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December 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever.
Baruch 5:1



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Rev. Phong Q. Pham
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Mary Daley

HOÀ GIẢI - RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

LỊCH TRÌNH PHỤNG VỤ - LITURGY

Thánh Lễ Cuối Tuần - Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday 9:00 a.m & 11:00 a.m. (Việt Ngữ)

4:00 p.m. (English - Việt Ngữ)

Thánh Lễ Trong Tuần - Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday

7:00 a.m. (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Việt Ngữ)

Chầu Thánh Thể - Eucharistic Adoration

Ngay sau Thánh Lễ Tối Thứ Năm

Immediately following the Thursday Evening Mass

Xin liên lạc Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ trong giờ làm việc hoặc

Cha Chánh Xứ vào bất cứ lúc nào

cho những nhu cầu mục vụ khác.

Please contact the Office for additional needs.



If you are new or visiting at Saint Clement Church, 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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, December 4 Recitation of the Rosary Elana Clarke+ <i>Anniversary</i> Mary Larson+ <i>Anniversary</i> Armando Federico+ <i>Memorial</i> Antonio Forcucci
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, December 5 Frank Dischino+ <i>Anniversary</i> Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên
7:00 AM	Monday, December 6 Recitation of the Rosary
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Tuesday, December 7 Mildred & William Fleming Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Wednesday, December 8 Pietro Cascio Pauline Pierre-Louis+ <i>Memorial</i> The LoPriore Family+ <i>Memorial</i> Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thursday, December 9 Souls of Purgatory Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Friday, December 10 Luigi DiSisto+ <i>Memorial</i> Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, December 11 Recitation of the Rosary Walter H. Hardy+ <i>Anniversary</i> Vinny Pintone+ <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, December 12 Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên Gia đình Giáo Xứ Anrê Phú Yên

IN LOVING MEMORY



Our sanctuary candle burns this month in loving memory of Luigi DiSisto given by his wife Angelina.

Prayer Corner



Please pray for those in need, especially Dora DelGizzi, Brian Branson, Marie Lahue, Maryanne DiPrizio, Sally Kiely, Mary Bottari, Ann Hoag, Barbara Pine, David Duest, Peter Tran, Jacquelyn Veri, Connie Giullo,

Nina Maloney, Sheila Kanan, Rosemarie DelGizzi, Sherri Phillips, David Evans, Annette Johnstin, Linda Caulfield, Gertrude Evans Margaret Tavares, Alan Riley, Joanne Russell, Sarah Nguyễn, Coleen Foley, Hayden Harris, Florence Masci, Stephen J. Mulkern, and Karen & Richard Stagliano. If there is anyone you wish to add, please call or email the Office. All names will remain on our Prayer List unless we are notified.

From Father Phong

I long for peace. Inner peace. That my heart - in fact my entire existential being - would not be perturbed or disturbed by the contagious and irresistible desire to control. I thoroughly comprehend and do get it that desire is the cause of all sufferings. But - I am treading on a theological heresy here - it does seem that even God is tangling too in desire? How else shall we ascribe the trinity of lover, beloved and love? Thus, I am created, formed and shaped by desire. Hence deep in the marrow of my bones and mingling intimately with my every drop of blood is desire. And right now, I desire peace.

It was a hard Thanksgiving. Mom was here. Wheelchaired and has very little control of her limbs. She ate little. Slept a lot, curled up in a fetal position most of the time. People often said that I have inherited her smile. If that is the case, I think that I now completely own that smile. For it is gone from her face. And the light of life, often radiating happiness, tenderness, impishness, intelligence and lots of love and joy, seems to remain just a flicker in her eyes. When I lifted her back onto the wheelchair at Logan, when I gave her a stern instruction, once back to Houston, to exercise her legs, and when I made a hard turn around heading outside to the car to return to the empty rectory, I knew that those might have been my last moments with mom. I am planning to see her on the third anniversary of my dad's passing. And I do desire that mom would still be there. In flesh and bones.

It was also a joyous Thanksgiving. I turned 59. A year closer to 60. Six years away from playing golf at the senior's rate. Yes, on that day I had blown out quite a lot of candles and consumed a liberal amount of chocolate cakes. Yes, on the day after, Black Friday, I did promise to myself that I shall commit to do some form of exercise right after the weekday morning Masses. To take place on the following Monday. Oh well, I am now three days behind schedule. The Blessed Gotama here is absolutely correct. Desire is the cause of my suffering from an excess of fat, cholesterol, blood pressure and uric acid. But how could one say no to a gorgeous slice of tiramisu? Wouldn't I be considered impolite and even uncouth to turn down a chunk of perfectly prepared prime rib? Heck, I am 59 and have maneuvered through enough ups and downs. So, with the words of the great Wittgenstein, let me declare: "Tell them, I've had a wonderful life!" Give me the bacon! Give me the chocolate! Give me the dark meat! I truly wish that God, once this humanity is recreated, would form an Adam and an Eve whose body can harbor together in perfect harmony of bacon, chocolate, prime rib, pasta carbonara and inner peace.

