

SAINT CLEMENT

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass:

Tuesday - Friday:
7:00 AM

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 PM

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

Rosary Prayers:
Monday and Saturday
7:00 AM

*Detail of St. Peter from Galla Placidia
Mausoleum in Ravenna, 5th Century
Photo by Lawrence OP*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25)

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, August 30 - 9:00 AM: William P. O'Brien & Mary F. O'Brien
- 11:00 AM: The Anniversary of Stefanina Lauretti
- Tuesday, September 1 - 7:00 AM: The Anniversary of Giuseppe Molino
- Wednesday, September 2 - 7:00 AM: The Sanctification of Priests
- Friday, September 4 - 7:00 AM: Holy Souls of Purgatory
- Saturday, September 5 - 4:00 PM: Armando Federico and Filomena & Michelangelo DeSimone

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 August, the **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of **Joseph H. Evans**, given by his wife, Gertrude Evans.



Weekly Prayer Column

This week, 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



The heat and the humidity are killing me. The rectory with the open windows in the absence of the breezes seems like an oven. Suffocating heat often transforms me into a miserable, grouchy and very moody dude. Then suddenly, with a 2 by 4, the California fires whack me across the face. And I so am guilty. And it hurts, all the way to the bones of my being. Here I am whining and lamenting over a little heat while tens of thousands of firefighters and tens and thousands of my Californian brothers and sisters and children are fighting to save their lives. I am an insensitive idiot!

I met with the leaders and representatives of the parish on this past Saturday evening. I needed to give them an update on the state of the parish. Despite the many issues and problems facing the parish, hope remains. Possibilities are aplenty. The road ahead may be a bit windy, but the destination is reachable. More importantly, we are not alone. The archdiocese and her staff are accompanying us on this journey. And above all, God is with us. Hence, everything is possible. All that needed from us here at St. Clement's is to have a little more faith. A little more trust. A little more love. Will you follow these leaders and representatives in making these same commitments?

I received a late call last night from Honolulu. A friend who spoke sadly of a severed friendship because of political differences. Tweets deleted. Facebook unfollowed. Phone numbers blocked. Memories twisted. Photos trashed. And anger wins. Violence wins. Brokenness wins. Hatred wins. Dead silence wins. Hell wins.

On August 24th, 1964, my Catholic village was burned and destroyed by a mob inflamed by misinformation, religious militancy and self-righteousness. I was a day shy of ninth month and with the rest of the survivors was taken off to the nearby island for refuge. And here I am - we are - still seeking refuge from political and religious shouts and screams. Racial injustice. Cultural oppression. Ideological colonialism. I surmise that the fires of inhumanity are much wilder, way hotter and far more destructive than the ones in California.

I miss my dogs. Tesla and Espera - Maremma Sheepdogs they are. I chose the name Tesla so that whenever my brothers brag about theirs, I could chime in that I too have a Tesla. Espera because I want to remind myself to never let hopelessness to have even a tiniest space in my fragile heart. Prior to my coming to take residence in Quincy, I had to give them over to an Amish family. I was informed that for one whole month, Tesla and Espera wandered the town looking for me, and every afternoon for a whole month the poor Amish family had to get on their buggy to locate them and to bring them back home.

Sometimes, I do wish that we homo sapiens could learn a thing or two from these four-legged beings. Loyal. Devoted. Not a care on appearance. Play hard. Smell everything. Eat all that's eatable. The whole world is a bathroom. And when it gets too hot, dig a hole on the ground and lie down. Indeed, when the world around us gets too hot, dig a hole on God's love and peace. And lie in them. Shalom, Father Phong

“Then Jesus took Peter aside and began to rebuke him, ‘God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.’ Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.’”

(Matthew 16:22-23)

“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.” (Romans 12:2)

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Invite Jesus into your heart when praying Mass from home. Share this with someone who cannot yet return to Mass because they have a risk of catching the virus or because they don't feel safe. He is always ready to offer us his Real Presence when we ask for it.

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Emergency Support for Catholic Schools

Back in April, Cardinal Sean asked us to help Catholic schools and sign the petition asking Governor Baker to help support our schools with emergency financial aid through the federal CARES Act. You can find this petition and the Cardinal's original statement at www.bostoncatholic.org/catholic-schools-petition. As they begin a new year facing unparalleled challenges, it's even more important that we continue to remember and support our schools, teachers, students, family and staff who are working hard to continue providing education and community.

Virtual Adoration

No matter the chaos and fear that surrounds us, our desire to be near to our Lord always prevails. If you are searching for more options to spend time in quiet prayer before the Holy Eucharist, there are now online resources available for Virtual Adoration. You can find a list of scheduled and perpetual Adoration streaming resources on the Archdiocese's website: www.bostoncatholic.org/virtual-adoration. As we keep one another safe while staying home, we can offer our time and attention to Christ, whose loving presence is so deeply needed in these times. Let's remember, after all, this is the Year of the Eucharist!

Safety Reminders for Attending Mass

- Please follow the blue tape and sit within the blue tape indicators for social distancing.
- Lower the kneeler in front of you before leaving, so our volunteers know they need to disinfect the area.
- Please be respectful to all staff, ushers and volunteers and follow their instructions: the Archdiocese requires we have volunteers and we don't get to celebrate Mass without them!
- Face masks must be worn over mouth AND nose
- Please keep 6ft distance from everyone who doesn't live in your household. Ask people to speak louder if you can't hear them.

COLLECTION DASHBOARD

Weekly Collection Goal: \$4,000.00

Last Week's Collection: No collection data available this weekend.

This weekend there is no second collection.

Next weekend there is no second collection.

