

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 23, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK



Saturday – February 22

- 8:30 a.m. Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. Joseph Nadeau (R. Buckley)
 Raymond Peter Kuhn (M/M A. Henkel)
 Louis Serafin (M/M L. DiVite)

Sunday – February 23

- 8:30 a.m. Catherine A Jugan (A. Elekes)
 Eileen Durborow (W. Durborow)
 Thomas Maloney (Seligmuller Family)
- 10:30 a.m. Daniel Bell
 Walter Hoydicz (M/M N. Festino)
 Donna Verhoest (D. Cicchino & I. Byrne)

Monday – February 24

- 6:00 p.m. Parishioners

Tuesday – February 25

- 8:30a.m. Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday – February 26

- 8:30a.m. Parishioners
- 12:15p.m. Prayer Service
- 4:00p.m. Prayer Service
- 7:00p.m. Parishioners

Thursday – February 27

- 8:30a.m. Unborn Children

Friday – February 28

- 8:30 a.m. Nelly Miyares (H. Ros & I. Ros)

Saturday – February 29

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Children
- 5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell

- Nanette Courtine (E. Theis)
- Irene Martin (M/M P. Waldek)

Sunday – March 1

- 8:30 a.m. Eileen Durborow (W. Durborow)
 Mary "Sis" Mager (M/M R. Jones)
- 10:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (A. Elekes)
 Maria Cicchino (M/M G. Feyl)
 Thomas Maloney (O'Donnell Family)

Monday

- Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 4-5:15pm
- Confirmation Classes: 4-5:15pm

Tuesday

- Choir: 7:30pm (Church)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: 5-7pm (Gym)

Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday Lenten Souper: 4:30pm-6:30pm (Gym)
- Scouts BSA: 7-9:30pm (Rms 2/4 & 6)

Thursday

- Bingo: 5:30pm-10pm (Hall)

Friday

- Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
- Girl Scouts: 7-8pm (Gym)
- Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

- Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

- Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 9-10:15am

PRAYER LIST

Especially, *Jose Baez, John Bedell, Kevin Bellini, Gary Bomely, Barbara Ciaffone, Marion DiVincent, Bob Farrell, Bobby Farrell, Jack Ferguson, Martha Gannon, Sandy Hernandez, Fannie Karsai, Eric Lemke, Ed Maguire, Beth O'Meara Mckie, Joseph Martino, Dorothy Mathews, Muriel Moore, Daniel Mulhaul, Erin Nese, Kelly Nigro, Kathy Noble, Anthony Perfetto, Carol Pisano, Joey Porretta, Robert Schaefer, Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Barbara Vicital, Michaela Winnans, Erika Verola, George Zeman.*



This week the Sanctuary Candle
 Burns in memory of
Catherine Cerutti
 Donated by St. Clement Music Ministry



Ash Wednesday – February 26

- 7:00p.m. Elizabeth Jones -- Gabriella Sanchez

Stations of the Cross – February 28

- 7:00 p.m. Celia O'Toole

February 29 & March 1

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Maggie Leo - Kiara Lorenzo

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Mario DiSanza
- 10:30 a.m. Evelyn Peters - Gabriella Sanchez

Weekly Collection 

The collection for last week was \$3,852.50
 The collection for last year at this time was \$4,188.50

"Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up . . . for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive 100 times more now in this present age . . . and eternal life in the age to come."
 Mark 10:29,30



February 27 - Team 3

Captain: Annette Rossi

Team: Liz Bender, Marcie Bender, Karen Grieco, Dawn Morris, Joe Salmon, Ginny Salmon, Allwyn Pereira



FATHER GIO'S CORNER

We are all very familiar with the gospel about the Multiplication of the Loaves; we know the story and we also know that the multiplication of the loaves is a beautiful miracle of Jesus which shows us his mercy towards those in need, towards those who follow him. However, when we reflect more deeply on that gospel, we can see how Jesus uses not only what he had at hand but also what the people who were with him had. "Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?" Still he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" (MK 8:1-10)

Jesus showed his apostles that there was no need for them to go too far for help; he invited them to give the people some food from what they had. But they thought that what they had was not good enough to satisfy the people's hunger. For the apostles, what they had was not enough to achieve Jesus' desire of helping his people; they thought it too little to show God's works among them. For them it was not a matter of performing a miracle. That is why Jesus challenged their idea about miracles; Jesus showed them how the basis of any miracle is found in human resources and circumstances. He took what they had, even when it was nothing for them, and was able to feed the crowd.

Dear friends, sometimes we cannot find anything good in our lives worthy of being shared. Sometimes we think that our talents and gifts are not enough to satisfy peoples' hunger. And I am not talking only about physical hunger; I am talking about spiritual hunger, hunger for justice, hunger for love, and hunger for care.

