

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 20-33

The Parable of the Lotus

The Chinese hold a special reverence for the lotus flower. The lotus grows from roots embedded deep in the mud of a pond. Slowly and tentatively the first tiny flowers push through the muck and the plant grows steadily toward the surface of the water, always striving for the light. And there it finally blossoms. The Chinese see in the lotus a parable of how something pure and clean and beautiful can issue forth from the darkness and the mire. Once it breaks the surface, the lotus flower is transformed. It has arisen through the mud to reveal its true identity in the glory of the light. The lotus is a symbol of how we too can work through our darkest, most painful circumstances to be reborn to something new.

The lotus blossom and the grain of wheat are both parables of hope in the resurrection despite our Good Fridays, of God's enabling us to turn our lives around and up into the light of joy and fulfillment, of the ultimate triumph of light over darkness, of goodness over evil, of life over death. Both the persevering lotus blossom and the broken grain of wheat teach us an important lesson about love - that the risk of continuing on despite the obstacles and of losing some part of ourselves for the sake of someone else is the price of love. But in taking on the hard work of loving as God loves, we experience the transformation of the flower and realize the harvest of the grain - in our willingness to "die" to our fears, to put aside our own needs and wants, to struggle through the darkness and muck, to let our lives be pulled apart, we discover love that can only be of God.

Christ gave His life on the cross in order that new life might come forth; in taking up our own crosses with Christ's selflessness and compassion, we can transform our lives and the lives of those around us in the complete joy of Easter.



Mass Intentions - 2015

The Mass Intention Book for 2015 is open. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the Rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116 Monday thru Friday.

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, coworkers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

Pre-Baptismal Class

For those preparing to have a child baptized in the near future, one requirement is that the parents attend a Pre-Baptismal Class.



The next Pre-Baptismal Class will be held at Saint James Church on **Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Office.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:15 PM Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Ray Jacobs

Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

5:15 PM Margaret Allen

Thursday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Rita McMaster

Friday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM Marge Burton

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Margaret Blissmann

4:00 PM Robert Franklin Stewart

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Clarence G. Workman

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saint Clement & Saint James Family PSR **Where Families Journey in Faith Together**

The second/fourth group meets on March 23
for Prayer Exploration 7.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;

Jn 8: 1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday: Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Heb 10: 4-10;

Lk 1: 26-38

Thursday: Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59

Friday: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday: Mk 11: 1-10; Is 50: 4-7;

Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1-15: 47

Saint Clement Online Offertory Giving

You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end. Visit: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1735 to get started, or click the icon located on Saint Clement Parish's main website:

www.stclementlakewood.com.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 28:

4:00 pm P. Tabeling, Deacon Danny

Sunday, March 29:

9:00 am B. Kelly, G. Bryan

11:00 am K. Miskimen, K. Reilly

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 28:

4:00 pm Deacon Danny, R. DeBlase, B. Trentel

Sunday, March 29:

9:00 am P. Wagner, B. Cmolik, B. Cmolik

11:00 am R. Brown, B. Popernack, D. Miller

Server Schedule

Saturday, March 28:

4:00 pm J. Staviscak, J. Staviscak, F. Senft

Sunday, March 29:

9:00 am A. Cmolik, M. Cmolik, J. Elder

11:00 am W. Harvey, C. Harvey, B. Harvey

The Fridays of Lent

The Fridays of Lent at Saint Clement Church are an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus.



All are invited to spend time with Jesus at any or all of the following devotions:

Noon	Rosary
Noon to 5:15 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:15 pm	Celebration of Mass
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	followed by Benediction

Make this a special Lent as you journey with the Lord.

Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Kevin McGraw, Curtis Ross,
Deborah Ellis, Kellyn Donahoe,
Maggie Ford, Susan Furth
(Week of March 8th)



(\$25) Bob Kwiatkowski, Patricia Carlin,
George Pindroh, Jeanne Reinhard,
Paul Chase, Abby Brocklehurst
(Week of March 15th)

Lenten Mission Begins this Sunday!!

The Catholic Communities of Saint Clement, Saint Luke, Saint James and Transfiguration invite you to our annual Lenten Mission **beginning this Sunday, March 22nd**, through Wednesday, March 25th, from 7pm - 8pm.

Learning to Pray Again for the First Time - A Lenten Journey into the Heart of Relationships.

Brian Sinchak, President of Lakewood Catholic Academy, will be the speaker. We will explore the theological and spiritual aspects of adoration, thanksgiving, petition and contrition as a means of relating to the divine and each other.

The first session will be held here at Saint Clement Church on Sunday, March 22nd:

What is Adoration all about? And what does that mean for us Catholics?

Monday, March 23rd - Transfiguration Parish:

To whom do we give thanks? And for what are we thankful?

