



THE CLEMENTIAN

August 12, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We all have moments of jubilation and moments of discouragement in our lives. We may be in prison, we may be dealing with difficulties at work or at home, we may have lost our confidence and feel like a failure. These moments of hardship can sap the life right out of us! But, in today's Gospel, we see Jesus telling people that He is the Bread of Life "that came down from heaven" (John 6:51). Even greater than the food that God provided for Elijah in today's first reading, Jesus offers us living bread, His own flesh! He offers us His own life in the Eucharist so that we don't ever have to lose hope. As we take and eat, Jesus can minister to our fearful and broken hearts. Even the simple act of eating this Bread can help us feel better.

The Eucharist inspires us to hold on to our faith, even when we are downcast. It reminds us that Jesus was completely human, like us in every way except sin. He was tempted just like us. He suffered like us. So, He knows firsthand what it's like to be troubled.

So, take and eat today, knowing that Jesus is with you through even your most troubling times. He will give you His energy for the long haul.

Our readings for next weekend, August 18 & 19: Proverbs 9:1-6/Ephesians 5:15-20/John 6:51-58
Worship Book #923

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 8/13—Ezekiel 1:2-28/Matthew 17:22-27
Tue 8/14—Ezekiel 2:8—3:4/Matthew 18:1-14
Wed 8/15— Revelation 11:19;12:1-10/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56
Thurs 8/16— Ezekiel 12:1-12/Matthew 18:21—19:1
Fri 8/17—Ezekiel 16:1-5, 60, 63/Matthew 19:3-12
Sat 8/18— Ezekiel 18:1-32/Matthew 19:13-15

CALENDAR WINNERS

Aug 1—John Becker, #655
Aug 2—Jennie Gates, #173
Aug 3—Marge Surdukan, #395
Aug 4—John Gritzer, #928
Aug 5—Joe Martella, #339
Aug 6—James Baroni, #531
Aug 7—Al & Anne Likar, #038

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>JULY 2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 72,799	\$72,799
Expenses Paid:	<u>39,708</u>	<u>39,708</u>
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ 33,091	\$ 33,091



THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK!



SHARE YOUR FAITH!

As we prepare for another exciting year of Faith Formation, we are, once again, looking for a few Catechists. Being a Catechist is a fun and fulfilling way to share and GROW your faith! Please contact Mandy Vigna at the rectory if you are interested.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes for students in grades K-11, who are not attending a Catholic school, meet Sunday mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM **beginning September 9th** and continuing through the school year. To register a NEW student, please contact Mandy Vigna at the rectory, 255-4422.

2018-19 *TUITION RATES

K-8—\$45/1 Child; \$80/2 Children;
\$100/3+ Children

9-11—\$50/Student

*May be paid the first week of class.



ATTENTION FAMILIES

Families of students preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist should mark their calendars with the following dates:

Nov. 4—First Reconciliation Retreat

Jan. 19—First Reconciliation

Apr. 7—First Eucharist Retreat

May 5—First Eucharist



CONFIRMATION NEWS

In addition to Faith Formation classes, students in grades 9-11 are actively preparing for Confirmation into the Catholic Church. There will be an Informational Meeting to learn more about the process. We will meet **Wednesday, September 5th and Monday, September 10th**. All **ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students and their parents** should attend one of these meetings.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

(Corrected Dates)

Sept. 5—6:00 PM—Information Meeting

Sept. 10—6:00 PM—Information Meeting

Sept. 16—1:00 PM—11a

Sept. 29—8:30 AM-3:30 PM—10th Grade Retreat

Sept. 30—1:00 PM—9a

Oct. 14—1:00 PM—10a

Oct. 28—SHYCON (Grades 9-12)

Nov. 11—10:30 AM—Rite of Commitment (Grade 10)

Dec. 1—8:30 AM—11th Grade Retreat

Dec. 9—1:00 PM—11b

Jan. 13—10:30 AM—Rite of Blessing (Grade 9)

Jan. 26—8:30 AM—9th Grade Retreat

Feb. 17—1:00 PM—10b

Mar. 3—1:00 PM—9b

Mar. 17—Junior High Youth Day

Mar. 31—1:00 PM—11c

Apr. 28—10:30 AM—Rite of Sending (11)

May 8—Confirmation Rehearsal (11)

May 9—Confirmation (11)

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION— A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption—a holy day of obligation.