Jesus tells us today that what we have and who we are is enough to work any miracle among his people. He tells us that each one of us is an instrument to feed people's lives. Today Jesus asks us what we have to offer to this world that is dying of thirst for love and mercy.

Are you sure that what you have is nothing? Are you sure that your faith is strong enough to believe that you are God's instrument? Today we have to stand up for those seated on the ground waiting for mercy and care. We are called to feed them; but we do not need a bag filled with bread because we have a heart filled with love.

Ash
Wednesday 

February 26th is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. *A collection will be taken. Envelopes are provided on the table as you enter Church.* Distribution of Ashes are:

8:30 a.m. Liturgy (Mass)
12:15 p.m. Prayer Service & Ashes
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Ashes
7:00 p.m. Liturgy (Mass)



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on the following Friday evenings at 7pm during Lent:

**2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
& 4/10 (Good Friday)**

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary **every Monday evening during Lent beginning March 2 here at St. Clement at 7:30pm in the Chapel.**

The peaceful meditation of the Rosary is a wonderful way to enter into the silence of your heart where Christ's spirit dwells.

This group will continue to meet on the **first Monday of every month after Easter.**



Check out our website:

www.stclement-rtwp.org



"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent March 2 through March 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in every parish in the Diocese of Paterson. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to Confession as a family or to invite a friend who you know has not had the opportunity to go to Confession in some time. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 9am to 1pm on the First Friday of every month at St. Clement. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord this Lent.

BAKED GOOD NEEDED



Baked goods are needed to sell at Bingo on Thursday evenings. **They can be homemade or store bought.** If you can help, please call Mary Ann Waldek 973-328-1788. Thank you!

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENT

If you would like your total contribution statement for the end of the year 2019 for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, 973-366-7095 and we will send it out.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Registration 2020-2021

In-Person Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in Connery Hall Gym on Sunday, **March 8th from 9am-1pm and on Monday, March 9th from 3:30pm-5:30pm for all students in Grades 1 – 8.** We currently do not have the ability to register people on-line, via the Website. This will be the only opportunity to register your child for the upcoming year. **Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 973-366-7547.

Volunteers Needed

Religious Education is in need of substitute catechists on the following days: **Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am & 11:30-12:45am & Mondays 4:00 - 5:15pm.** Please contact Sue Drew if you are available. drestclement@gmail.com

WHEN YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE HOSPITALIZED

Due to federal privacy guidelines, all hospitals are restricted from notifying us automatically when you have been admitted. If you want to be visited while you are in the hospital, we recommend that you or your family notifies us that you have been admitted or that you ask the hospital chaplain to notify us.

GIFT CARD SCAM

A number of priests throughout the country have found that their parishioners are receiving emails or text messages claiming to be from their pastor, and asking parishioners to purchase gift cards to help the poor. **This is a fraud. Please do not respond to any appeal you receive which asks you to purchase gift cards to help the poor and uses the name of St. Clement, Father Giovanni Rodriguez or the Diocese of Paterson. Delete the email immediately.**

MORRIS CATHOLIC SPRING GALA

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Hanover Marriott

Doors open 5:30 pm.

Tickets \$90 includes sit down dinner, wine service,
silent, live and basket auction,
50/50 raffle.

ftuit@morriscatholic.org

CARING BASKET GALA

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Nineteenth **Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 26, 2020**, honoring Brother Paul, Diveny, OSB, Louis and Julianne Modugno, and Thomas Anselmi. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30-10:00 PM.

Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle and basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. **All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college where we say, "Teach a Sister...Touch the World".**

For more information and for the invitation, visit [www. acs350.org/events-2/](http://www.acs350.org/events-2/)

ST. CECILIA'S SENIORS CLUB UPCOMING TRIPS

Tuesday, March 10th

Day trip to Resorts Catskills Casino - \$30.00
Slot Play \$25.00, Food Coupon \$15.00
Call Carol at 201-919-4125

Tuesday, March 17th

Day trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a Meal and Irish Cabaret Show. For more info call Carol at 201-919-4125.

Tuesday, April 14th

Day trip to Wind Creek Casino - \$30.00
\$25.00 in slot play
Call Carol at 201-919-4125

Wednesday, April 29th

Day trip to Pines Dinner Theater
Meal and Play "Nunsensations"
Call Carol for more info at 201-919-4125

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all visitors to our parish. If you attend Mass on a regular basis and have not registered, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket. We will call to set up an appointment with you to register with our Parish. If you have a change of address or plan on moving, please complete the form as well.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# (daytime phone #) _____

E-mail _____

Change of Address _____

Moving _____

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."