

THE CLEMENTIAN

September 9, 2018

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a twelfth-century monk from France, wrote:
The man who is wise...will see his life as more like a reservoir than a canal. The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water until it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself...You, too, must learn to await this fullness before pouring out your gifts.
Do not try to be more generous than God.

God never intended us to be a "canal" always giving away whatever we receive, never holding onto anything for ourselves. No, He wants to take care of us—day after day after day. He knows that if we can learn to be like "reservoirs," not only will we become more joyful and peaceful, but we will also become more effective in caring for the people around us. We pour ourselves out every day: for our children/grandchildren, for our aging parents, for our coworkers, and for our neighbors. But if we spend all of our time taking care of everyone else, we'll end up physically exhausted and spiritually depleted. There is nothing wrong with taking five or ten minutes each day to soak up the love and mercy of God. There's nothing wrong with becoming a reservoir instead of a canal. God's extravagant promises are for you just as much as they are for everyone else.

Our readings for next weekend, September 15 & 16: Isaiah 50:4-9/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35
Worship Book #935

DAILY MASS READINGS

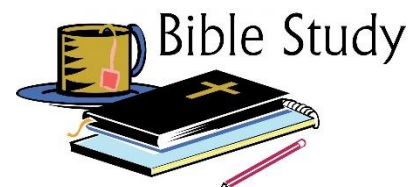
Mon 9/10—1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Luke 6:6-11
Tue 9/11—1 Corinthians 6:1-11/Luke 6:12-19
Wed 9/12—1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Luke 6:20-26
Thurs 9/13—1 Corinthians 8:1-13/Luke 6:27-38
Fri 9/14—Num 21:4-9/Philippians 2:6-11/John 3:13-17
Sat 9/15—1 Corinthians 10:14-22/John 19:25-27

CALENDAR WINNERS

Aug 29—Clair Wood, #962
Aug 30—Stephanie Hagerty, #891
Aug 31—Barbara Pastovic, #130
Sept 01—Emilie Polenik, #055
Sept 02—Marge Surdukan, #395
Sept 03—Maureen Black, #025
Sept 04—Carol Leis, #889

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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



No Bible Study this week!



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 **THIS SUNDAY, September 9th** and continuing through the school year. To register a NEW student, please contact Mandy Vigna at the rectory, 255-4422.



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 **again this Monday, September 10th**. All **ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students and their parents** should attend one of these meetings.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

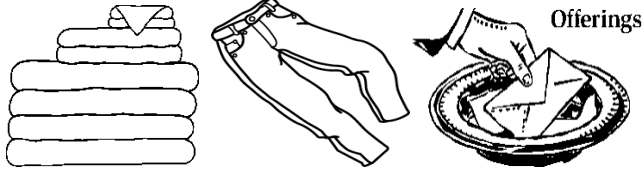
- Sept. 10**—6:00 PM—Information Meeting in St. Clement School, follow signs
- Sept. 16**—1:00 PM—11a
- Sept. 29**—8:30 AM-3:30 PM—10th Grade Retreat
- Sept. 30**—1:00 PM—9a
- Oct. 14**—1:00 PM—10a
- Oct. 28**—SHYCON (Grades 9-12)
- Nov. 11**—10:30 AM—Rite of Commitment (Grade 10)
- Dec. 1**—8:30 AM—11th 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)



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE "MAKING CHRIST A HOME IN YOUR HEART"

2018 Goal: \$42,999
Amount Pledged: 23,945
Amount Still Needed: \$19,054
Total Families: 505 Total Donors: 146

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.



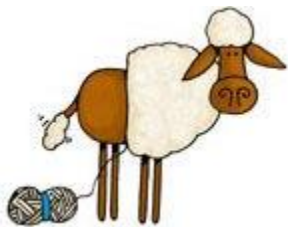
MARTHA & MARY HOUSE COLLECTION

John Georgevich, a member of Parish Council's Christian Service outreach, is coordinating a collection for the Martha & Mary House. As a reminder, Martha & Mary House is a homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that provides support, safety and hope to individuals and families in Cambria County.

On the weekend of **September 15th and 16th, at all Masses**, we will be collecting the following items:

- NEW towels, hand towels and washcloths
- Jeans (New or gently used) – Men, women and children's – any size
- \$ - Cash donations – the second collection at all Masses will be used to purchase additional towels and jeans that will be delivered to Martha and Mary House along with the ones donated.

We hope you will be generous!



Got 4-ply yarn?

One of our parishioners likes to crochet, but her supply of yarn has dwindled away.

If you have some yarn of the **4-ply kind**, you no longer use, and if you don't mind,

Bring it to the office - or church, if you prefer. We'll make sure the yarn is delivered to her.