Mass times are as follows:

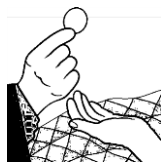
Tuesday, August 14 – 4:00 PM - Vigil

Wednesday, August 15 – 6:30 PM



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER/S NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion serve in three different capacities at St. Clement Parish – distributing communion at Masses, nursing homes and private homes of homebound parishioners. **We are currently looking for a minister who would be willing to distribute communion at the Allegheny Lutheran Home or Westmont Woods every 3 weeks.** It takes approximately 1 to 1½ hours, depending on the number of residents, their availability and the amount of time you wish to spend with them. Some ministers distribute communion on Sundays and others make plans to go on alternate weekend days. If you feel called to become a member of this special ministry, please call the rectory office.



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE “MAKING CHRIST A HOME IN YOUR HEART”

2018 Goal: \$42,999

Amount Pledged: 23,800

Amount Still Needed: \$19,199

Total Families: 505 **Total Donors:** 145

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org.

Marriage: Some days are better than others, but the gift of passing on how we pray as Catholics is worth all of the challenges of taking children to Mass. USCCB

Life Matters: From **Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018**, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. The upcoming Supreme Court vacancy provides us with yet another occasion requiring focused prayer. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are urging all people of good will to pray that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena. Sign up to receive the novena by email or text message. USCCB



NOTRE DAME GLOBAL MISSIONS

This weekend, we welcome Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, a representative of Notre Dame Global Missions, for the annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal sponsored by the Diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We thank Sr. Ann Marie for sharing how Notre Dame missionaries accompany the poor and marginalized—empowering people through spiritual care, faith formation, education, work with the handicapped, healthcare, social services and social action. Your generous gift to the Missions will support the work of justice and love through which the Notre Dame missionaries bring the Good News of the Gospel to our sisters and brothers in need. **A special collection envelope is in today's bulletin. Please make checks payable to St. Clement Parish and put “Mission Collection” on the memo line.**



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+** Wedding Anniversary in **2018** (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 9th in ALTOONA** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 16th in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 21st.**

Resurrection Parish
GROOVIN' AT THE GROVE
Cooper Avenue, Tanneryville
Saturday, August 18th – 5:00-10:00 PM
Flood City Brass – 7:00-10:00 PM
Food & Beverages available for purchase
Free Admission!



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Have an interest in changing a child's life through foster care? Professional Family Care Services is having a meet and greet at our training center at 1790 Goucher Street (across the street from Sheetz) this **Wednesday, August 15** at 6:00 PM. You can meet staff and current foster parents and hear about how becoming a foster parent has enriched their lives. Please RSVP to Deb @ 814-255-9559, Ext. 108.

FUNERAL CHOIR LUNCHEON



The Funeral Choir will meet **this Thursday, August 16th** at 12:00 Noon for lunch at Fresh Harvest Restaurant at Laurel View Village. We also invite those "extended members" who sing with our choir to join us!



FIRST RESPONDERS BLUE MASS

Honoring first responders for their service
Sunday, September 9th
St John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown
11:00 AM



PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAYS—THIS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 & 15. PLEASE CUT OUT THE COUPON BELOW AND TAKE IT

WITH YOU TO PIZZA HUT. PIZZA HUT SCRIP IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND AT THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAY

Have Pizza delivered to your home or while you work on our Pizza Hut Fundraiser Day and Pizza Hut will donate **10%** of the sales to St. Clement Church!

Dine-in and carryout count too!
Please present ticket to server or delivery driver.

When: **Tuesday & Wednesday, August 14 & 15**
Time: **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**
Where: **Westmont Pizza Hut – 255-4151**



Donated to: **ST. CLEMENT CHURCH**

SAVE THE DATE!

