



THE CLEMENTIAN

March 29, 2020

5th
Sunday
in Lent



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.—*John 14:27*



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.—*Philippians 4:6*



Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.—*1 Peter 5:7*



Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.—*Psalms 23:4*

Our readings for next weekend, April 4 & 5: Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14-27, 66
Worship Book #802

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:	41,225	349,864
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ (11,264)	\$ (17,734)



CALENDAR WINNERS



Mar 18—Patty Hamorsky, #521
 Mar 19—Bill & Gloria Grose, #194
 Mar 20—Marci Kokus, #632
 Mar 21—Bill Horn, #454
 Mar 22—Leona Jenkins, #374
 Mar 23—John Bingler, #650
 Mar 24—Father Rosenbaum, #019

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 3/30—Daniel 13:1-62/John 8:1-11
Tue 3/31—Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30
Wed 4/1—Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95/John 8:31-42
Thur 4/2—Genesis 17:3-9/John 8:51-59
Fri 4/3—Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42
Sat 4/4—Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56



**Exercise daily.
Walk with the Lord!**



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."

Marriage: Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, families have been faced with the challenge of establishing a 'new normal' in their daily lives. Here are a few suggestions on how to use this time well:

Pray Together.

- Visit your local parish: some churches are still open for private visits. Spend time as a family before Jesus in the tabernacle. He is waiting for you!
- Pray the Rosary. Try starting with just one decade and offer it for an intention important to your family.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross – you can do this at home with a simple cross or crucifix. Use these meditations on the USCCB website or pray our Stations of the Cross for Marriages and Families.
- Meditate on the Scriptures – Consider praying with the daily Mass readings as a family.
- Celebrate and observe Sunday with a livestreamed Mass – check listings on your diocesan website or EWTN.com.

Build and Fortify Your Relationships.

Have Fun.

Life Matters: May any mother facing an unexpected pregnancy be lovingly accompanied as she prepares to encounter Christ anew through the gift of her child. USCCB

How can we help you?

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



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

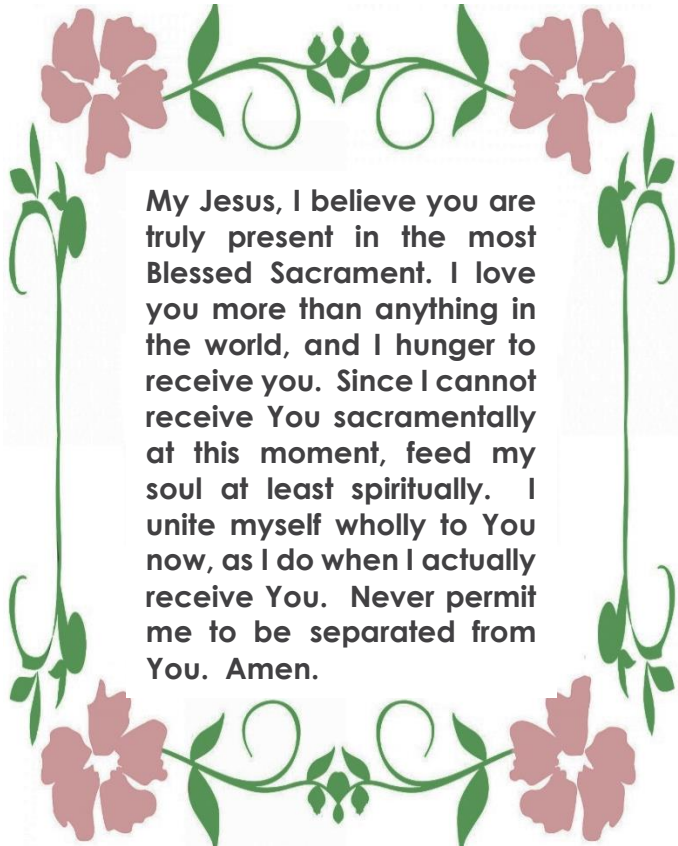
Hard times, bad times, or tough times—I still have faith in God!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

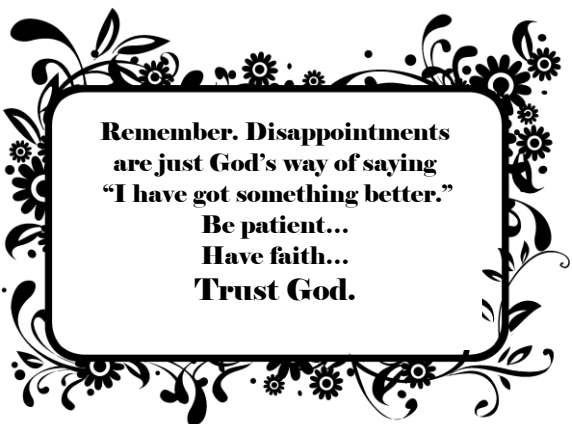
Although all Masses in our Diocese are currently suspended, literally thousands of Masses are celebrated each day and, in addition to watching them on television or computer screens, the faithful can receive "spiritual Communion."

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.

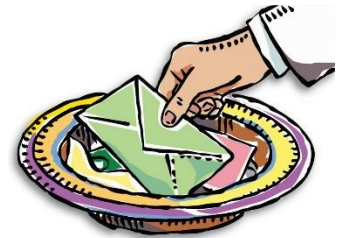


Remember. Disappointments are just God's way of saying "I have got something better."

**Be patient...
Have faith...
Trust God.**

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

As you all know, 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 have been 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-12:00 Noon.** All proceeds benefit ST. CLEMENT CHURCH. The following are just a few merchants we have available: Giant Eagle, Randy's BiLo, Sheetz, WalMart.



ST. ROCH

Born of a noble family, tradition says St. Roch was miraculously born with a red cross on his breast.

St. Roch gave all of his fortune to the poor at age 20 after his parents died. In 1315, he assisted plague victims in several Italian cities, miraculously curing people with the sign of the cross. While helping the sick, he also contracted the disease. However, the saint survived after a dog helped him in the forest. The dog brought him food and licked his wounds. He was later mistaken for a spy and spent the rest of his life in prison.

According to tradition, an angel appeared in St. Roch's cell after his death. The angel said that **those who invoked his intercession would be cured of the plague.**

PRAYER TO ST. ROCH

O Blessed Saint Roch,
Patron of the sick,
Have pity on those
Who lie upon a bed of suffering.

Your power was so great
When you were in this world,
That by the sign of the Cross,
Many were healed of their diseases.

Now that you are in heaven,
Your power is not less.
Offer, then, to God
Our sighs and tears
And obtain for us that health we seek
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Repeat the following 3 times)

Saint Roch, pray for us,
That we may be preserved
From all diseases of body and soul.