

THE CLEMENTIAN

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of



The “mountaintop” experience that Peter had in today’s Gospel must have shored up Peter’s faith. He saw the glory of God! He heard God say that Jesus is His beloved Son and that He is worth listening to. All these things were very good!

Jesus is calling you to come away with Him to a high mountain too! He is asking you to make time for Him every day. Pray. Go to Mass. Ponder His word. Sit in His presence and be filled with awe and wonder at who He is. But don’t stop there! God has a message for you today. He wants to touch your heart and speak to you. Just as Peter heard, “This is my beloved Son” (Matthew 17:5), you can listen for the Holy Spirit to say, “Behold the Lamb of God” when you receive Jesus in Communion. Or “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord” when it’s time to come down from the mountain.

Remember, it’s not selfish to set aside time to be with Jesus. You are not running away from problems when you take time to pray. It’s always good to come away with Him—as long as you are willing to follow Him out into the world as well.

“Lord, I love you and want to make time for You every day!”

Our readings for next weekend, March 14 & 15: Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-8/John 4:5-42
Worship Book #793

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:	49,235	308,639
Cash Received		
Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ 6,902	\$ (6,584)



CALENDAR WINNERS



Feb 26—Karen Rizzo, #775
Feb 27—Rick Kopco, #651
Feb 28—Rich & Lois Babik, #849
Feb 29—Celina Vigna, #992
Mar 01—Don Gregg, #275
Mar 02—Rodger Thompson, #221
Mar 03—Declan McAteer, #469

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 3/9—Daniel 9:4-10/Luke 6:36-38
Tue 3/10—Isaiah 1:10-20/Matthew 23:1-12
Wed 3/11—Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matthew 20:17-28
Thur 3/12—Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31
Fri 3/13—Genesis 37:3-28/Matthew 21:33-46
Sat 3/14—Micah 7:14-20/Luke 15:1-32



2020 adult 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

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

Marriage: Resist the urge to buy something new this week. Have each person in the family pick one possession to give away during Lent. Consider gently used toys, books, or hand-me-downs that need to find a new home. USCCB

Life Matters: We pray to the Lord for those nearing the end of life to be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God, as they prepare for eternity with 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."



PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAYS—THIS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 & 11. 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!



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

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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.

SPECIAL LENTEN 2ND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 14th and 15th**, our second collection will be taken up for the **St. Clement Food Pantry.**



The money collected will be used to purchase food items for our Easter boxes which will be distributed to approximately 100 families in our local community. We hope you will be generous.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for children of our parish are available for pick up in the back of the church. If your school-aged child did not receive a box of envelopes and you would like him/her to have a box, please call the Rectory Office.





IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

LENTEN ALMS CHANGE LIVES

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl, place it on your table and use it throughout Lent as a tool for collecting Lenten alms. Your donations will be collected during Holy Week.

Note to Self

Sometimes it's the words we choose not to say that speak most loudly about our character.

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.



*God loves you
and is waiting for you
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!*



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 13th Altar Servers: Tyler Galiote, Chase Gleason, Hunter Gleason

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.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Healing Patch Children's Grief Program is recruiting volunteers to work with grieving children and their families at the Cambria Center, 118 Ebony Road, Ebensburg. You are invited to attend an Open House at the center on **Tuesday, March 31 from 2-4 OR 6-8 PM**. At the Open House you will have an opportunity to see how the Healing Patch impacts local families and how you can share your time or talents to make a difference. The Healing Patch is a free peer support program for children and their families who have suffered the death of a loved one. Volunteers are the heart of the Healing Patch. While volunteers must understand they are unable to “fix” what has happened, they are able to facilitate activities to help children and adults connect and share their feelings in a safe and welcoming environment. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information or to apply as a Healing Patch volunteer, visit homenursingagency.com or contact Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist Shalen Steinbugl at 814-947-7140 or steinbuglsm@upmc.edu.

FISH FRY TAKE-OUT

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

NOVENA TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE



The St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will **begin NEXT 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.