Tuesday, March 24th - Saint James Parish:

When we petition the Lord, does He in fact hear our prayer?

Wednesday, March 25th - St. Luke Parish:

Is a contrite heart and words of sorrow enough?

Plan to attend the mission sessions and bring a friend!

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Campaign continues through March 31st. When you spend time in Adoration on Fridays, as well as each day during Lent, please pray and fast for an end to abortion. If you would like to join us to pray the Rosary as a witness to those entering Preterm, please contact Judy at 216-671-4981.

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

Daily Prayer Online

Make a sacred space in your day! Visit:
www.sacredspace.ie/.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of March 15th - \$7,930.00
Online Giving - Monthly - \$70.00 - Weekly \$363.00
Monthly Collection - \$3,530.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection - \$248.00
Children's Collection - \$2.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Confession Schedule at St. Clement Church

Saturday, March 28th

8:45 am - 9:30 am

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Holy Week Schedule - 2015

Palm Sunday, March 29

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Monday, March 30

5:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 1

5:15 pm Mass

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday, April 2

7 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

8:00 am - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4

8:00 am - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses:

9:00 am

11:00 am

Moving?

Please notify the Rectory office of any change of address so that we can update our records. You can call the Rectory Office at 216-226-5116, or email us at stclementlakewood@cox.net.

Coffee & Donuts

Please join us after the 9 am & 11 am Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the church hall.



Tenebrae Service

Saint Clement Parish will be having a Tenebrae Service on **Wednesday, April 1st, at 7 pm in the church.**

The service of Tenebrae is based upon the Roman tradition of the service: it is a vigil office of lessons and lights centered around the Passion and Death of Christ. It is a meditation in ritual upon the loving sacrifice of the Lord.

The Lucernarium which opens the service is an ancient form of evening prayer. It is solemn thanksgiving for the light of Christ. This blessing which is sung over the Christ candle is taken from the Didache, circa 95 A.D., and establishes the centrality of Christ in the rest of the service as the Christ candle remains throughout. The candles are lit at this time. During the course of the service they are extinguished. The gradual darkening of the sanctuary gives Tenebrae its particular character and tone as the complementary vigil to Holy Saturday. During the Easter Vigil one light sets everything alight; at Tenebrae there is gradual darkness and silence, until the end, when only the Christ candle remains in silence.

The three nocturnes of the Roman lectionary amplify this Christological meditation. Christ is seen as the one who weeps over Jerusalem (the Lamentations of Jeremiah); the hoped for fulfillment of the psalmist (St. Augustine); the true sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart (Ps. 51); and the true and eternal High Priest (Letter to the Hebrews). The Old Testament finds its meaning in the Paschal sacrifice of Christ.

Ancient sources were used for the lectionary, the psalm prayers and the responsories. This was done in order that the history of the Church's prayer becomes our prayer, and that we may be enriched by our inheritance of faith and life in the Roman tradition.

Please plan on attending this Holy Week service and bring a friend with you!

Living Bread Radio's Annual Pledge Drive...

is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, March 24th to 26th. Special programming is scheduled, including some of the best Catholic speakers, apologists, and radio show hosts. Living Bread Radio is on the air at 1060 AM in Cleveland, Akron and Canton, and is 100% listener supported. Please help keep Catholic radio on the air in Northeast Ohio.

Please call Molly at 1-888-966-2903 for more information.

CatholicJobs.com...

is a website that features free job listings for Catholic organizations, as well as free job searches and career tools for anyone seeking employment.



Lakewood Catholic Academy is celebrating ten years of excellence in Catholic education in Lakewood with a 10th Anniversary Gala on April 18th. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by dinner catered by Lago East Bank and a live auction. LCA's highest honor, the *Insignis Award*, will be presented to Principal Maureen Arbeznik.

For tickets, visit:

www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com

Living Stations



The Living Stations is a live action version of the Stations of the Cross featuring current music from artists of today. Students have donated their time and talents from St. Mark, St. James and St. Clement Parishes, and youth groups. Please come for a service that won't be forgotten.

Where: St. Mark's Church, 15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland.

When: Good Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm

TAIZE PRAYER – RIVER'S EDGE

We would like to invite you to join us during Holy Week for *Taize Prayer* on **Tuesday, March 31st, at 7 pm**. This will be an evening of prayer with beautiful chants with some silence. We hope you can join us on this special evening during this most holy of weeks, River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland. No registration needed. A freewill offering will be taken.

Please check out our website:

www.stclementlakewood.com

It has more content, more photos, more pages, Google Calendar, and enhanced navigation!

Out of Town for Easter?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, visit www.masstimes.org and click "Church Lookups."