



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, July 24	8:15 AM
Good Health for J. Uppena	
Tuesday, July 25	8:15 AM*
† John & Mary Ertz	
& their Deceased Children	
5:15 PM	
† Joyce Klaas	
Wednesday, July 26	8:15 AM
† Catherine Pagenkopf	
Thursday, July 27	8:15 AM*
† Harold Stelplflug	
5:15 PM	
† Kimberly Myers	
Friday, July 28	8:15 AM
† Leo & Gary Muench	
Saturday, July 29	8:15 AM*
† Lona, Lynn & Darrall Leighton	
5:00 PM	
† Elgin Hooker	
Sunday, July 30	7:30 AM*
People of Our Parish	
9:30 AM	
† Maymie Thiede	

**Please note that Masses Fr. John celebrated in Extraordinary Form (Latin) will be celebrated in Ordinary Form until further notice.*

RECONCILIATION

(in the confessional closest to the rectory)

Mon. thru Sat. from 7:45 – 8:05 AM
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 15, 16 & 17

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$4,688.00
Offertory Cash	\$490.00
Children's Offertory	\$20.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$978.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . .	\$3,453.00
Total	\$9,629.00

Budgeted Offertory for July	\$34,579
Offertory Received in July	\$23,686
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . .	\$10,893

From Our Pastor:

God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness – as we read and hear this Sunday in Romans 8:26-27. Saint Paul says that the Holy Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, that the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. Have you ever noticed how ready we are to take up one form of prayer – petition – and how uncomfortable we might be about other forms, especially the kind that Saint Paul mentions in his Letter to the Romans? It seems that we tend to be very good at asking God for His help, His healing presence, for grace and for protection for our family members, for an end to the killing of pre-born children, for an end to persecution and oppression of people trying to live their Christian faith. There seems to be no end to our needs, and no lack of confidence that God hears us, and that His answers include: “yes” or “no” or “not right now, I have a better idea.” This is a good way to pray – and God loves to pour out His blessings in response to our petitions, according to His Divine will. Yet there is another form of prayer that is just as valuable and necessary to our spiritual lives: the prayer that *listens* for God’s wisdom and revelation. In this Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus once again uses parables and analogies to teach the crowd how to understand the Kingdom of God. And in every parable that Jesus told was His desire to “announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 13:35). What He requires is that we *listen* to Him and *do* His will.

By God’s grace, I’m striving as your new pastor to listen to God and do His will, as He has sent me here to serve you in Saint Clement Catholic Parish – in this case, God’s will was made manifest when Bishop Robert C. Morlino appointed me here. Please pray for me to serve you well, to **sanctify** (celebrate the Sacraments of the Church), to **teach** the Teachings of Jesus’ Church, and to **govern** with the heart of the Shepherd, Jesus Christ. And please be assured of my prayers for you and your families, especially at Mass each day – as I pray that we all listen to God and do His will, in love of God and love of neighbor, living in our words and deeds the virtues of faith, hope and love.

Jesus is not done unveiling mysteries to His people. Through His Holy Spirit, He wants to unfold the truths of the Gospel to each one of us, just as He has done for billions of believers throughout the centuries. He wants to help us understand the things of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so that we can take hold of His Kingdom more fully each day and bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit in this world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity (Galatians 5; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1832).

When we attend Mass, may we let God the Holy Spirit come to the aid of our spiritual weakness. As we listen to the Scripture readings in the Liturgy of the Word, the first half of the Mass, may we listen to the Holy Spirit as He strengthens us to proclaim God’s Kingdom. During the second half of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the Lord Jesus gives us Himself, may we listen to Him with the ear of our heart. May we listen to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, more and more in every moment of our life, allowing Him to sanctify our daily words and deeds, in our love for God and for our neighbor.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

MARRIAGE MATTERS AND MORE!

Whether you are married many years, recently married, newly engaged or single, the USCCB has something for everyone. For Your Marriage, an initiative by the USCCB, is a website full of resources to assist and inform persons from all walks of life. There are discussions about finances, parenting, preparing for marriage. There is the Marriage Tip of the Day that can be sent directly to you. You can also find them on Facebook. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org to see for yourself!

LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



**** A few 8x10 individual/family photographs that were shipped to the parish address are still in the back of church. Check out the table if yours was not mailed to you.

You can still submit a photograph for the directory. If at all possible, do not send an original photo, but rather a copy or one on disk. The cost of submitting pictures is \$10 (this is our cost for submitting individual/family photos to Lifetouch). This will also allow you to receive a free directory. Please be sure to write the names of those included on the photo on a piece of paper.

We also need photographs of parish events and from parish groups and organizations. Activities such as Love Begins Here, Steubenville Conference, May Crowning, fall festival, the Christmas programs (both school and religious education), VBS are just a few examples. We know that there are many photos out there from the past 8-9 years since our last directory. As you submit these photographs, include who is in the picture, what event it is from and who to return it to. If your family photo or any of these activity photos was professionally taken (other than by Olan Mills or Lifetouch), a permission letter must also be obtained.

