

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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December 25, 2016 Christmas Day



**Parking—
only between the
church parking signs**

January 1st - *The Feast of the Mother of God*

Schedules

Masses

Mon–Fri 7A, 12:10P

Sun 11A, 8P

Sat 11A

Holy Days 7A, 12:10P, 7P

Perpetual Adoration

All day, every day. After

9P, pass key required;

contact 617-536-4141 x105

Confessions

Mon 7:30P–8:30P

Before weekend Masses

Liturgy of the Hours

Mon–Fri 6:30A, 5P

Weekly Activities

Rosary, Front Room

Monday 6:30–6:45P

Young Adults, Front Room

Monday 7–8P

Monday Nite Confessions

7:30–8:30P

Music Ministry Upper Rm

Tuesday 7-9P

Legion of Mary Front Rm

Thursday 6P

Pure In Heart Upper Rm

Thursday 7P

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New Year's Eve - Holy Day Midnight Mass

11:15PM

Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean

12:30AM Social downstairs

Sunday - New Years Day - Holy Day Masses

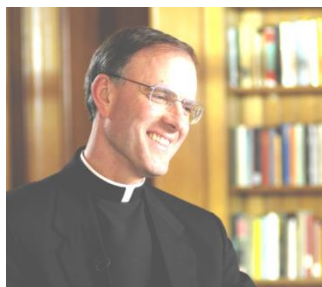
11:00 AM and 8:00 PM

St. Francis, Prudential Center

New Year's Eve: Vigil Masses 4:00, 5:30P, 7:00P(esp)

New Years Day

8:00A, 9:15A, 10:30 A, 11:45A, 1:15P(esp), 4:00P, 5:30P



Fr. Timothy Gallagher's 2017

Weekend Seminar - January 21 & 22

Daily Prayer of Discernment

The Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Questions/registration omvusa@gmail.com

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The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program *Front Room*

Wednesdays:

JAN 4, 11, 18 FEB 1, 8, 15 MAR 8, 15, 22, 29 APR 5, 12, 19, 26

7 to 8P Discussion – 8 to 9P Jeff Cavins video lectures.

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A Group For Discerning Women

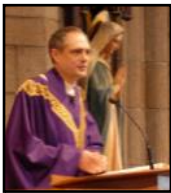
Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

AdorationBoston

These are the current "open" hours of Adoration where we need an adoror. Please let me know if you can cover one of these hours either temporarily or regularly. adorationboston.com

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Monday	8A, 2P, 3P, 5P, 6P
Tuesday	4A, 11A, 1P, 4P
Wednesday	12A, 4A, 8A, 10A, 3P, 4P
Thursday	1A, 12P, 2P, 4P
Friday	7A, 11A, 12N, 1P, 4P
Saturday	2A, 4A, 10A, 3P, 4P, 5P
Sunday	2A, 9A, 12P, 1P



Spiritual Thought

It was my day off and I planned to go home and help mom with her spring garden. My plan of attack was to edge the garden then lay down a bed for the flowers. I was going to buy top soil compost, and peat moss. Then I would plant the annuals, water then it would all be done in one day. I had a lot to do and wanted to get an early start. I charged into the house, "Okay, mom let's go, go, go. You pick out the flowers at the nursery and I will get the bedding." She said to me, "Can we go to Mahoney's?" I said, "That is down the Cape." She said, "They have nice flowers there." I must have driven past a dozen nurseries. Naturally, we had to have lunch at the Clam Shack at the entrance of Falmouth harbor where you can see all the boats coming in. And you can't go to the Cape without taking in the beach. After lunch, she wanted to stop at one of those places where they make homemade ice cream. We finally arrived at the nursery. We split up, she went to get the flowers and I went the Bed Bath and Beyond section of the super-nursery to get the bedding for the flowers. We were going to meet at the cashier. When I was done, I waited. After some time, I saw her approach. I said, "That is it, only one plant?" She had a small bush with thistles and a few small yellow flowers. It was the oddest thing they had in the place. I thought, "We came all the way down here for this?" When we got home, I asked her where she wanted me to plant it. She said, next to the front door so everyone will see it. I dug a big hole and made a nice bed and planted the one plant that we bought. After dinner, I went home. I reflected on the way home that we didn't get a lot done—not what I planned—but we had fun.

Two months after my mother died, it was early July, Dad and I were walking into the house and right at the front door entrance was this large bush completely covered with little yellow flowers basking in glory under the sun. Dad said, "I love that bush." "Dad," I said, "I do too."

Of course, my mother knew that the annuals I wanted to plant would have been dead a long time ago. She knew this plant would be a fire ball of beauty. She also knew that when I looked at it, I would not just be seeing a beautiful plant, but I would also remember the terrific day when we got the plant. What does this have to do with Christmas?

The day before my ordination, I went to St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood to practice for my first Mass. The priest there was assisting me. When we were done he said to me, "Before I was ordained I thought my mission was to help God save the world. After I was ordained, I realized that Christ saved the world, He just wanted me to appreciate and enjoy living in a here and now."

I suppose I will accomplish a few things with our Lord's help in my days as a priest. But more important is the relationship in the doing. Christ came to us at Christmas. Enjoy 2017!