

THE CLEMENTIAN

March 1, 2020



First
Sunday
in Lent

In today's Gospel, you hear about the cunning strategy the devil used to sow doubt about God's goodness and love into Jesus' mind. If he could shake Jesus' trust in His Father, then maybe Jesus would feel less obligated to stay faithful. In the end, Jesus won out. In His succeeding, He opened the way for us to succeed as well. He beat back the devil's temptations by doing the one thing that even we can do when we are tempted: He exercised stubborn faith!

Make no mistake, you will be tempted this Lent. The devil will try to convince you that God doesn't care about you or that obeying the commandments will leave you unsatisfied. Don't believe it! Hold fast to your Lenten commitments. Stay faithful in prayer. And if you should fall short, remember that you are still a child of God. He loves you and He will always help you. He may even send an angel to comfort you!

"Lord, strengthen me with Your grace this Lent so that I can overcome any temptation."

Our readings for next weekend, March 7 & 8: Genesis 12:1-4/2 Timothy 1:8-10/Matthew 17:1-9
Worship Book #790

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>JANUARY 2020</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 56,137	\$302,055
Expenses Paid:	<u>49,235</u>	<u>308,639</u>
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ 6,902	\$ (6,584)

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 3/2—Leviticus 19:1-18/Matthew 25:31-46
Tue 3/3—Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15
Wed 3/4—Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32
Thur 3/5—Esther C:12-25/Matthew 7:7-12
Fri 3/6—Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26
Sat 3/7—Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48



CALENDAR WINNERS



Feb 19—Ashley Gacka, #258
Feb 20—Marge Flori, #106
Feb 21—Sue & Fred Casale, #289
Feb 22—LT Polenik, #676
Feb 23—Randy Civis, #745
Feb 24—Terry Sipes, #297
Feb 25—Kaye Esaias, #953



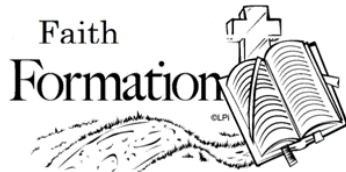
2020 adult church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Have you picked yours up????





OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

St. Clement Parish Family offers our sympathy to **Polo Yniguez and his family on the death of his wife, Janet.** Please keep them in your prayers.



NEWS

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE MARCH

- 3/15 – Jr. High Youth Day – Bishop Carroll
- 3/29 – 1-4:00 PM – 11c – School Library
- 3/29 – VERIFICATION OF SPONSOR MEETING 4

Confirmation letters to Father Rosenbaum are now due! The date previously listed was incorrect. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Marriage: Where is your church? Perhaps it's closer than you think. A family is "the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The early Church [called] the Christian family a *domestic church* or *church of the home.*" (Follow the Way of Love) USCCB

Life Matters: We pray to the Lord for any expectant mother considering abortion for the Lord to protect her and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child. USCCB

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen for the Unborn: Please say this prayer every day for nine months to save an unborn baby's life: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the **2020 Catholic Ministries Drive—Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission.** Please join them in supporting our parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at all entrances to the church. You may also give online @ www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 100% of you gift goes directly to these ministries! On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS GOODS SALE

Next weekend, **March 7th & 8th**, Roni Salsa, a representative from **Bethlehem Christian Families**, a nonprofit organization through **Land of Peace**, will visit our parish. He will be speaking about Christian issues in the Holy Land and the Middle East where Christian families are facing persecutions on a daily basis. Roni will be selling religious goods (Crucifixes, art work, rosaries, etc.), many of which are made of olive wood that is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Sale of these religious items provides much needed aid for the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and the Middle East. Please stop in the vestibule to browse the selection of items available and support this worthy cause. This would be a good opportunity to shop for upcoming communions, graduations, weddings, birthdays, etc. For more information on this organization, you can visit www.landofpeace.org or www.bcfmission.com.



LENT

New Heart, New Spirit

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR LENT

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son. Amen



I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

Ezekiel 36:26



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

If we are going to be followers of Jesus, He tells us that each person must "take up his cross and follow me". The Stations of the Cross is an ancient meditation in Jesus' journey to the cross and eventually the tomb. **Stations are prayed every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 PM (Good Friday – 7:30 PM).** Jesus did the heavy lifting - can you give up an hour of your time to recount His journey to the cross?

March 6th Altar Servers: Ella Brawley, Grace Brawley, Alexis Roth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Not My Will, But Yours Be Done"

On **Friday, March 27th**, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in a special way by using candle bearers in front of the 14 Stations. If you would like to participate by being a candle bearer, please sign the volunteer form located in the vestibule. **Note: This is the version of stations that we have traditionally been praying on Good Friday.**



Note to Self

If there is any voice in your head that says, "Life will never change for the better", that voice is not the voice of Jesus.

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**Please support these businesses
for it is through their support that
this bulletin is made possible.**

Save These
DATES

Wednesdays -

March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st

FREE 4-week Beginner Hooping Fitness Class

St. Clement Social Hall

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Look for more information in
next week's bulletin!



FISH & FRY TAKE-OUT

VISITATION CHURCH

McKinley Avenue, Eighth Ward

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

(Except Good Friday)

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

DINNER INCLUDES:

LARGE Fish Sandwich, Coleslaw

Choice of: Mac & Cheese, French Fries or

Sweet Potato Fries

Beverage

(Cutlery and Condiments Included)

Cost: \$10.00

Delivery Available Within a 5 Mile Range

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Mom's House,
Inc. of Johnstown
invites you to
Trivia Night,
Wednesday,

March 11th @ the Boulevard Grill. Doors
open @ 5:30 PM – first question is @ 6:30
PM. Admission includes food, drinks, &
dessert. Teams of up to 8 people -
\$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call
Allegra @ 535-4848 for team registration or
information.

NOVENA TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE



The St. Andrew Church Annual
Novena to the Infant of
Prague will **begin on Sunday,**
March 15th at 7:00 PM and will
continue every evening until
Monday, March 23rd at 7:00

PM. Adoration will be held nightly for 1 hour
before the Novena. We will have additional
priests to hear confessions after Mass every
night.