



THE CLEMENTIAN

March 15, 2020

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus asking a Samaritan woman who had come to the well to give Him a drink. But more was going on with Jesus than just looking to quench His physical thirst. He was also thirsty for love.

We might wonder why Jesus would desire the love of someone who was not only a Samaritan, but who had a checkered past. But that's who Jesus is! Like the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus loves each one of us. No matter who we are or what our sins, He who is love cannot help but seek after our love. He thirsts for all of us!

So, how do we quench Jesus' thirst? By spending time with Him. Don't think of it as an obligation or duty, something you "owe" to God. Think of it instead as a time when you are letting Jesus get His fill of you. He loves you so much that He can't get enough of your undivided attention! He loves you so much that He wants you to put aside all the other demands in your life for a time, go to a quiet place, and sit with Him.

Believe that while you are praying, you are delighting Jesus by your presence. Remember that He enjoys being with you! Believe, too, that as you sit with Him, He is giving you the "living water" that will fulfill your deepest needs and desires!

"Jesus, may I thirst for You as You thirst for me!"

Our readings for next weekend, March 21 & 22: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41
Worship Book #796

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>FEBRUARY 2020</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 29,961	\$332,130
Expenses Paid:	41,225	349,864
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ (11,264)	\$ (17,734)



CALENDAR WINNERS

- Mar 04—Michael Eppolito, #671
- Mar 05—Sue Mead, #939
- Mar 06—George Lambrinos, #845
- Mar 07—Samantha Morello, #510
- Mar 08—Stacy Hughes, #011
- *Mar 09—Joy Glassberg-Rose, #940
- Mar 10—Richard VonSchlichten, #001
- *Seller's Bonus Day—Marsha Critchfield

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 3/16—2 Kings 5:1-15/Luke 4:24-30
Tue 3/17— Daniel 3:25-43/Matthew 18:21-25
Wed 3/18—Deuteronomy 4:1-9/Matthew 5:17-19
Thur 3/19—2 Sam 7:4-16/Romans 4:13-22/Matt 1:16-24
Fri 3/20—Hosea 14:2-10/Mark 12:28-34
Sat 3/21—Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14



2020 Adult & Children's church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Have you picked yours up????



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

APRIL

4/6 – SPRING Service due for Juniors

4/26 – 9:15 AM Last Faith Formation –
St. Clement Social Hall

10:30 AM Rite of Sending

FALL Service Due for Freshmen &
Sophomores

Sponsor Session 2 due

4/29 – 6:15 PM Confirmation Practice –
Zion Lutheran Church

4/30 – 5:45 PM Confirmation – St. John Gualbert
Cathedral (meet @ Zion Lutheran)

Marriage: Are you, or someone you know, in a troubled marriage? You don't have to live with the pain; there are people to help you work toward a better marriage. Many couples have worked their way back to satisfying and stronger marriages. Check out *The Third Option* or *Retrouvaille* for starters. USCCB

Life Matters: We pray to the Lord for all, who have been wounded by abortion, to be filled with the hope that does not disappoint and be healed by Christ. 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.

2020 Goal: \$43,334

Cash Received: 2,415

Amount Still Needed: \$40,919

Total Families: 486 Total Donors: 14

LENTEN

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

You are invited to experience the gift of God's loving forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Lenten Communal Penance Service on **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 PM.** Several priests from the Diocese will be available to hear individual confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to join parishioners and friends as we reconcile with God in preparation for the feast of Easter.



Return to the Lord. Confess your sins. His heart is open to you. His arms are open to you. Let Him embrace you and fill you with His mercy.

God loves you

and is waiting for you

in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

If we are to be followers of Jesus, He tells us that each person must “take up his cross and follow me”. **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 20th Altar Servers: Katherine Horner, Natalie Horner, Julia Kleinmeyer

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.**



PRAYING THE STATIONS WITH MARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM**, we will be praying the version of the Stations of the Cross entitled *Praying the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus*. This is a moving account of Jesus' Passion as told through the eyes of his Mother, Mary. **If any woman would like to participate by reading one of the meditations, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.**



BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS GOODS SALE

Ron Salsa, Executive Director of Bethlehem Christian Families, has expressed his humble appreciation to St. Clement Parish for supporting the Olivewood Religious Goods Sale last weekend. Through your generosity, \$2,513 of sales was realized and will be used to support ministries that aid the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and the Middle East.



“Please remember that the members of St. Clement Parish are included in our prayers. May you enjoy God's many glorious blessings!”

Ron Salsa, MSM, KOFC
Bethlehem Christian Families
Executive Director
Land of Peace - Board Member

Note to Self

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting others up.



ST. CLEMENT PAVILION

The St. Clement pavilion is available to rent for your special event—graduation party, wedding shower, baby shower, birthday party, etc. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.



Take a trip to Wine Country at the 28TH ANNUAL GREAT MCCORT BENEFIT AUCTION!

Saturday, March 21st

Sunnehanna Country Club

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Reservations are \$50 per person, includes dinner. Call 814-248-3885 or go to mccortauktion.com to get your seat.

