

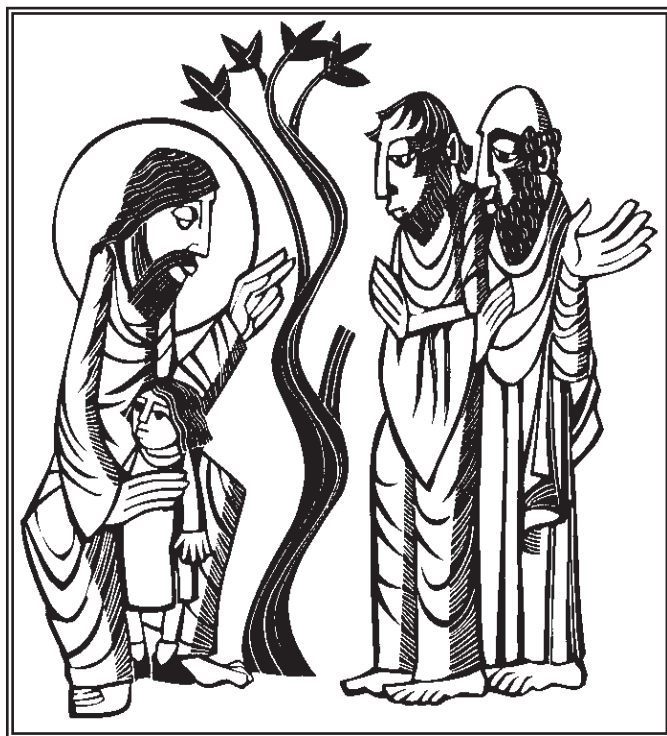
# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and the servant of all..." "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."* Mark 9: 30-37

The child represents for the disciples of Jesus the vulnerabilities, fears, and doubts that every one of us experiences in our lives; and the child reminds us of Jesus' call to us as His disciples to take up His work of reaching out to those overwhelmed by such anxiety and despair. In the service we give and respect, we afford to others as sons and daughters of God, Jesus says, we welcome into our midst the very presence of God. Our empathy and care for the child and child-like in our midst mirrors the love of God for us despite our own failings and fears.

Christ calls us to embrace the simple but profound faith that we seek to teach our children: to love God and one another with honesty and faithfulness, without condition or expectation, putting aside every "adult" rationalization and agenda. Only in "opening" our own hearts to Jesus' Gospel of uncomplicated and straightforward kindness, compassion, generosity and forgiveness, can we help our sons and daughters become authentic followers of the Jesus of selflessness and compassion.



### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3: 27-34; Lk 8: 16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13; Lk 8: 19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1: 2-11; Lk 9: 7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3: 1-11; Lk 9: 18-22  
Saturday: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Jn 1: 47-51  
Sunday: Nm 11: 25-29; Jas 5: 1-6;  
Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

### Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

### Mass Intention Book 2019 Open

The Mass Intention Book for 2019 is open. Please note there are still dates available for Mass intentions this year. 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 to schedule Masses.

### 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, October 14th, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Office.

### Daily Prayer Online

Make a sacred space in your day!  
Visit: [www.sacredspace.ie/](http://www.sacredspace.ie/).

### Coffee & Donuts

Don't miss an opportunity to get to know your parish family - join us in the hall after the 9 am & 11 am Sunday Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship.



### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, September 24 - Weekday

5:15 PM † Richard & Dolly Caja

Tuesday, September 25 - Weekday

8:00 AM † Ron Rush

Wednesday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

5:15 PM † Carol Braun/Roba Family

Thurs., September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul

8:00 AM Members & Benefactors of the  
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, September 28 - Saint Wenceslaus

5:15 PM † Millie Kerg

Sat., September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 AM † Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

4:00 PM † Eugene Roso

Sun., September 30 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM † Domingo Gomez

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **Lector Schedule**

Saturday, September 29:

4:00 pm B. Caja

Sunday, September 30:

9:00 am Sandy Donahoe

11:00 am J. Barker

#### **Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

Saturday, September 29:

