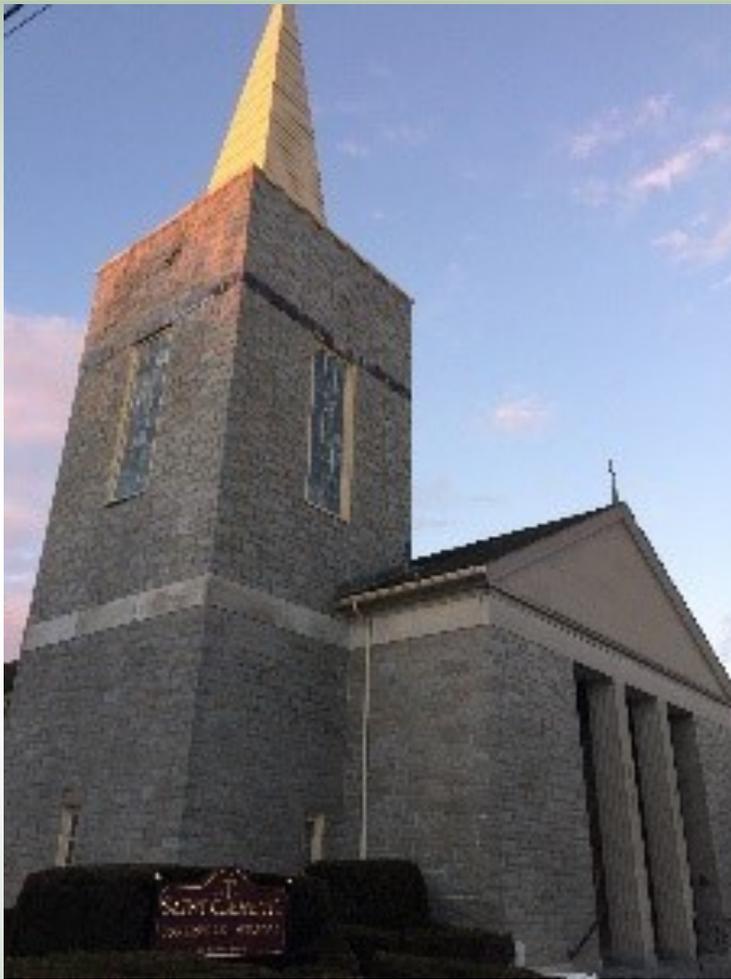


# SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

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## 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 - Beginning Sept. 17

## ROSARY PRAYER:

Monday and Saturday  
7:00 AM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday  
3:00 - 4:00 PM

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” (Matthew 18:21-22)

**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 13 - 9:00 AM: ..... Vinny Pintone  
 ~ 11:00 AM: ..... The Pontremoli Family and in memory of Jennifer DiFronzo
- Tuesday, September 15 - 7:00 AM: ..... Maria Palermo and Vinny Pintone
- Wednesday, September 16 - 7:00 AM: ..... The Anniversary of Andrea Molino
- Thursday, September 17 - 7:00 AM: ..... In memory of Mario & Josephine Cocchiara
- Saturday, September 19 - 4:00 PM: ..... The Escott Family, The Derrico Family and Donna Hourihan

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** will resume Thursday’s at 7:00 PM on September 17th.

**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** ✠

Tuesday. And a long Tuesday it was. Time chased after me from one hour to the next. But it was fun. Thank God that most days I begin with Mass. Such blessing that I am given. Familiar faces. Beautiful morning greetings with eyes now have to solely bear the smile. Although there is no congregational singing, I still can hear the gorgeous voice of the folk’s spirit filling every space of the church. Although the responses are muffled by the fabric, the folk’s loving hearts still pierce and penetrate through cordoned tapes and the 6 feet distance. These beginning of the day Masses are my RedBull. Such a blessing that I am given.

Being new, almost everything is a first for me. First Mass done. First funeral done. First staff meeting done. First argument with Kevin done. First Confirmation is going to be on this Thursday, and first Baptism on this coming Sunday. Bishop Mark O’Connell called me this morning to remind me of my first meeting with the Cardinal and the Presbyteral Council on September 24th. I shall have to make an appeal to keep the doors of St. Clement’s Church open by inviting and welcoming the Vietnamese Catholics to come in and elevate St. Clement’s Church to be the first Vietnamese Parish in the Archdiocese of Boston. I shall need to assure them that all peoples would be pastorally cared for and served. I shall need to warrant that skin colors don’t matter, different languages don’t matter, variety of cultures don’t matter, gaps in age don’t matter, and religious or political or existential convictions are welcome. A year and a half ago, while living in a little house in a remote Michigan village among the pines, the wild turkeys, the gentle deer, the feisty racoons and the gorgeous koi pond with my two beloved dogs, I was looking forward to enjoy my sunset days and had never thought that I would be here in Medford. God’s sense of humor really is out of this world!

A few friends stopped by the rectory on Monday and helped me setting up a little room just across from mine. For mom’s visit. We found a bed over in the old nursery of the Elementary School building. I was about to dress the bed when my sister on the phone told me that it is going to be a while. Mom is too weak from the falls. She is still unable to take care of her basic needs. If she were able to come up, one of the sisters would have to tag along. But mom is one strong willed woman. Very stubborn. Very argumentative. And extremely sensitive. Her faith will once again get her through these rough waters. I am certain that her faith will once again get her legs stronger and her arms steadier. I am certain.

Besides the train noisily rumbling by throughout the whole day, this rectory is surrounded by noises and interesting images. I really don’t mind the train. I don’t even mind drivers who were sometimes five cars behind punching on the horn against the car at the front who failed to move forward with the light just turning green. I don’t mind spotting a woman carrying a grill along Warner street. But I do mind seeing young men and women out there running and jogging. I had not exercised since August first. These young men and women though unintentionally have caused in me a rift of guilt.

Being chased constantly by time is never a good enough excuse to let go of my exercise. Being chased constantly by worries and anxieties and uncertainties is never a good excuse to let go of hope and love. I have got to call mom and ask her once again on how she manages to keep holding fast to her faith in God.

Shalom, Father Phong

### **Eucharistic Adoration is Returning**

**Beginning September 17**

Weekly Thursday Evening Eucharistic Adoration will resume at **7:00pm**. Come join us and spend time in quiet prayer in front the gift of the real presence of our resurrected Lord.

### **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!!

### **Faith Formation Programs (CCD)**

Due to the pandemic, we are still discussing what the CCD programming will be in the near future. However, we would like to know if you have a child/children who are of age to prepare for First Communion (grades 1-2), or Confirmation (grades 9-10). If so, please email the Parish Office or call us Monday-Friday, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, so we can receive your information, or if you have questions. Thank you for your support of our parish!

### **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: \$1,964.00**

**This Weekend Second Collection: Quarterly Annual**

**Next weekend Second Collection: Clergy Health Retirement Trust**

