



THE CLEMENTIAN

April 14, 2019

One of the best ways to read the story of Jesus' passion is to put ourselves in His shoes. First, Jesus watched one of His own apostles betray Him with a kiss. Have you ever had

someone smile at you on the surface but then do something to intentionally hurt you? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. Have you ever had your best friends abandon you in a dark time? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. If you ever had people make up lies and false accusations about you in an effort to destroy your reputation, then you have had a taste of the passion. If you have ever been the brunt of terrible jokes and pranks that hurt, then you have had a taste of the passion.

Was any of this fun? No. Did it hurt you deeply? Probably. Did you get angry, feel humiliated, harbor resentment? Likely. Did you want to get even? Maybe.

At the passion, if Jesus fell prey to one split second of resentment or one moment of anger, He would not have been able to save us. Everything would have been lost. But He didn't. Throughout this ordeal, as unjust as it was, Jesus acted like a lamb led to slaughter.

All of us will face false accusation or abuse or betrayal at some point in our lives. It's likely that most of us already have. As we hear the passion today, let's resolve to be as merciful as we can to everyone who has hurt us, ridiculed us, betrayed us, or tarnished our reputations. Let us also agree never again to undermine someone or hurt someone.

Reflecting on Jesus' passion naturally saddens us to see Jesus suffer and be mistreated so much. But it can also help us. We can look at the cross and ask God to help us be more forgiving—just as Jesus was!

Our readings for next weekend, April 20 & 21: Acts 10:34-43/Colossians 3:1-4/John 20:1-9
Worship Book #836

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>MARCH 2019</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 30,525	\$355,901
Expenses Paid:	39,617	364,116
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ (9,092)	\$ (8,215)

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 4/15—Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11
Tue 4/16—Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-38
Wed 4/17—Isaiah 50:4-9/Matthew 26:14-25
Thurs 4/18—Ex 12:1-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/John 13:1-15
Fri 4/19—Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/John 18:1—19:42
Sat 4/20—Gen 1:1—2 :2/Ex 14:15—15 :1/Rom 6:3-11 /Luke 24:1-12

CALENDAR WINNERS

- Apr 03—Aurelia Dilla, #350
- Apr 04—Arlene Goss, #258
- Apr 05—Cheryl Kepple, #029
- Apr 06—James Werner, #981
- Apr 07—Marie Kesslak, #602
- Apr 08—Mrs. John Dobrick, #939
- Apr 09—Alexander Kinney, #517

REMINDER...

The **GOOD WORKS SATURDAYS TEAM** is ready and willing to assist you with routine repair jobs in and around your home.  If they can be of service to you, please call the rectory.



Faith Formation

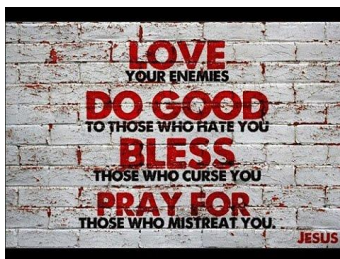
Once again, the Faith Formation academic year has flown past! Our students have learned about our faith and participated in faith sharing through the ARISE program. We hope they have grown closer to Christ! Please join us in the school cafeteria/social hall on **Sunday, April 28th** for a special reception as they share what they have learned.

Confirmation News

Juniors and their sponsors are to **meet in the school lobby at 10:15 AM on Sunday, April 28th**. We will sit together for Mass, and they will participate in the Rite of Sending.

Marriage: Father, we gaze upon the body of your Son, and we slowly begin to realize the enormity of your love for us, that you would send Him for this purpose of saving us from our sins... We hope that this realization and knowledge never leaves us and that we would apply it to how we live and love in our families, marriages, and relationships. May we remember that unconditional love is the only thing that has ever changed and will continue to change the world for the good. USCCB

Life Matters: "When battered by life's storms or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10)." USCCB



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

St. Clement Parish Family offers our sympathy to **Joanne & Frank Rovder on the death of Joanne's sister, Esther Swerbinsky**. Please keep them in your prayers.



PLAN OUR NEXT RECYCLING DRIVE!

We hope to have a drive at the end of May. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Mandy Vigna at 255-4422 or 659-9178.

Early Bird Basket Bash 4

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Members of the St. Clement Baking Ministry are currently being contacted to ask for their help with the upcoming basket party. If anyone else would like to provide baked goods (mini muffins, sweet breads, coffee cakes, biscotti, scones, cinnamon rolls, etc.) for our continental breakfast, please bring your items to the church social hall on **Friday, April 26th**. We had a wonderful array of baked goods at past basket parties and received many compliments on our breakfast. We look forward to your tasty contributions again!



Note: If you would like to add your name to our Blessed Bakers Ministry, call the rectory or e-mail Nancy Stampelis at nmstampelis@gmail.com. Bakers are called throughout the year to bake for the parish festival and various receptions and events.



