



THE CLEMENTIAN

March 22, 2020

How's your eyesight? What do you see when you look at the world around you?

Jesus wants to help us see the world as He does. He wants us to see people not as sinners under God's judgment but as brothers and sisters who are offered the same mercy we have received. He wants us to withhold our own judgment and show kindness instead. Because that is how Jesus sees people. It is how He sees you!

So, as you gaze at the crucifix and at the Host at Mass, let Jesus' loving gaze pierce your heart. Let Him heal your blindness so that you can see the world through His eyes!

"Jesus, open my eyes! Help me to see as You see!"

Our readings for next weekend, March 28 & 29: Ezekiel 37:12-14/Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45
Worship Book #799

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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



CALENDAR WINNERS



- Mar 11—Chris Speicher, #759
- Mar 12—Barbara Andrasko, #523
- Mar 13—Patty Arnone, #538
- Mar 14—Eric Boring, #713
- Mar 15—Elaine Croft-Lynton, #491
- Mar 16—Francie Malik, #970
- Mar 17—Florence Olexo, #858

DAILY MASS READINGS

- Mon 3/23—Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54
- Tue 3/24—Ezekiel 47:1-12/John 5:1-16
- Wed 3/25—Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38
- Thur 3/26—Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47
- Fri 3/27—Wisdom 2:1-22/John 7:1-30
- Sat 3/28—Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53

†PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL†

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEWS

Postponed until further notice.

Marriage: Ask our Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, understands our needs and offers profound comfort...the rosary is ideal for the family since children can be taught the simple prayers at an early age. Check out instructions on [how to pray the rosary](#). USCCB

Life Matters: This month we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This Church teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. Written by Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* was appropriately given in Rome on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25, 1995. 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 your gift goes directly to these ministries! On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

REPORT #1

2020 Goal:	\$43,334
Cash Received:	2,415
Amount Still Needed:	\$40,919
Total Families:	486
Total Donors:	14

Note to Self

I don't know what God's plan is...
I don't know what the future
will bring...
I don't need to know the future...
I just need to know the One who holds
the future...And that is God.

How can we help you?

If you need any assistance at this time, please call the rectory during office hours at 255-4422 and we will make every effort to provide some help.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

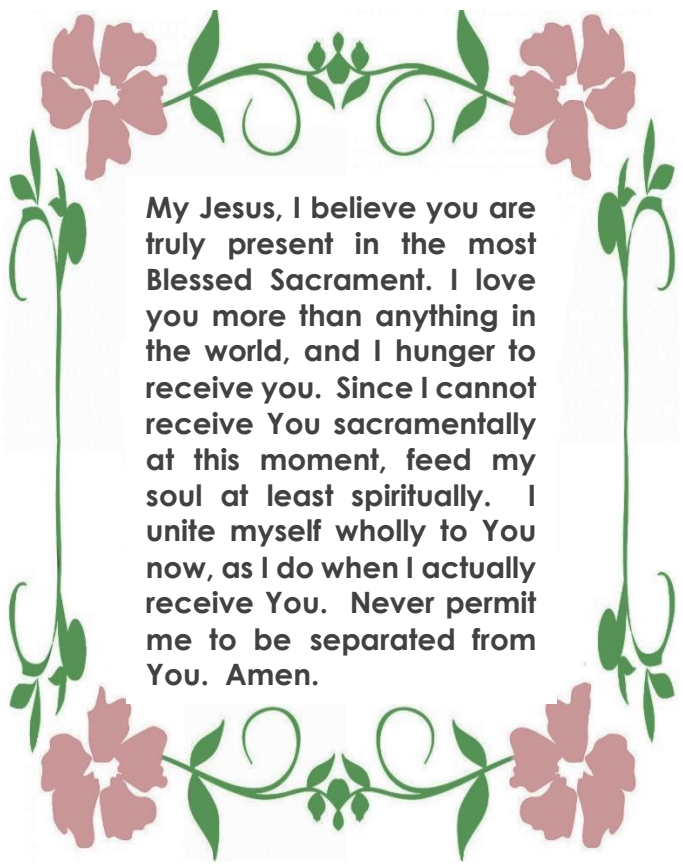
Although all Masses in our Diocese are currently suspended, literally thousands of Masses are celebrated each day and, in addition to watching them on television or computer screens, the faithful can receive "spiritual Communion."

Pope Francis said: "United to Christ, we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which He is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

Obviously, receiving Communion is the way to participate most fully in the Mass, but it is not always possible for everyone to receive at every Mass, nor do many Catholics in the world even have regular access to Mass.

The idea of "spiritual Communion" — inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible — is part of Catholic tradition.

In the 1700s, St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote a special prayer for spiritual communion:



My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself wholly to You now, as I do when I actually receive You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Bishop Mark has directed that all Masses in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese be suspended amid the corona virus



outbreak. Unfortunately, this will have a direct impact on our parish income. We realize that many of you may have already been financially impacted by the current situation, but we are kindly urging all parishioners, who are able, to continue their financial support. We rely heavily on your contributions that are made 52 weeks out of the year to pay bills and meet our payroll. Adjustments will be made to our staffing and hours, but the lack of a regular weekly collection will have an impact on our finances. Your envelopes can be mailed to the rectory by you or by your bank by using their "Bill Pay" service.

Please know how very grateful we are for whatever you can do to continue your financial support.



SALES CONTINUE!

Scrip is available at the Rectory Office Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. All proceeds benefit ST. CLEMENT CHURCH. The following are just a few merchants we have available: Dunkin' Donuts, Giant Eagle, JC Penney, Randy's BiLo, Sheetz.