Mobile bidding opens on March 13th!



VISITATION CHURCH

McKinley Avenue, Eighth Ward

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

(Except Good Friday)

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00

Delivery Available Within a 5 Mile Range

Call: 418 - 5017

Please Allow 15 minutes for Order to be Prepared



BASKET PARTY

Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
Court of Our Lady #647

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

St. John Gualbert Activity Building,
Corner Railroad & Adams Streets

Admission is \$10.00 and includes 25 tickets,
door prizes, and a light lunch.

Additional Tickets \$5.00. Doors open Noon;
Drawing 2:00 PM

**For tickets, call Barb @ 535-3297 or
Diane 539-1588 and leave message.**

Get your tickets now; only 200 tickets will
be sold! All are welcome!



Visit the Elderly & Infirm

*We are blessed to have so many
care facilities nearby.*

Give Blood locally

www.redcrossblood.org/give

See someone in need of a hand?

*Help someone in need of a hand.
Carry their groceries, shovel their walk.*

Donate to the Local Ambulance or Fire Company

*Give bottled water, money donations, or
send a thank-you card!*

Dinners for Lent at local parishes

Participate, eat, enjoy!

Spring clean to fill a bag and donate to a local charity

...is another man's treasure



St. Hyacinth of Poland
Patron Saint of Pierogi

St. Clement Parish Council

invites you to join us for

Pierogies and Prayer

an evening of Food, Fellowship and Faith

Friday, April 3rd

a simple Lenten meal of
pierogies, green beans, applesauce & beverages
will be served in the cafeteria from

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

followed by

Stations of the Cross

(Praying the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus version)

at 7:00 PM

No charge, but a free will offering will be accepted.

To help us with our preparation, please complete the following form and return to the rectory via the collection basket or mail. Or, you may RSVP by email to: stclementchurch@atlanticbb.net with your name & number of guests.

RSVP - Pierogies and Prayer

Name _____

___ Number of guests who WILL attend.

___ Number of guests who MIGHT attend.

Note: _____

In just days, households across America will begin to have their first opportunity to respond to the 2020 Census.

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2020**

After sharing the imminence and importance of the census with your customers, clients, residents, students and congregants, since last year, we will all now finally be able to be counted.

This Thursday, March 12, households all across America will begin receiving a letter with an Invitation to Respond to the Census. The letter will have instructions how to respond online and by phone.

Encourage your people to look for the Invitation letter in their USPS mail. Ask them to open it, read it and do what it says. If they're unsure how to respond or have questions about the answers they should provide, tell them to visit your office, their local library, church, municipal office, school, senior center, CareerLink, service agency or organization or ask someone they trust for help and guidance.

- Their answers can't be shared with anyone; not landlords, law enforcement, immigration...no one. There are NO exceptions.
- It will take about 12 minutes for the average household to respond to the census.
- Their response will ensure their community will receive its maximum amount of funding for vital state, county, municipal and social service programs until the Census is conducted again in 2030.

Below are the notifications households will receive about participating in the 2020 Census.

- Invitation to Respond to the 2020 Census
 - The Invitation is a letter and will be delivered to households via USPS mail between March 12 and March 20.
 - The Invitation to Respond will contain instructions how to respond online or by phone.
 - The Invitation will contain a Census ID. That ID identifies the exact location of your house.
 - If you lose, misplace or throw-away your Invitation, you will still be able to respond to the Census online or by mail without your Census ID.
 - Households that do not receive mail at their houses [i.e. households that get their mail at the post office] will have their Invitation to Respond AND a Paper

Questionnaire hand-delivered to their houses by a census worker between March 12 and March 20.

- Reminder letter – March 16 – 24
- Reminder postcard – March 26 – April 3
- Reminder letter AND Paper Questionnaire – April 8 – 16
- “It’s not too late” postcard – April 20 – 27
- **Census Takers will begin visiting homes that have not responded online, by phone or by mail – May through July**
 - Census takers play a critical role in the 2020 Census. In May, they will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the census to help ensure everyone is counted. These census takers are there to help, and they are legally bound to protect your information.
 - **The best way to avoid being visited at home by a census taker, or enumerator, is to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.**
- **2020 Census Count ends – July 31**

The 2020 Census WILL NOT:

- Ask for your Social Security number.
- Ask for bank account or credit card numbers.
- Ask for money or donations.
- Ask for anything on behalf of a political party.
- Send EMAILS or TEXTS to request your participation in the 2020 Census
- Send EMAILS or TEXTS to confirm your response to the Census

Additional notes:

- If for some reason a household doesn't receive Census information, they can still respond online or by phone.
- April 1, Census Day, is the day by which households are asked to respond to the Census by. **Households will still be able to respond online, by phone or by mail AFTER April 1.**
- Be sure to count EVERYONE living in your house as of April 1, 2020.

There are just 16 weeks to ensure a complete and accurate count of everyone in our communities.

Your encouragement and guidance can and will make a difference.