaches, we adorn our altar and church with flowers to remind us of those who have gone before us to the Lord, of the Resurrection and of hope for eternal life. You may donate for flowers in memory of a loved one at any time during Lent with the envelope that came with your weekly envelopes this month. We will publish all the names who you wish to remember. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Deadline to submit names: Palm Sunday, April 5

Join the Choir for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

We hope to have a choir for at least two Sundays during the season of Lent, and a full choir for Palm Sunday, the Triduum and Easter Day. If you are interested in offering your musical talents, please be in touch with Joe Anderson with your availability:
musicatstclement@gmail.com

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm

In addition to *The Light Is On For You*, we will offer Evening Prayer in the style of Taize in Lent, consisting of readings from scripture, meditative Taize music, and time of silent prayer. If you would like to serve as a Lector or be part of the music team, please be in touch with Joe Anderson: musicatstclement@gmail.com

Catholic Appeal

This weekend is for **In-Pew Pledges** for the **Catholic Appeal Campaign**. A speaker will be present at all masses to explain. Please remember that the parish receives an extra percentage for donations which exceed our goal when we have a strong number of In-Pew pledges made on this weekend. Many thanks for your loving and kind support of our parish and the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Upcoming CCD Courses - In Parish Hall

Grades 1-5:

Sunday, March 15, 22, 29 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Grades 6-8:

Sunday, April 5 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Grade 9 Confirmation I

Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Grade 10 Confirmation II:

Tuesday, March 17 - Students & Sponsors at 6:30 PM

Next Family Mass:

Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am

COLLECTION DASHBOARD

Our goal for our weekly first collection: \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: \$ 2,003.00

This Sunday there is no second collection.

Next Sunday there is no second collection.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our Goal: \$200,000.00

Total Collected: \$50,258.00

Percentage Earned: 25%