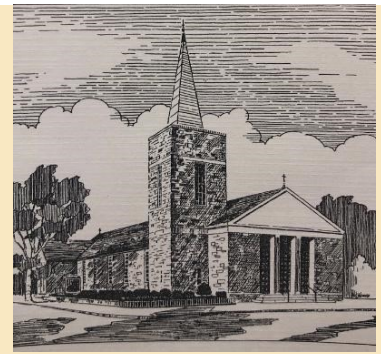


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*He said to him, "You shall
love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with
all your mind."*

Matthew 22:37

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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 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, October 24 Recitation of the Rosary +James McKinnon <i>Memorial</i> +Donald Carapellucci <i>23rd Anniversary</i> +Carmine Aquilino <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday, October 25 +Lea Rossetti <i>25th Anniversary</i> +Mass of Thanksgiving
7:00 AM	Monday, October 26 Recitation of the Rosary
7:00 AM	Tuesday, October 27 +Parish Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM	Wednesday, October 28 +Vincenzo Pintone <i>30th Anniversary</i>
7:00 AM	Thursday, October 29 +Marie Pierre-Louis <i>Memorial</i>
7:00 AM	Friday, October 30 +Eugene Sullivan <i>Anniversary</i>
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, October 31 Recitation of the Rosary +Parish Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday, November 1 + Antonio Moscaritolo <i>Memorial</i> + The LoPriore Family <i>Memorial</i> +Armando Federico <i>Memorial</i>

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A special Liturgy will be held on **Monday, November 2**, for all those who have died in the previous twelve months. All families of the deceased are invited to share in this special Mass and remember their loved ones. Mass in English will be celebrated at 6:00 PM, and Mass at 7:30 PM will be celebrated in Vietnamese. All are welcome.



PRAYER CORNER

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

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



FROM FATHER PHONG

I was asked to prepare dinner for a friend's family on the occasion of her birthday. She requested seafood linguini. No idea. Nada. Completely an idiot when it comes to making this dish. So go to the internet sites I did. Oh, how wonderful is Bobby Flay and fantastic is Giada. Yesterday was a hectic Monday with folks who came to work either on the church's organ speakers, the school's boiler or the rectory's bathroom. So today, as soon as all the tasks were completed, I bolted out of the rectory and headed south to Dorchester. While my eyes and hands were maneuvering the graciously light traffic, my mind was fighting and deliberating on how to make the dish. I stopped by Lambert's. Frozen calamari and frozen shrimp - much cheaper than the thawed out ones. Imitation crab meat and three pounds of mussels. Tomatoes, salted butter, parmigiana cheese, parsley, cilantro and finally two packages of linguini completed the shopping.

Lots of garlic. Two bottles of white wine. Lots of red pepper flakes. Good friends. Great conversation. The dish was a great success. Man, I just love the Italian food! The only thing missing was a glass of wine. But I couldn't have any alcohol. Of late, that demonic gout which had gone AWOL from my life for more than 8 years is rudely visiting me and has decided to build a home right on my big, fat toe. Yes, it hurts. Yes, it strains my mind, depletes my energy and dissipates my concentration.

Thomas Merton once penned quite a thoughtful prayer.

The Road Ahead:

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end, nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

Embracing uncertainty lovingly is antithetical to human logic. Placing complete trust in the unknown is borderline lunacy. But there has to be a point when faith needs to cease all of the questioning and doubting and the skepticism and just simply leaps into the realm of the Mystery. For we know with absolute certitude that logic has failed, rationality has come up inadequate, and even the brightest and wisest mind has admitted to be dumbfounded when it comes to existential phenomena. Really, it doesn't matter where we are going as long as God walks beside us.

Really, it doesn't matter who cooks the linguini and seafood as long as it tastes just like the Italian grandma's. And really, a missing glass of wine or a swollen big, fat gout-tortured toe should never be allowed to ruin a fantastic and wonderful time with good friends, good conversation, and good food.

Really, I need your prayers...

Shalom, Father Phong



PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Ersilia Ruocchio
 who was buried from
 Saint Clement Church
 this past week



Saint Clement Parish
 joyfully welcomes
Noah August Nazaire
Daniel Joseph Murray, Jr.
 who were baptized on
 Sunday, October 25

SAINT CLEMENT FOOD COLLECTION

FOOD
donations
NEEDED

We will begin collecting nonperishable foods for the local food banks on **Sunday, November 1**. Donation boxes will be located at the front and side entrances of the Church. We appreciate your continued support and generosity. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

We have partnered with Hoff's Bakery to offer an array of 10 inch pies, perfect for your Thanksgiving dessert. Choose from apple, blueberry, pecan, pumpkin, lemon meringue, and Boston Cream. Place your order by **November 15**, with any Catholic Daughter or in the Parish Hall after each weekend Mass. Pies will be available for pick-up on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24 and 25. Contact Diane: 617-480-1959, or caradave@comcast.net.



Today we recognize those who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Catholic Appeal. Especially, during these challenging times, your participation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!** If you have not yet given, it is not too late. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. You can also place your donation in the Sunday Collection basket clearly marked "Catholic Appeal".

Remember that when our Parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of any additional funds received is returned for use in our Parish. When each of our individual gifts are combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners in the Archdiocese, a very real difference is made in the ability to provide ministries and services.

2020 Assessment	\$ 16,036.00
Gifts and Pledges	\$11,450.00
Shortfall	\$ 4,586.00

This is our Church. Thank you again for your support.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Once again, We are partnering with Mickman Brothers to offer a selection of Christmas wreaths and greenery. Order forms are available at the Church entrance. Please fill one out and drop it, with your payment, into the Collection Box. Contact chairperson Claire Suthar: 617 828-7604, or thesuthars@yahoo.com with questions. Ordering deadline is November 8; delivery is the first weekend in December.



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: \$ 2,793.00
 The Second Collection is for our Parish Monthly Support
 No Second Collection next week