

MASS INTENTIONS

7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, October 31 Recitation of the Rosary +Antonio Moscaritolo <i>Memorial</i> +The LoPriore Family <i>Memorial</i> +Armando Federico <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Monday, November 2 All Souls Day Recitation of the Rosary Mass of Remembrance (English) Mass of Remembrance (Vietnamese)
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Tuesday, November 3 +Anita Butler <i>Birthday</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Wednesday, November 4 +Holy Souls of Purgatory +Assunta Rossetti +Matthew O'Brien <i>19 Anniversary</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Thursday, November 5 +Maria Molino <i>Memorial</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Friday, November 6 +Holy Souls of Purgatory +Kenneth Suthar <i>1st Anniversary</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, November 7 Recitation of the Rosary +Carmelinda Inglese <i>Anniversary</i> +Richard Peterson <i>22nd Anniversary</i> +James Barry Family +Monagle Family +Victoria Dominijanni <i>Memorial</i> +Franca Fantasia <i>Birthday Anniversary</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, November 8 + Family of Saint Clement + Family of Saint Clement + Family of Saint Clement



PRAYER CORNER

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

Our sanctuary candle for the month of November will burn in loving memory of **Donald Kilgallen**, given by his family.

FROM FATHER PHONG

We have a new staff member. Her name is Sarah Xinh (pronounced like “seen”). She will be in the office from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Under the tutelage of Mary Jane, Mary Daley and Diane, Sarah Xinh soon will be lending a hand in providing stability, constancy and cohesiveness to our Parish operation. A refugee who had arrived in America at the age of five with her family who were all escaping the Communist Vietnam, Sarah Xinh is fluent in Vietnamese and English. From the reports given me, Sarah not only possesses a gentle spirit, a very strong faith in God and love for the Church, she is bright and a fast learner. The best part about her? She volunteers her time!

I confess that I am overwhelmed with more anxiety from uncertainties than excitement from a new beginning. My lower back muscles are tightly clamped. Will they come, and if they come how many? For most of them, it will be the first time they step foot into this sacred space of Saint Clement. Will they like what they see? Will they stay? If they decide not to stay, how long will the doors of Saint Clement Church remain open?

On the other hand, they may really like what they encounter and feel at Saint Clement, their new home and the first Vietnamese Parish in the Archdiocese of Boston. Afterall, for the past few weekends they have come together to sand away the rust of the bathroom sinks and repair the broken toilets. For the past few Saturdays and Sundays, they gathered to scrape and clean the kitchen floor and piled into the gigantic dumpster tons of trash. The doors of the Church one by one are being renovated and the cracked window panes are replaced one by one. The rope blocking the pews has been restrung to allow in more people. And meetings upon meetings, they had attended to ensure that the Church of Saint Clement would be transformed into a little Kingdom of God here and now, where everyone is welcome, where everyone is a brother and a sister, and where the only language spoken is that of peace substantiated only by faith, hope and love. I think that they will like it here! I think that they will find a home here at Saint Clement. Will you do everything possible so that they will like it here? A home here?

Yes, I had received words of disapproval and disappointment, expressed at varying degrees of volume. In English. In broken English. In Vietnamese. In broken Vietnamese. All Catholics. But a bit softer and gentler and at times tearjerkers have been words of encouragement, support, understanding and hope. In English. In broken English. In Vietnamese. In broken Vietnamese. All Catholics, with additional promise of keeping me in their prayers. I know, I know. It’s just the pangs of birth!

But then, being a man, what do I know about birth? Yet, being ignorant has not stopped me—and a lot of folks—from dictating, opining or even defining an unknown with absolute certainty. I have heard a man once said that the only difference between a sinner and a saint is that whenever a saint’s face hits the ground s/he confessed the sin, accepted forgiveness from God, got up and walked again. The sinner simply just lay there, blamed the ground and then the entire world. Perhaps there is a profound correlation between the confessionals collecting dust and the increase of immorality, the violence, the angry words and the hatred in the world. The key to sanctity, perhaps, lies in one’s capacity to self-honesty. In other words, if we desire to live a saintly life, celebrate a bit more often the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Life then is beautiful. The world is most perfect. And this humanity—Irish, Italian, Vietnamese, Mexican, Haitian, Portuguese—is overpopulated with saints and holy people.

SHALOM, FATHER PHONG

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.



SAINT CLEMENT FOOD COLLECTION



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.

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.



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Saint Clement Religious Education Program will begin in 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).



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	\$11,515.00
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.

Welcome

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: \$ 3063.00

No Second Collection this week.

The Second Collection next week is our Quarterly Annual.

