

THE CLEMENTIAN

September 27, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FAITH VS. FEELINGS

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

The verse above introduces one of the Bible’s great chapters—what someone has called “The Bible’s Hall of Fame.” Beginning in Genesis—with Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham—and continuing through the Old Testament, the author spotlights those spiritual heroes who stayed faithful to God in the face of almost overwhelming odds.

Why did they remain faithful? One reason is because their *faith* was in God and His promises, and *not* in their *feelings*. These great men and women of faith faced discouragement and doubt the same way we do. But their trust was in God, not their emotions—and the same should be true of us.

Emotions are not wrong; God gave them to us, and they are an important part of life. But our feelings go up and down—and if our faith is based merely on our feelings, it, too, will go up and down. *Only when we build our lives on Christ will our faith be stable and strong.* Do not let your feelings mislead you but base your faith solely on Christ and what He did for us through His death and Resurrection.

~Billy Graham, Wisdom for Each Day

Our readings for next weekend, October 3 & 4: Isaiah 5:1-7/Philippians 4:6-9/Matthew 21:33-43
Worship Book #943

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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 all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CALENDAR WINNERS

Sept 16—Lauren Leonard, #820
*Sept 17—Ed Kaplaniak, #501
Sept 18—John Murphy, #851
Sept 19—Marie Mraz, #031
Sept 20—Diane Pringle, #095
Sept 21—Alan Sutt, #660
Sept 22—Barbara Weimer, #138
*Seller’s Bonus Day—Mary Beth Horner

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon	9/28	Job 1:6-22/Luke 9:46-50
Tue	9/29	Daniel 7:9-14/John 1:47-51
Wed	9/30	Job 9:1-16/Luke 9:57-62
Thur	10/1	Job 19:21-27/Luke 10:1-12
Fri	10/2	Job 38:1-21;40:3-5/Matthew 18:1-10
Sat	10/3	Job 42:1-17/Luke 10:17-24

Scrip

FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP!

Scrip is available at the Rectory Office
Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. All proceeds benefit ST. CLEMENT CHURCH.



NEWS

Faith Formation Classes have started online. Information is available @ stclementjohnstown.org.

Marriage: September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The heart of the Church is the heart of a mother who holds particularly close all her children who suffer, especially those who are affected by depression, anguish, or the loss of a loved one to suicide.

Life Matters: "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"



OUTDOOR ROSARY

Praying for Peace, Upcoming Election,
End of Virus and Riots

Saturday, October 10th – NOON

St. Clement Church Parking Lot
Rain or Shine

Please bring a friend and a chair
Covid Precautions
All are welcome!

SEARCHING FOR A SPIRITUAL HOME? Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?
- Is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?
- Is searching for a sense of community?

Since Jesus invited His first followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. **Rooted from the very beginning of Church tradition, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey for welcoming adult newcomers into the Catholic faith.** It is an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. **Participants attend weekly sessions which begin in early September each year.**

The four phases of preparation allow the necessary time for individuals to become fully informed about our faith, ask questions and pray for God's guidance before making a final commitment. It is a process

whereby adults become fully participating members of the church through a series of rites, which conclude at the Easter Vigil service in the spring. Each person is supported by sponsors and the prayers of the

entire church community.



For more information, pick up a "Journey of Faith" brochure at one of the entrances to the church or call the rectory at 255-4422.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

St. Clement Parish Family offers our sympathy to **Frank Rovder on the death of his wife, Joanne**; to **Christopher, Krista, Bryce & Deborah Goodman on the death of Christopher’s dad, Alex “Herky” Goodman**; to **Linda Saintz on the death of her sister, Sandra Grech**; to **Judy & Francis Kelly on the death of Judy’s sister, Rita Boring**; to **Palma & John Pencola on the death of Palma’s brother-in-law, Anthony Perry**; and to **Margaret Bero on the death of her son, Mark**. Please keep them in your prayers.



INTERNET SURFERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE ARE EVER SO CLOSE TO REACHING OUR GOAL!

St. Clement Parish now has a YouTube Channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIcjsj7loVMIm4hbMgphffRw>

Our goal is to obtain a customized link, but in order to qualify for one, YouTube requires that we have more subscribers. If you can help us out by signing up, please go to the link above, which is posted on our website <https://stclementjohnstown.org>, and click on the “Subscribe” button. Feel free to invite your family members and friends to subscribe as well. **We are ever so close to reaching our goal of 100 subscribers—we are at 96 and need only 4 more!** Thank you to all who have subscribed already! Your support is greatly appreciated!



2 BIG DAYS

October 14th & 15th

Shop In-store:

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

or

Shop Online:

anytime

No Shopping Pass to Purchase!

YOU SAVE

20%* off

LOWEST SALE PRICES ON ALMOST EVERYTHING

*10% discount items and exclusions apply.

WE RECEIVE

5% back

OF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE

Mention “ST. CLEMENT CHURCH” by name:

- **in-store at the register or**
- **online at checkout**

and we will receive 5% of your total purchase. Visit:

www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends

for a listing of items receiving a 10% discount and exclusions!



STUDENT DESKS & CHAIRS FOR SALE

Used student desks and chairs are located in the school lobby and are available for purchase for \$10. Payment may be given to one of the ushers, mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory Office, or placed in a collection basket. Please call the rectory at 255-4422 during regular office hours for more information or if you would like to make arrangements to purchase one.



A Prayer Chain for Life will be held **NEXT Sunday, October 4th from 1 to 2 PM** on Broad Street, Cambria City, in front of the former St. Columba Church. Please come to be a prayerful witness to the Pro-Life cause. Signs will be provided. For information call Gale (539-0155).



SEASONAL HELP NEEDED!

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, Hollidaysburg, is hiring part-time seasonal help! Are you looking to make a few extra bucks for Christmas? Are you looking to work with a good crew and still have your nights and Sundays free? The Friar's Nook is the place for you! If interested, please send your info to kellie@thefranciscanfriars.org or to The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Note to self...
Today, with God's help,
no matter what I face, I
will let faith and trust
be my first response...
instead of worry or
fear.

*God has brought
you through before,
and He will bring
you through again.
Make a decision,
each day, to choose
faith over fear.*

**Lord,
I have been so worried
about the things that are
out of my control. Help me
to trust that you are
working everything out for
my good and I have nothing
to fear.
Amen**