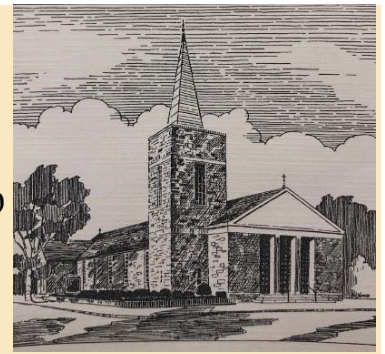


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Hieronymus Bosch

Many
are
invited,
but few
are
chosen.

Matthew
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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

7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, October 10 Recitation of the Rosary +Louis Remigio <i>3rd Anniversary</i> +Lemuel Toledo and Mercedes Campos +Ike Leone <i>5th Anniversary</i> +Geraldine Gello <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday, October 11 +Anna, David, John Walsh <i>Memorial</i> +Mario Cocchiara <i>Memorial</i> +Adelina Martiniello <i>Memorial</i>
7:00 AM	Monday, October 12 Recitation of the Rosary
7:00 AM	Tuesday, October 13 +Vinny Pintone <i>Memorial</i> +Father Richard Messina <i>Anniversary</i>
7:00 AM	Wednesday, October 14 +Giuseppe Molino <i>Memorial</i>
7:00 AM	Thursday, October 15
7:00 AM	Friday, October 16 + Damiano and Maddalena Mangino <i>Birthday</i>
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, October 17 Recitation of the Rosary +Schiavone Family <i>Memorial</i> +Christe Christo <i>6th Anniversary</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday, October 18 +Charles and Alice O'Brien <i>Memorial</i> +Alfonso Auciello <i>Memorial</i>

Thank you to Joseph Sokolski for his generous donation in memory of **Lena DiGiatomasso**. His donation has been used to purchase flowers for the beautification of Saint Clement Church.



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

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

FROM FATHER PHONG

On Sunday afternoon, I went hiking with a group of good friends. Right away, while standing around in the parking lot, in a joking manner the driver announced to everyone that I had to occupy the front passenger seat because I am the fattest of the bunch. Everyone laughed. I laughed too. And for the next few hours, the fat joke had contaminated almost everyone. By the end of the day, when we gathered back at the rectory to have dinner, the driver continued on with her tease of my overweight. Again everyone taking a turn joined in. None realized that every single tease by now had become a dagger. And for a good hour they fat shamed me. When becoming fully aware that I was about to explode with very foul expletives, I told them I was tired from a long day and asked them to go home. As I closed the door behind them, my self-image was laid shattered on the kitchen floor.

The irony of it all is the undeniable truth that these are good practicing Catholics and very active in their Parish. They are truly my good friends. They are my Boston family. They really care for me. They love me. I am certain they had not an ounce of intention to hurt me with the tease. I am certain they thought the tease was just for a good laugh.

Don't you worry, today I have accepted their apology. I however did ask them to refrain from visiting me for a while. The fresh wounds need time to heal, to take on new skin, and in a week or two it would be hard to detect the punctures; but the broken and badly inflicted heart will definitely require of me a longer retreat from all of them.

We love to make fun of other people's differences, don't we? The way others talk, dress, or eat. The look of their skin, the way they walk, the friends they hang around with. The house they live in, the car they drive, the politicians they endorse, the church they go to, their sexual orientation, their spouse, their children and their hair color!

Do not accuse me; however, of being relativistic, that anything goes, that everything is okay, that anyone should be permitted to be or to do whatever he or she pleases. On the contrary, as Catholics, we have the Church's doctrines and teachings and guidance. Quintessentially as Christians, we have the Words and Deeds of Jesus as the measuring stick, the standard of judgment, and the moral norm of our existence. When in a dilemma, always ask ourselves this question: WWJD -- What Would Jesus Do? When in a dilemma, do not do what Jesus would not have done.

You and I, let's try a little harder in fostering better relationships with the friends around us, especially those whom we love dearly. Do not take anyone for granted. Let's be respectful. Let's be compassionate. Let's work diligently to improve our forgiveness. Let's pray more profoundly for understanding, for harmony, for unity and peace.

Great news! We should begin working on the replacement of the boiler and the roof very soon. I am hopeful that both projects will be completed by the end of October. I have not asked for financial assistance from you because I trust you have been sharing your gifts generously, and you had given all that you could give. If you have not, or if you could give a little more, please consider helping Saint Clement Church, shouldering her, holding her, pulling her up so she can stand once again beautifully, proudly and magnificently. And please continue to pray for me.

Shalom,

Father Phong



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**John Federico
Salvatore Valante
Richard Naegelin**

who were buried from Saint Clement Church this past week.



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

It has been decided to postpone the start of the Saint Clement Religious Education Program until January 2021. Be assured the students in our First Communion and Confirmation Programs will be prepared to receive their sacraments in the Spring of 2021. If you have questions, please call Father Phong Pham, or Richard Johnston (raaljohnston@yahoo.com; 617 633-6536).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week's second collection will support Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the Mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. These funds are used for the pastoral and evangelization programs around the world. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.



REFLECTIONS ON THE ROSARY

St. John's Seminary is offering a virtual four-part series entitled "Reflections on Marian Spirituality," during the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Visit www.sjs.edu/celebrating.20 to register.

Congratulations to

Richard Michael Moretti

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 10, 2020



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 **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. 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.



If you are new or visiting at Saint Clement Parish, please introduce yourself to Father Phong, or call the Parish Office if we can be of assistance. If you would like to become a member, please complete the registration form at the entrance of the Church.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to Saint Clement Parish Office no later than 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. Submit all notices to: secretarystclement@outlook.com.



COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,421.00

**The Second Collection is for the Holy Father and Missionary Efforts
Next Weekend Second Collection: World Mission Sunday**