We would like to receive submitted photos plus activity photos as soon as possible. All submitted photos must be turned in by the end of July. But the sooner the better. For all submitted photos of family and events, we would prefer to have them in an envelope of some kind so that they can be kept separate from other submitted photos.

Thank you for your help with this project!



FAMILY PROMISE: Our Host Week Is Here!

Our week to host families with children who are homeless begins this weekend with families arriving on Sunday afternoon (July 23) and leaving next Sunday morning on July 30. As of this writing there is one family in the program, but additional families can come into the program at any time. Here's a few reminders.....

- ◆ **I will be calling those who have volunteered** a few days prior as a reminder of what you signed up for and to pass along pertinent info such as number of people we are serving, where and when to drop off food and so forth.
- ◆ **If you signed up this week to volunteer** but have not filled out a volunteer application, contact me ASAP. It will only take 5 minutes of your time.
- ◆ **As a reminder, please do not bring in food items for breakfast or lunch unless we call you.** I will be contacting some of you throughout the week for certain items, but I will not be calling everyone as we have about 40 people who signed up to assist with this. That would be a lot of peanut butter and jelly!
- ◆ **Thank you to everyone who will be helping in any way** to serve families this week! Most of our needs are filled but we do have a few opportunities for service. If you are able to help but have not signed up, please give me a call. It's easy, it's fun and most important of all, we are doing what Jesus commanded us to do.
- ◆ **Please pray** for the families whom we will be serving, for the volunteers and for Family Promise of Grant County. Fill us Lord with a spirit of generosity, understanding, kindness and compassion. May this be a grace-filled week for us all.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 723-4990. ~ Bill



STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD

July 23, 2017 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed and gifted by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's Kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship of time, talent and treasure we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other, by God's grace, get to Heaven!



Lectors: Your new lector schedules are ready and can be picked up in the sacristy after Mass. Also - We are in need of lectors to assist at the 7:30 Mass on Sunday morning. Please call Bill to volunteer if you can lector at this Mass. Doing so will help now and in the coming weeks, as well as when the next schedule comes out.

Servers: We also need altar servers to assist at the 7:30 Mass on Sunday. Call the rectory to volunteer if you can. And...Please go to the sacristy if you are at this Mass and check to see if servers are needed. When the next schedule comes out, we will also include this Mass as part of the schedule. So if you would prefer to serve at this early morning Sunday Mass, let Bill know.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

We are now accepting registrations for grades 7 to 9. The registration forms are on the tables in the entrance of the church. Please help by spreading the word so no parish members going into grades 7-9 are left out. As a reminder, 9th grade students will be preparing for Confirmation. The registration forms (with the fee) can be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the offertory basket or mailed at your earliest convenience so we can order enough books/workbooks. Parent meeting date will be announced in the future bulletin.

ISAIAH 43 (YOUTH MINISTRY)

Steubenville Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting on Monday, July 24 @ 6:30 PM in the dining hall. We will meet participants from other parishes who will be attending Steubenville Conference with us and go over pertinent information.

Grades 10-12 Students

Please sign up on the form in the entrance of church and also look for information/schedule packet that was handed out at the pool party and picnic.



WELCOME COOKOUT FOR FATHER WILLIAM

We would like to invite all Saint Clement parish members to a cookout to welcome Father William to the parish and community of Lancaster! We will hold it on Thursday August 3rd from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the

Warming House shelter in Lancaster Memorial Park. (The large shelter closest to the pool.) Meat and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and beverage of your choice. Music will be provided by Dr. Tom Nicolai and Sydney Busch! In the case of inclement weather we will hold the cookout at the parish dining hall.

Donations to help cover the costs of meat and table service are welcome! Please send them to Katie Crosby in the church office. Thank you in advance!

Please RSVP by August 2nd so we have an idea of how much meat to purchase. You can call or text either Marisa Alderson at (605)431-7831 or Amy Busch at (608) 732-1923. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to Father William and also to get to know your fellow parish members! We hope to see you all there! Pray for good weather!

MASS INTENTION OPENINGS

We have openings for Mass Intentions in coming weeks and months. Have a Mass offered for your living and/or deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving or for your special intentions. Mass will be celebrated in the Ordinary Form until Fr. William learns and prepares to celebrate Mass in Extraordinary Form (Latin).

LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

Check out the pamphlet stand by the choir loft as we have some new offerings for you to take home, read and be inspired in faith and action. The topics range from the rosary, the Eucharist, marriage, family life, finances and more!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - NOW ONLINE!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) can now be learned in the comfort of your home via the internet on your own time. Two self-paced methods for learning symptom-thermal NFP are available- one text based, one video based.