Marriage: The Catholic Church cares about marriage. The Second Vatican Council said, "The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family." Marriage is a gift to society. 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



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 still 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.

JOINING AN ARISE SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP WILL TAKE YOU DOWN A NEW PATH FILLED WITH POSSIBILITIES!



It's not **WHERE YOU GO...**
it's **WHO YOU MEET** along the way.

- The Wizard of Oz

With 3 simple words, "Come and see"
Jesus invited the Apostles to get to know Him and each other, as they traveled together in faith. This group of acquaintances, soon to be friends, accepted Jesus' invitation and formed a small community. **ARISE** is about building the same kind of small faith-sharing communities. If you feel something tugging at your heart, it just might be God saying to you "Come and see".....



CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

The St. Clement Adult Choir will resume practice on **Monday evenings beginning September 24th at 7:00 PM** in the church. Please consider this very special ministry to praise our Lord through song. All are welcome!
Contact Mary Statler at 255-6420 if you would like to join our choir or if you have any questions.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!



ST. THERESE PIROGHI SALE

Hand-made/Home-made potato and cheese piroghi. **Call in orders on Monday, September 24th** at 814-539-7633 from 9AM to 11AM. Cost is \$6.50/dozen (with or without onions). **Pick up your order on Friday, September 28th** from 9AM -2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. **Watch for our ad in the Tribune Democrat on Monday.**

PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAYS—THIS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 & 12. 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, September 11 & 12**
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**



SOUP SALE

Join the St. Vincent DePaul Society for Friends-day Wednesday! The **2nd Wednesday of each month** from September through May, two different soups will be featured that can be purchased by the quart or bowl. The first sale will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th from 4:00-7:00 PM** at the Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford Street. Cost is \$7.00/quart with bread and \$5.00/bowl with bread. Phone 539-7811 or 242-2083.



ANNUAL NOVENA

St. Therese Church will be holding their Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting **Sunday, September 23rd** and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM, & 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM. **Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday, September 30th at 2PM.** The closing of the Novena will be Monday, October 1st with refreshments served after the 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM Mass in the Church Hall. To have your intentions placed on the altar during the Novena, send them to the St. Therese Church rectory.



ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS' DAY

1. Ask your grandparent(s) to help you make a book of their favorite prayers.
2. Write about a favorite memory that you share with your grandparent(s).
3. Talk to your grandparent(s) about what school was like when they were your age. What was their classroom like? How many were in the class? What did they like about school? What did they wear? What had they for lunch? How did they travel to school? Do they ever meet some of their class/school friends?
4. Is your grandparent good at knitting, painting, football, sewing, gardening, caring for pets? If so, ask them to teach you.
5. Write a prayer or a poem for your favorite grandparent.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

Many families live far away from their grandparents. Many older citizens live far away from their grandchildren. Find an older person in your neighborhood to adopt. Remember them with cards, gifts, food and visits!



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS

Schedule	Mass Schedule	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors/Cantors	Greeters
MONDAY 10-Aug	WEEKDAY NO MASS				
TUESDAY 11-Sep	WEEKDAY NO MASS				
WEDNESDAY 12-Sep	MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY NO MASS				
THURSDAY 13-Sep 8:00 AM	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 66th Wedding Anniversary for Dick & Flo Cowan, Req. by Family	John Pattison Ed Serafin	Ruth Riek	Marsha Critchfield	
FRIDAY 14-Sep 8:00 AM	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Anniv. Remembrance for Terese Chabon, Req. by Family	John Pattison Ed Serafin	Diane Riner	Andrea Riek	
SATURDAY 15-Sep 4:00 PM	OUR LADY OF SORROWS Birthday Remembrance for Theresa Fogel, Req. by Family & Friends	Chase Gleason Hunter Gleason Sylvia Sanfilippo	V. Pfeiffer E. Reitz, K. Williams M. Gaborek, A. Krivac C. Hohrun, R. Riek	Marsha Critchfield Mary Casto Emilie Polenik Rosalyn Marovich	Theresa Connor Angelina Petro Caroline Petro
SUNDAY 16-Sep 8:15 AM	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Intentions of Parish Family	Noah Gresh Katherine Horner Natalie Horner	J. Mabon J. Brett, L. Honkus	Debbie Rullman Julie Wagner Dave Pavlik Barb Penksa	Chris Bowser Sue Gresh Larry Gresh
10:30 AM	Les Weinzierl, Req. by Ray & Annette Jones	Allie Gehlmann Julia Kleinmeyer Noah Louder	B. Riner M. Battaline, D. Riner J. Pattison, J. Saracena J. Thomas, G. Weinzierl C. Mercik-Choir	Dan Gehlmann Pam Gehlmann Bronwen Rievel Bryan Bazyk	Mary Jane Ashcom Annette Jones Ray Jones Karen Sheridan