EASTER



St. Therese Church will hold an Easter Meat Raffle in their social hall on **Saturday, March 21st** from 4:30 – 8:00 PM. Cost of Admission is \$5 which includes a picnic style dinner and dessert. Soda, water, beer and wine coolers will be available for purchase. Ham, kielbasa, turkeys and bacon will be some of the items on the raffle. Take a chance on Instant bingo, themed baskets, and 50/50. For more information call 539-7633 Mon-Fri 9-3. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so get your tickets early. Hope to see you there!!



St. Clement Church Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday February 6, 2020

Opening prayer was led by Maria Sanders.

Members Present at February 6th Meeting: Fr. Rosenbaum, Ruth Morello, Nancy Stampelis, Theresa Facciani, MaryAnn Hogue, John Pattison, Julie Wagner, Deanna Kelley, Julie Wagner, Al Grandinetti, Mandy Vigna, Chris Hohrun, Eric Stiffler, and Deb Rullman.

Approval of 11/19 Minutes: Motion made by Eric Stiffler and seconded by Chris Hohrun- motion carried.

Old Business:

Review of Veterans Mass (11/9/19): The Mass was beautiful and such a nice service to honor our veterans. \$1400 was raised. Thank you to John Pattison and everyone else who helped.

Review of Appreciation Dinner (1/25/20): It was very nice and a beautiful theme. Thank you to all Parish Council and Staff members who helped make this a great night.

Finance Council: Finance council met on January 23, 2020. Leaks in the school and church roofs have been temporarily repaired. The furnace in the rectory is in need of repair- bids have been requested. There was a discussion on the future use of the school building and fundraisers to help generate additional income to help offset expenses. All Lottery Calendars have been sold. Thank you to Marcia and Lou Polonkey for spearheading this fundraiser. The Marketing Committee will meet on February 13, 2020 at 6:30 in the school meeting room to brainstorm on how we can showcase and spread the word to parishioners and the community about all the wonderful things happening at St. Clement Church. They will also discuss ways to help market the school building. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee, please contact the rectory. Finance Council will participate in the Stations of the Cross on March 20th. Next Finance Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23rd.

Maintenance: Father is working on getting someone to help with this volunteer position.

Education:

PRE: Classes are going well, and the classrooms now have wi-fi, which is a great addition to have.

DMCA: The Early Learning Evenings at both East and West Campuses went well. It is now open enrollment for the next school year. The girls' basketball team had a spaghetti dinner on February 8th. Also, students now have the availability to take classes online with the launch of The Blended Academy.

Technology: The Wi-fi was installed in the school classrooms. Chris Mraz mentioned having Sunday night movies as a nice parish activity.

Liturgy: Father is preparing for the Lenten season. We are collecting palms to use for Ash Wednesday. We could also use volunteers to read for Stations of the Cross as well as the Shadow Stations. Father is also requesting anyone that is available to serve for funerals to contact the rectory to be trained.

Family Life: The jewelry workshop went very well and was well attended. Thank you to MaryAnn Hogue and Julie Wagner for making this such a fun event. We discussed having another jewelry workshop around Mother's Day. We also discussed a bus trip to the Altoona Curve.

Christian Services: Approximately 500 cans of soup were collected for Super (Souper) Bowl Sunday!!

Pastoral Assistant: Nancy has trained a new lector.

New Business:

Valentine Mass (2/14/20 @ 11:00 A.M.): Thank you to Ruth Morello for making the beautiful favors and the idea of having this Mass again. The PRE students will make cards and finger sandwiches, drinks, and cookies will be provided after Mass.

Lent (When Will Council Read at Stations?): Council will read on March 20, 2020.

Pierogies and Prayer is scheduled for April 3, 2020.

Pastors Remarks: Contact the rectory if you are interested in joining the Parish Marketing Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5.

The volunteer for next meeting's prayer is Maryann Hogue

Respectfully submitted and God Bless You,

Theresa Facciani, Parish Council Secretary