4:00 pm J. Smith, S. Grunder, A. Grunder

Sunday, September 30:

9:00 am Deacon Danny, R. Gerber, C. Kelly

11:00 am T. Janesz, N. Gatica, D. Miller

#### **Server Schedule**

Saturday, September 29:

4:00 pm M. Moran, S. Mahoney, J. Grunder

Sunday, September 30:

9:00 am K. Donahoe, M. Andrews, C. Andrews

11:00 am J. Janesz, J. Janesz

# Clambake

*Clams steamed separately.*

## Saturday, September 29, 2018

St. Clement Parish Grounds

Catered by Italian Creations

**1st seating 5:30p.m.  
2nd seating 7:00p.m.**

**Tickets**

**\$25**

per dinner

**CHICKEN  
BAKE**

(no clams)

**\$20**

**Tickets will be on sale after each Mass in the gathering  
area OR you may visit the rectory for tickets.**

**Volunteers needed, call: (216) 226-5116**



Our next Coffee & Conversation will be on **Wednesday, October 10th, at 7 pm.** Our guest speaker will be Bernadette Bagulski, Executive Director of AM 1260 The Rock. Bernadette will be speaking on the topic of *Catholic Media and Cleveland Catholic Radio*. She was formerly the Development Director for Womankind.

Please mark your calendar for this event! If you have any questions, please call Sue Battiato at 216-973-7516.

#### **Annual Adult Retreat**

The 15th Annual Adult Retreat, sponsored by the four parishes in our cluster, will take place on **Wednesday, October 24th.** The retreat day will be at Saint Clement Church and Hall at 14401 Madison Ave., Lakewood, **from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Our speaker will be Fr. Thomas Blau, OP. The day will include the speaker, the Liturgy of Eucharist, and a hot catered lunch. **Cost is \$12.** Registration forms are at all parish doorways and at the Rectory office. **Registration is due no later than October 21st.**

#### **Pot of Gold Winners**

\$25 Edward Reardon, Carrie Higgins,  
St. Augustine, Angie Battiato,  
Jeanne Reinhard, Marilyn Martau



## **Called to Protect**

To enhance the ongoing efforts of the Diocese to provide training for adults and children in matters of protection from abuse and creation of safe environments, we are offering the **Called to Protect** program. The **Called to Protect** program presents abuse prevention information to parents, children, youth and young adults.

**Called to Protect for Youth** teaches middle school and high school aged students about boundaries, how to respond if someone tries to violate their boundaries, and how to tell their parents if they or their friend have been abused. The **Called to Protect for Youth** program will take place in two parts. **Part I on Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Part II on Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

Both meetings take place at Saint Clement Parish Hall. Parents are asked to attend with their student. If you have attended this meeting in the past, it is not necessary to attend again. **Please RSVP by October 1.**

**Called to Protect for Young Children** teaches age appropriate information to children in elementary school. The students will learn rules about protecting their bodies and what to do if someone tries to break the rules. The content and teaching methods use the latest child development research to ensure their effectiveness. The **Called to Protect for Young Children** is offered to families annually in the course of the Parish Family PSR program.

**Called to Protect for Parents and Families** teaches parents what to watch for and the actions to take if they see something of concern. They also learn how to begin to communicate with their children about their bodies and how to keep them safe. The **Called to Protect for Parents and Families** meeting for parents will be held on **Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm** at the Saint Clement Parish Hall. This meeting is designed for parents who are not familiar with the

## **The Development of the Unborn Child**

**Week #27:** My nervous system is continuing to develop so I can breathe and swallow better. It also helps keep my body at the right temperature so I won't get too hot or too cold. Yeah for my nervous system!

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**



Did you know that we have **Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Clement? On Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass, we celebrate Children's Liturgy.**

**Have you ever wondered what happens at the Children's Liturgy of the Word?** After the opening prayers, and before the first reading, Father will call the children to the front. We process out to the gathering area where we have a table covered in the liturgical color and a lit candle to represent the presence of Jesus. The children sit and listen to the readings, they respond to the psalm, they stand for the Alleluia, and listen to the Gospel. These readings are the same as the adult Mass, but are translated for children. The children then share a word that they heard in one of the readings and we share our thoughts. We conclude with intentions where each child has the opportunity to say who they would like to pray for. After the gifts have been taken up, we rejoin the congregation.

**Who is welcome?** All children are welcome. We do not have a strict age rule. However, the average age would be 3 to 12. Ideally, the child needs to be able to sit, listen, and participate. We also welcome parents that would like to sit with their children. We hope to see you all next Sunday!

## **Silent Sorrow: A Mass for those suffering from Miscarriage, Infertility, and Neo-Natal Death** **Sunday, October 7th, 2018 - 5:30 pm**

The Diocese of Cleveland will mark Respect Life Sunday with a special Mass for those who have suffered miscarriage, infertility or neo-natal death at **5:30pm on Sunday, October 7th**, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, East 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Superior Ave., in Cleveland. The Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, will be the main celebrant.

In reflecting on the problematic events at fertility clinics earlier this year, the diocese is offering this special Mass for those who suffer the silent sorrow of having experienced infertility, miscarriage or neo-natal death. All are welcome!

## **Visit the Saint Clement Website**

Check out our upcoming events and parish news, obtain Sunday bulletins, sign up for Online Giving, and more at:

**[www.stclementlakewood.com](http://www.stclementlakewood.com)**





From September 26th through November 4th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am - 7 pm during the 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm at 12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, or Planned Parenthood at 25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Hts., or Family Planning, 54 S. State St., Painesville. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or: [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **XLT West - Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

**XLT West** is a Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction with inspired Adoration (contemporary live music) hosted at St. Bernadette Parish, 2256 Clague Rd., Westlake, OH 44145, on the **4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm**. This regional gathering is designed with youth and young adults in mind, who desire a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, though *everyone* is invited to come to worship and adore our Lord!

### **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](mailto:stclementlakewood@cox.net).

### **Finance Corner**

Collection weekend of September 16th - \$ 6,094.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 970.00

Children's Collection - \$ 2.00

Online giving—Monthly \$ 550.00 - Weekly \$ 400.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our Parish.

## **CALLING ALL WOMEN TO A LIFE OF PURPOSE**

Are you a woman who desires to grow in her Catholic faith, seeking connection? Who feels she does so much but none of it well? Who silently wonders, "isn't there more to life than this?" If so, please join us for **Walking with Purpose!** **WWP** is a **Catholic women's Bible Study** that enables women to **know Jesus Christ** through **personal study, small group discussions, & real life application**. Join our **FREE KICKOFF October 18th at 7:30 pm** (St. James – Lower Church – 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood). Come discover the "more" that you've been searching for! **Thursdays, October 18th - April 25th, 7:30 pm - 9 pm**.



Video, Registration, & Info: [v.gd/wwplakewood](http://v.gd/wwplakewood)

### **Baby Shower Event**

Join Catholic Order of Foresters as we respond to Matthew 25's call to service through Feeding God's Children! You are invited to a Baby Shower! We will be packing baby bags for mothers in need at Birthright\*. Please join us **Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m.** at Transfiguration Parish School (12608 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107). We will be assembling goodie bags along with no-sew baby blankets and cards. Everyone is invited to participate: children, adults, and COF members and non-members.

**We will be collecting items for the baby bags after Mass September 22-23 and September 29-30.** There will be baskets in the back of the church for collection.

#### **We are collecting:**

Diapers (larger sizes including 3, 4, 5)

Baby wipes

Infant toys

Baby Shampoo and lotion

Gently worn clothing (up to size 5T)

If you can't attend, please pray for the event's success or consider donating. For more information or questions, please contact Randy Nix at 440-617-6056.

\*Birthright works to provide positive alternative to abortion to women facing untimely pregnancies. They provide free counseling to women throughout their pregnancies and also provide maternity clothes and baby clothing to those in need.

### **First Friday Luncheon**

An interparish men's group will meet at Saint Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, on **Friday, October 5th**, for a First Friday Luncheon. **Registration begins at 11:15 am**, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 to make **reservations by Tuesday, October 2nd!**