Praise God
in



An evening of Scripture, Story and Song!
**ST. CLEMENT CHURCH
PAVILION**
Friday, September 14, 2018
6:30 PM

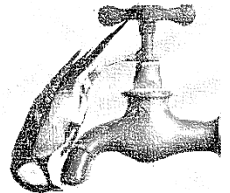


ECUMENISM: UNDERSTANDING OTHER CHRISTIANS

Christ is loved by many who are not of the Catholic Faith, but who are rooted in various Christian traditions. They are your neighbors, friends and spouses. But often we know so little about these traditions. Ecumenism involves the study of various Christian traditions with the desire to grow into communion and friendship with them. Monsignor Michael Becker, Ecumenical Minister for the diocese, will be offering a special introductory course on "Ecumenism: Understanding Other Christians," which will be an overview of Catholic ecumenical teaching. This course will be offered at the Family Life Office in Lilly on **Monday, September 17, 24 & October 1 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM.** There is a \$10 registration fee. To register, please contact the Family Life Office at (814) 886-5551.

SEARCHING FOR A SPIRITUAL HOME? Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?
- Is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?
- Is searching for a sense of community?



Since Jesus invited His first followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. **Rooted from the very beginning of Church tradition, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey for welcoming adult newcomers into the Catholic faith.** It is an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. **Participants attend weekly sessions which begin in early September each year.**

The four phases of preparation allow the necessary time for individuals to become fully informed about our faith, ask questions and pray for God's guidance before making a final commitment. It is a process whereby adults become fully participating members of the church through a series of rites, which conclude at the Easter Vigil service in the spring. Each person is supported by sponsors and the prayers of the entire church community.



For more information, pick up a "Journey of Faith" brochure at one of the entrances to the church or call the rectory at 255-4422.



While you are soaking up the summer sun and fun, we are busy planning our parish's first season of the new spiritual renewal process called *ARISE Together in Christ* that is sweeping the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The following Arise Parish Team & Staff members are available for any questions:



Karen Esaias, Arise Coordinator
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Kim Becker
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Stephanie Bischof
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Dennis Brawley
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John Concannon
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Suzie Catanese
288-3621

Nancy Stampelis
288-3899

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place. ~Pope Francis



LOCAL ARTIST IS HAVING AN ART SHOW!

Paul Cubeta, a local artist, will have his paintings and drawings on display at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Windber, **Saturday, September 8th** (11AM – 6PM) and **Sunday, September 9th** (12 Noon- 6:00 PM).

SLAVIC FESTIVAL

The Johnstown Slavic Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2018** at The Heritage Discovery Center, Broad Street, from **Noon until 8 PM**. Enjoy food, music and crafts from many Slavic nations. There is also a nut roll contest – enter your best nut roll to win a cash prize and title of “Best Nut Roll”. For additional information, call Julie Wagner at 241-6497.



WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT OF PRAYER FOCUS: GOD FOR ALL SEASONS

September 28 – 29, 2018

Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown, PA

A time for women – young and old – to Pray, to Reflect, to be Present and to Renew. Our weekend will include presentations, discussions, meals, prayer and praise & worship. Our lodging is in the Bowersox Enrichment Center. Cost for the weekend is \$90. Please call Stephanie at 467-8189 or Maureen at 255-6504 for more information.

Introducing



GOOD WORKS SATURDAYS

Helping Neighbors in Need

St. Clement Parish Council is happy to introduce “**Good Works Saturdays**”, a new service ministry. This ministry is a network of several parishioners (men and women) who have the spiritual gift of service and have expressed an interest in volunteering their time and talents to help parishioners in need.

Who is this ministry for?

- Parishioners who are elderly or physically unable to complete small projects around their home.

What type of work will the team do?

- Routine repairs in and around the home such as washing windows, trimming bushes, fixing leaky faucets, replacing light bulbs, changing air filters, raking leaves, writing checks, sewing, performing small plumbing, electrical and painting jobs, etc. Each request will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine if we are able to perform the work.

When will the work be done?

- For the most part, the second Saturday of each month, but we will consider other times, depending on the schedules of our volunteers.

What do I do if I want help?

- Call the rectory at 255-4422. All requests will remain confidential.
- Sign a simple waiver along with the volunteer. This is done to protect everyone from liability.



**Something that will make you feel like you are a part of something bigger?
Something that will connect you in a special way to fellow parishioners? If
you feel the call to reach out to your parish in this way, please join the
“GOOD WORKS SATURDAYS” Team! We happily welcome men, women and
young adults, and you don’t have to consider yourself a “handyman” to be
helpful! Call the rectory to sign up.**