To learn more and to register go to www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/MarriageandFamily/NaturalFamilyPlanning/ClassesRegistration.aspx and scroll down the page or contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at 608-821-3134 / nfp@straphael.org

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

STONE HEARTH PUB SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE

As most of you are aware, our former librarian Mrs. Nikki Nemitz is the new owner and operator of the Stone Hearth Pub at the Lancaster Country Club. Please take time to visit this newly remodeled restaurant and wish Nikki the best on her new endeavor. We also encourage you to take some Stone Hearth Pub SCRIP with you on your next visit. These gift cards come in \$25 denominations and Nikki will graciously donate 15% of all SCRIP purchased back to Saint Clement. Simply stop by the SCRIP table in back of church following each weekend Mass or the school office during the week for all your SCRIP needs. Remember, your participation in the SCRIP program does not cost you anything! For example, if you buy \$100 in Stone Hearth Pub SCRIP from us, you will have that full \$100 to spend at the Stone Hearth Pub... just like cash or other gift cards! Saint Clement actually purchased these SCRIP certificates for \$85, so in essence Stone Hearth Pub has just donated \$15 to Saint Clement School through your purchase. Please help spread the word and start purchasing SCRIP today!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The 2017-18 school year will be here before we know it, so here are a few important dates you might want to put on your calendars now:

- Monday, August 21, 2017: Registration 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Open House 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29, 2017: First Day of School
- Monday, September 4, 2017: No School - Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 5, 2017: Public School / Busing Begins

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

July

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| 17 | \$25 | Carolyn Crubel |
| 18 | \$25 | Anita Rubenis |
| 19 | \$25 | Jay Esser |
| 20 | \$25 | Josh Hentrich |
| 21 | \$25 | Adaline Helmke |
| 22 | \$25 | Matt & Anna Selby |
| 23 | \$50 | St. Clement School |



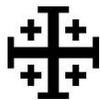
PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE:

In an effort to communicate to parishioners across many forms of media, we are asking for all parishioners who have an email account to please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office either by mail or in the collection basket. (Please do so even if you think we may already have it on file!) In the future, we would like to send some of our parish communications via email, thereby saving postage, time and materials. In addition, as more and more people are no longer using land-line telephones and are switching to cell phones, we are also in need of updated telephone numbers of our parishioners. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

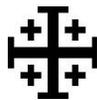
Parishioner Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone/Home Phone: _____



WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE JULY 29/30



5 PM Lectors: Emil Everix & Tom Hughey

5 PM Servers: Larry & Paige Pluemer, Brenin Belscamper

7:30 AM Lectors & Servers: Need Volunteers! Call the rectory

9:30 AM Lectors: Jennifer Bailie & Josh Jensen

9:30 AM Servers: Lydia, Mack, Joey & Carolyn Recker

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled liturgical role,
please find a substitute.*

WORD OF LIFE

“A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.” — Pope John Paul II, “Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See.” © 2000 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. <https://goo.gl/sUqzbC>



LOVE ONE ANOTHER, HELP ONE ANOTHER

How very insistent the Apostle Saint John was in preaching the *mandatum novum*, the new commandment, that we should love one another. I would fall on my knees, without putting on any act – but this is what my heart dictates – and ask you, for the love of God, to love one another, to help one another, to lend one another a hand, to know how to forgive one another. And so, reject all pride, be compassionate, show charity; help each other with prayer and sincere friendship.

– Saint Josemaría Escrivá, 1902-1975
(*The Forge*, 454)

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

With Father William’s blessing, we will continue plans for the Year of the Holy Spirit. It will be a joy for us to intensify and rejuvenate the life of the parish under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our new pastor, Father William Vernon.

Please continue to pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit to bless St. Clement Parish:

Holy Spirit, Lover of my Soul, lead me to grow in holiness and charity. Awaken in me the awesome wonder of your gifts within, that in response to your grace I may be a gift to my family, my friends, my parish and especially to You. Holy Spirit, My Friend and My Guide, Strengthen Me.

Check out the following opportunities to plan for the immediate future:

- Wednesday, August 2, 6:30pm in rectory meeting room:
Planning meeting for pie and ice cream reception on August 15.
- Bishop Morlino will be here on Aug. 15 to celebrate our 7:00pm Mass with Father William for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reception will follow.
- Thursday, August 28, 6:30pm in rectory meeting room
Bridget Spraggon has volunteered to chair the Hospitality Committee which will recognize parishioners on their birthdays and anniversaries, and send condolences where needed. Please come, anyone from age 12 and beyond if you want to participate in this work of charity throughout the year.
- Saturday, September 9: Movie Night for families
Call Kitty if you or your family would like to help choose the movie and organize snacks.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

Jesus often referred to the importance of prayer- prayer for our needs, prayer for others, prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude, and more. Prayer connects us with God, the source of our being and our life. Just a reminder that we have our PRAYER NETWORK book in the entrance of church where you can write down your intentions, whatever they may be. This book is found on a book stand by the central aisle in the entrance of church. Each Monday morning, we type up these prayers and make copies for people to take home and they in turn lift these prayers up to God. We also send it out via email to others. Please use this book as we support one another in prayer.

“Dear friends, may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. Our Lord Jesus Christ has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, His Name will continue to resound throughout the world.”

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
August 20, 2011, 26th World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain