

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020

SATURDAY (March 28)

5:00 Penny Carbajal, requested by Family

SUNDAY (March 29) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Rita Ritch, requested by Fran & Don Desio

10:30 Frank Tedeschi, requested by daughter, Joan Tedeschi

MONDAY (March 30)

7:30 Angelina & Pietro Forte, requested by the Bria Family

TUESDAY (March 31)

7:30 Kathy Shine

WEDNESDAY (April 1)

7:30 Anthony Servidio

THURSDAY (April 2) St. Francis of Paola

NO MASS

FRIDAY (April 3) First Friday

7:30 Tom Gausche

SATURDAY (April 4) St. Isidore

9:00 Helen O'Rourke

5:00 Mickey Pinto, requested by Rose Marie Bitetto

SUNDAY (April 5) Palm Sunday

8:00 Ed McHugh, requested by Family

10:30 Linda Hesslein, requested by the Gianquinto Family

PRAISE

TO

YOU,

LORD

JESUS

CHRIST,

KING

OF

ENDLESS

GLORY!

**OUR PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE & RAFFLE
WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Phone: (Louise Cronin) 203-348-1233

Email: stclementre@optonline.net

Religious Education classes will be set up online and classes will not resume until April 19th.

Following the March diocesan restrictions, we will run into Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please see that your child continues the religious education online and is prepared to return to class on April 19th. If you do not have access to online education, I can provide materials for you. For those who have their religious ed textbook at home, they can read to the end of the book.

Regretfully, First Reconciliation will be postponed until April, and the fifth and seventh grade Stations of the Cross will be cancelled. Stay healthy and enjoy your family time. God bless all.

DIVINE MERCY MOMENT.

Jesus to St. Faustina: ***My child, all your sins have not wounded My Heart as painfully as your present lack of trust does- that after so many efforts of My love and mercy, you should doubt My goodness.***

SAINTS CORNER.

From the bookmark of St. Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you;

Nothing frighten you.

All things are passing.

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

Nothing is wanting to him who possesses God.

God alone suffices.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of March 29th will burn in loving memory of Mickey Pinto from Jill DeLeo and Family.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of a loved one, either living or deceased, call Fran at the parish office for further information.

PRAY THE ROSARY



Dear Parishioners,

The phrase **“be not afraid”** appears 366 times in Sacred Scripture, one for each day of the year including a leap year. In one of the times that Jesus Christ used this phrase was to His disciples when they were in their boat on Lake Galilee and were in the thick of a storm. They feared for their lives and cried out to Jesus. And what did He do? He calmed the storm.

We are going to face our own storms in life as well, in various forms, like anxieties, uncertainties, trials, tribulations, changes, challenges and yes, even viruses, such as the Corona virus. Sometimes these storms appear bigger than we are, more powerful than we are. But in comparison to God, there is nothing more powerful and bigger than He is. The worse that could happen to us in life did not happen to us. It happened to Jesus Christ. He paid the price for our sins. He gave His life for us. He reconciled us to God the Father. Jesus Christ by His Passion, Death and Resurrection has conquered our worse enemies: sin, the devil and death.

This is not a time to worry. This is not a time for fear, **“fear is useless, what is needed is faith.”** St. John Vianney once said, **“God commands us to pray, but He forbids us to worry.”** We chase fear away with our prayers, and we enliven our faith with prayers.

There is a saying, **“courage is fear that has said its prayers.”** Let us during this time of the Corona virus continue to pray for each other, and all those who have lost their lives because of this virus, as well as their families they left behind. Let us with our prayers pray away this virus, and to trust in God’s merciful love for us. God’s love for us is greater than anything in this world. He gave us what is most precious to Him. He gave us what was most valuable to Him, His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. What more will He not give us.

Fr. Carlos

In response to the directives issued by Bishop Caggiano, the following changes have been made to our parish and office schedule:

- ◆ **All weekday and Sunday Masses at St. Clement Parish, celebrated in the presence of the lay faithful, are temporarily suspended until further notice.**
- ◆ All regularly scheduled liturgies, including Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and scheduled Confessions are also temporarily suspended until further notice.
- ◆ **A DAILY PRIVATE MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED BY FR. CARLOS TO FULFILL THE REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS AND TO PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.**
- ◆ The Chapel will remain open during the day if parishioners would like to visit.
- ◆ The Parish Office and Rectory are closed to visitors until further notice. Parishioners are kindly asked to be patient in these difficult times. General inquiries should be sent to stclement@optonline.net or by calling 203-348-4206. Please hold all non-essential inquires until the parish office reopens.
- ◆ Everyone is encouraged to spiritually attend Mass on TV (EWTN) or live masses celebrated by Bishop Caggiano or Monsignor Powers at www.dioceseofbridgeport.org.



For the convenience of our parishioners, we have instituted **ONLINE GIVING**. This convenience allows you to provide your contributions electronically with weekly donations or by setting up recurring offerings, as you prefer. Sign-up is easy and this is already being used by some of our parishioners.

Instructions for Online giving can be found at

<https://www.stclementofstamford.com/uploads/1/0/6/1/106187663/onlinegivingmembers.pdf>

and to login you can go to

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4495>.

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