I am grateful for all the birthday wishes and blessings. Although I might have reacted nonchalantly, your words have profoundly touched me.

Do make an extra effort to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. on this Sunday and Monday. Do go and have your heart and soul cleansed of past angry words and hurtful deeds. Do go to get yourselves renewed, recreated and reformed. Please be compassionate, kind and loving to your very self by going to Confession.

I am not preaching to the choir, because there ain't any choir - it seems - nowadays. You and I are so busy with running around to no place and to nowhere. The GPS is activated but there ain't any ear listening to instructions nor any eye looking at the directions. Just a tightly concealed heart in an imprisoned soul. An empty manger. Peace remains rather lonely in a humanity so filled with stupid desires of bacon, of chocolate, of dark meat, of complacency, of violence, of self-righteousness and self-appointed savior complex. Please do not leave the Child Jesus to just an hour per week in our everydayness.

Let's together long for peace. Sacred Inner Peace.

Shalom, Father Phong



Saint Clement Parish joyfully welcomes
Viviana Luciano

who is celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

BLESSED ANDREW FOOD COURT

We are happy to report the Food Court is a great success. Thank you to all who work so hard and also to those who are supporting these Sunday collations. The November report is:

Giáo Xứ rất vui mừng tường trình tới tất cả cộng đoàn về hoạt động của quán ăn Chân Phước An-rê Phú Yên trong tháng 11 vừa qua. Xin chân thành cảm ơn tới tất cả các thành viên trong ban nấu ăn và tất cả cộng đoàn luôn hăng say ủng hộ mỗi tuần.

Income	\$17252.00
Expenses	\$7,591.00
Profit	\$9,661.00

COLLECTIONS



Offertory	\$ 7,362.00
Mass Intention	\$ 1,515.00
Donation	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 9,177.00

Thank you so much and God bless.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters is holding a drive for our homeless neighbors. We are collecting cotton socks, hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs for men, women and children. We will have boxes inside and outside of the Parish Hall before/after all Masses from Nov. 27 – Dec. 11. Items will be distributed to The Somerville Coalition for the Homeless and Monica’s Kitchen in the South End.



Court St. Clementine Annual Wreath Sale
Deadline to order: December 8

It’s Back... The CDA Advent Raffle returns! Over 25 baskets for you to take a chance on! Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses beginning Nov. 27. Raffles will be drawn after the 4 p.m. Mass on Dec. 11th. Come down to the Hall next weekend and take a look at what we have! As always, Catholic Daughters thanks you for your support. Our major fundraisers support our charitable donations locally, nationally and this year internationally, as we sponsor building a house in Viet Nam.

Mary Grace DiMartino

Please Pray For The Souls of



Phuong Lam
Rita Margarita Rasetta
Tina S. Primo

whose funerals were celebrated last week.



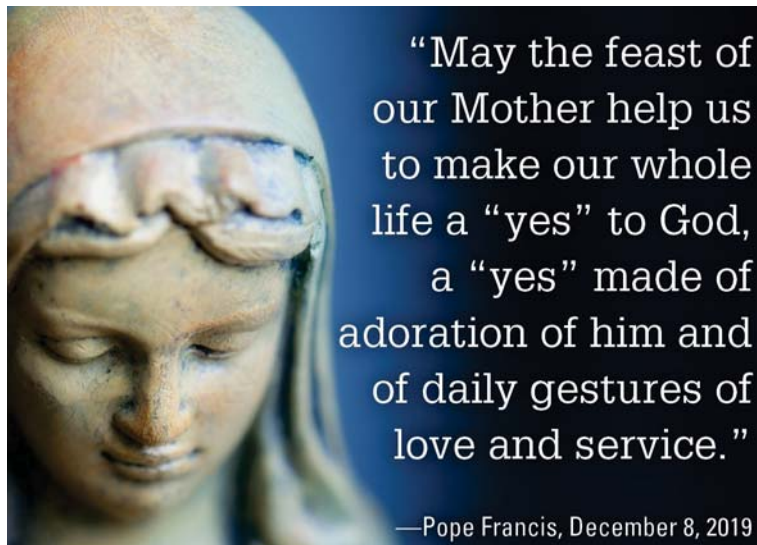
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St. Clement Church Giving Tree



All donations will benefit The Bread of Life during this Advent Season. The Bread of Life is a nonprofit, nondenominational faith-based organization serving the communities north of Boston, with a mission to feed the body and nurture the soul. They strive to feed the hungry, the homeless, the needy and the isolated; to offer spiritual nurture, support and hospitality; to promote greater peace and justice by addressing broader issues of hunger, poverty, and need; and to conduct their work in a spirit of respect and nonviolence.

They will accept gift cards to Stop & Shop and Shaw in any denomination. Also Dunkin or Honey Dew in \$5.00 or \$10.00 amounts. The return date for all donations is December 15, 2021. The Giving Tree is located at the center entrance of the Church and gifts cards can be placed in the slotted container. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support. **The Parish Liturgy Committee.**



“May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a “yes” to God, a “yes” made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service.”

—Pope Francis, December 8, 2019

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