ST. CLEMENT BASKET PARTY— DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our Early Bird Basket Bash will be held on **Saturday, April 27th**. As in the past, we need your help. At the entrances to the Church, we have suggestions for gift cards, lottery tickets and wine. If you can help, please take a slip with the item you would like to purchase. Gift cards can be purchased at the scrip table in the vestibule after Mass. You can give the card to the scrip seller and it will be sent to the Rectory Office. We thank you, in advance, for any help you can give.



BASKETS NEEDED!

We are also in need of filled baskets for our Early Bird Basket Bash. **If you would like to donate a filled basket, please bring it to the Rectory Office during regular office hours ASAP! We would like to have all the baskets by Monday, April 22nd**. Please make a list of items in your basket. **If you like, we would be happy to wrap the basket for you!**



OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS ARE THE BEST!

**Bulletin Sponsor of the Week:
Terra Car Company**

Please support Terra Car Company and all our bulletin sponsors for it is through their support that this bulletin is made possible.



CRUSADER NEWS!

Check out our April issue to see what Divine Mercy students are up to. Visit www.divinemeracy.academy to learn more about our extracurricular energy, accreditation updates, STREAM investments and more. Registration is open. Call 539-5315 for more info or for campus tours!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WASHING OF THE FEET

Jesus said, "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet...so that as I have done for you, you should also do." On **Holy Thursday, April 18th**, we will do exactly what Jesus called us to do, to wash one another's feet. If you would like to participate in this most moving and rewarding experience by having your feet washed, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule.



**PIZZA HUT "FUN
RAISER" DAYS—THIS
TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
& 17. PLEASE TAKE THE
COUPON IN TODAY'S
BULLETIN 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!**



COMING SOON

UNPLANNED

All Abby Johnston ever wanted to do was to help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upward of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in...until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading her to become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

Unplanned will be showing at the **Westwood Plaza Theatre** on these dates and times:

Friday, April 19th thru Sunday, April 21st
11:30 AM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Monday, April 22nd thru Thursday, April 25th
6:30 PM

Go see this movie and bring a friend!



We invite you to join us for **Shadow Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19th at 7:30 PM.** Students from our parish and our neighboring parish, All Saints Church, will silently portray the final hours of Jesus' life from His condemnation to His resurrection. We hope you can join us to experience this powerful form of prayer.

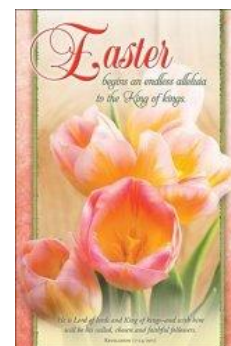
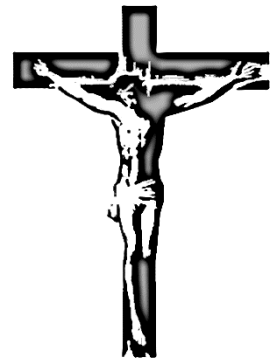
NOTE: Start time is 7:30 PM

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU?

The word "Triduum" comes from the Latin word meaning "three days," and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. The liturgical celebrations during the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. **While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.**

For this reason, Catholics are encouraged to observe the entire Triduum by attending all of the liturgies – the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Please plan ahead to free your schedule of social engagements, unnecessary work and entertainment during this week, and join our parish community at this special time.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for our Holy Week Schedule. The Greatest Week of the Liturgical Year!



THE CHURCH'S OFFICIAL EASTER CELEBRATION IS THE EASTER VIGIL ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The themes of the ceremony focus on **LIGHT** that drives out darkness and **WATER** that brings new life. Christ is seen as the light of the world. At the ceremony, a large candle represents Christ. It is carried into darkened Church at the beginning. All present have received smaller candles and they are lit from the Christ Candle to show what can happen to a dark world when Christ enters with His own message of peace and meaningful life of love. It is called the Paschal or "Passover" Candle—the passage from one life to another. This is what Lent is all about—Easter and New Life! Everything that is beautiful about the Church shines on the night of

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 20th – 8:30 PM



**St. Anthony of Padua, Windber
GNOCCHI DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
11 AM-2 PM
\$9.00
TAKE-OUT ONLY**

LET'S GET HOOPING!

Hula hoops aren't just for kids!

If you are looking for a new activity that will put some "spring" into your step, sculpt your entire body, improve strength, muscle tone, balance, flexibility, posture and coordination, AND increase your general happiness levels, join us for a:

**FREE Beginning Hooping 4-Week Workshop
Wednesdays, May 1st – May 22nd**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Clement Church Social Hall

Ages: 15 – 101

All hoops are provided, and no experience is necessary. You may attend one or all of the classes. Registration is suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. Cash donations will be accepted weekly and will benefit St. Clement Church ministries. For registration and questions, you may contact instructor, Dawn Georgevich at 814-691-0693.



**THE FRIARS' NOOK GIFT SHOP –
EASTER BAKE SALE**

Celebrate Holy Week by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop's Easter bake sale **Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week (April 15th-17th)**. The bake sale



will include Franciscan inspired Easter bread and ethnic cookies. Fresh product brought in daily! The shop is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. **The shop hours are Monday-Saturday: 10AM-4:00 PM.** For questions, please call 814-695-3802.