# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215 617-266-5999— **stclementshrine.org** Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org



September 10, 2017 Twenty-third Sunday

#### **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 9:00PM, a pass key is required; email

AdorationBoston@gmail.com

#### 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 Confession** 

7:30-8:30P

Music Ministry Upper Rm

Tuesday 7-9P

**Legion of Mary** Front Rm

Thursday 6P

Pure In Heart YA Group

Upper Rm Thursday 7P

### SECURE Give

**Kiosk Giving** Use any credit card at the giving kiosk in the vestibule.

Text Giving Text the word SHRINE to 617-209-2779, leave a space and then the dollar amount.

<u>SecureGive App</u> Download the App through your smartphone or tablet. (*iTunes* app store or Google play store) Online Giving

Visit the St. Clements website at www.stclementshrine.org

#### **UPPER ROOM SERIES**

#### Formation in Catholic thought and culture.

#### Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 PM

"A Kingdom of Priests: Priesthood and Sacrifice in the Pentateuch"

The first lecture of the series on biblical studies shows the connections between the Old Testament understanding of God's call for Israel and the apostolic teaching on the Church.

Br. Nathan Marzonie, OMV

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister?

If so.....FIAT is for you!

## Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Meetings: All meetings 7-9 pm in the Front Room

September 27, 2017, October 25, 2017, November 29, 2017, January 31, 2018, February 28, 2018, March 21, 2018, April 25, 2018

For more information

please check us out on facebook: www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen or contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ Phone: 617-746-5637

E-mail: <u>Sr Marian Batho@rcab.org</u> Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church.

## Holy Relics of Saint Anthony of Padua Visit the Diocese of Boston from October 6 to October 15

#### **Downtown Boston:**

**Friday, October 6,** Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118 **Tuesday, October 10,** St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St, Boston, MA 02110

For more locations: Visit our website at: <a href="www.saintanthonyofpadua.net">www.saintanthonyofpadua.net</a> or contact Tom Muscatello at <a href="mailto:anthonianassociation@gmail.com">anthonianassociation@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### AdorationBoston

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

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

AdorationBoston@gmail.com

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



#### **Spiritual Thought**

Jesus says that He is going to go to Jerusalem to be arrested, suffer and die and on the third day he will rise. Peter immediately takes Jesus aside and reprimands Him, "God forbid such a thing to happen." Did Peter not hear about the rising of the dead or listen to only the dark side of the

message? Even with the worst of news, one has to find the one thing that will lift the spirit.

The last time I went to Fenway Park, about fourteen years ago, I noticed that there were many distractions: one guy, "Let's do the wave," or people in my row getting around me to use the rest room or grab a hot dog. Being there is no leg room, I had to stand up and suck in my gut so they could pass by me. Finally, when everyone was settled, a young boy behind me started crying. The dad said, "What's the matter?" The young voice said, "My ball rolled under that man's seat, and I can't get it." I looked under my seat, and sure enough, there was a baseball. I couldn't just reach down and get it because my knees were jammed into the seat in front of me. I stood up and got down on my knees. As I was reaching for the ball, everyone in the park jumped to their feet, and a celebration began. People were high-fiving, clapping and cheering out loud. "What the," I thought, and I got to my feet. Big Papi just hit a homerun. Let me ask: Why do you go to Fenway Park? Do you go so you can sit in uncomfortable chairs for four hours? I don't think so. Or, so you can pay \$7.50 for watered down beer in a plastic cup? I don't think so. Do you go to Fenway Park to see a Red Sox game so you can pay the highest prices for a box seat? I don't think so. You go to Fenway Park to see David Ortiz hit a home run...and I missed it.

I was so excited about getting in a few hours of fishing one afternoon that I locked my keys in the car. While I was standing in my waders outside the car looking in the window, an elderly couple walked by and said hello. I said hello back. Then they stopped, and the husband asks me, "Are you alright?" I said, "Actually, I locked my keys in the car." The man said, "No problem. My neighbor is a retired car mechanic. I'll give him a call, and he will get the door open for you." I told him I didn't want to put anyone out of their way. He said, "No problem, we are retired and have time to help." About twenty minutes later his neighbor drove up and before we knew it the keys were in my hand. I told the man, "I can't tell you how much I appreciate your help." They said, "No problem, I was happy to help."

A few months later, I had a few hours off to go fishing. This time I didn't leave the keys in the car. I started walking along the beach to reach the point where I fish. Just ahead of where I was going, I saw an outboard motor boat pulled up on the sand. When I got near the boat there was a girl, I guess about seven years old, playing in the water. Mom and Dad were in the boat. I waved to them, and they smiled and waved back. I took a few steps then turned back to them and said, "Excuse me, but are you both all right?" The man in the boat said, "Well, I can't start the motor. I think it's flooded. If I can get the spark plugs out, I can dry them, but I don't have a wrench." "I can get you a wrench," I said. He said, "No, I don't want to put you out." I said, "No problem." I returned with the wrench, and sure enough, the spark plugs were dripping wet. He dried them and the motor started up. The man handed me the wrench and said, "You have no idea how grateful we are to you." After he said that, I thought, "Wait a minute I said the same thing a few months ago when someone stopped to help me. That is what put the goodness inside me and instilled me to do what I did. That is what Christ does for us. He instills in us greatness.

The message of the Gospel is that none of us like to carry crosses; no one likes to lock the keys in the car or have the motor flooded. Yet, no matter how hard it gets, no matter how difficult things may be, always look for that one bright opportunity that will lift us up.