# St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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# May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# 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

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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. AdorationBoston@gmail.com



2P, 3P, 7P

Friday 7A, 8A, 11A, 12N, 1P, 4P

Wednesday 12A, 4A, 11A, 3P Thursday 1A, 8A, 12P, 2P, 4P

Monday

Tuesday 1P 4P

# AdorationBoston@gmail.com Saturday 2A Sunday 4A, 9A, 1P, 4P Pure In Heart Young Adults Group Thursdays 7-8:30P Upper Room

"Pure in Heart is a young adult Catholic community in the greater Boston area. We celebrate Mass every week at 7pm, preceded by optional rosary and confession at 6:30P. We end the night with a talk and reading of St. John Paul II's audiences on Theology of the Body and, afterwards, go out to a local restaurant/pub! The Franciscans of the Primitive Observance serve as our spiritual guides. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, email <u>info@pureinheartamerica.org</u> with the subject line SUBSCRIBE".

## Evangelization Series Wednesdays 7-8pm May 10, 17, 24 Upper Room

Come join us in the Upper Room for a special three week series on Evangelization. Each Wednesday, from 7-8pm, there will be an interactive workshop lasting just one hour. These workshops are designed to give you very basic tools for evangelization in the vocation particular to you.

#### Part I: Prayer

For the first week, we will be covering the foundation of evangelization, prayer. This workshop will cover the importance of prayer as a foundation for evangelization, as well as give you tools for leading others in prayer and intercessory prayer.

#### Part II: Testimony

For this, the second week of the series, there will be a one hour workshop on the importance of personal witness. After this workshop, you will come away with practical tools to organize and tell your personal testimony of the ways Jesus has worked in your life!

#### Part III: Spreading the Gospel

For this, the third and final week of the series, there will be a one hour workshop that will train you on a very simple method of explaining what we as Catholics believe. Christ asks us to spread the Gospel to all nations, but what is it that we are spreading? What is the Gospel message and how do you explain it to people who have no contextual background for understanding it? We will explore these questions and present a very simple method that can help you to have these important conversations in the future.

#### Mary & Men: A Morning Meditation Saturday 8:30-12:30P May 13 Upper Room

What kind of relationship do you have with the Blessed Virgin Mary? Why does a relationship with Mary matter for our personal and spiritual growth? Why does Mary matter specifically to men?

Come join us on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima as we explore the answer to these and many more questions at the Men's Morning Meditation, sponsored by the St. Clement's Catholic Mens' Community. Men of all ages are invited to attend this event, which will begin with refreshments at 8:30am to be followed by a talk at 9am sharp. The day will also include time for discussion, Confession, Adoration, and Mass. This year's Men's Morning Meditation will take place in the Upper Room at St. Clement's, accessible through the doors to the right of the altar.

## Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat Saturday May 20 TH

God's forgiveness knows no bounds – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a one-day healing retreat. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at <u>508.651.3100</u> or <u>help@projectrachelboston.com</u>

## Early Bird Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering Saturday May 20 TH

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary's Rd Milton 774-343-5075 for more information Fatima 100 Years Ago - Lynn Kenn Archdiocese of Boston

7:00-8:30am - prayer , coffee & refreshments, presentation & discussion



#### **Spiritual Thought**

About a year ago, my father called and said, "Peter, the stripers are in the canal." Let me tell you a little about stripers. Every spring they migrate, like birds, from the Carolinas to Nova Scotia. When they arrive at the Cape Code Canal, they stop to get a quick bite and then go on their way. They don't hang out in the canal, so timing

is crucial. So how does my father know when the stripers are in the Canal? He lives sixty miles away! He knows when the lilacs are in bloom. It is certain proof every year. How do the lilacs know when the stripers are in the canal? Do they text each other? Nature is connected.

A guy wrote a book on fly hatches—caddis hatches, mayfly hatches, stone fly hatches. He claims that a fisherman knows there is a hatch when certain bugs come off the water by observing the flowers. His point is that all of nature is connected. Humans are somehow out of the loop, which is why we have dogs. Notice that animals are never hurt or killed because of tsunamis. They are connected. My point is that humans are not connected with nature and they are also not connected to God. This may be disappointing to you so let me explain why.

Jesus told His disciples, three times that He was going to suffer, be mocked, be crucified, die, and rise on the third day. Jesus could not be clearer. Then, in fact, He goes to Jerusalem; He suffers, is crucified, and dies. On the third day, the women find the tomb empty. Not only that, there were angels in the tomb who told the women that He rose from the dead. Yes, angels. Wouldn't you think that before the two disciples threw in the towel, before they abandoned their cause, that perhaps they would have stopped by the tomb to see if it was empty? Even if you had your doubts, wouldn't you have walked a few blocks to check it out? Perhaps the angels would still be there and explain what happened. There is so much going on during the third day, wouldn't you want to be around for a while to see what was happening? But no, they leave. They leave despite all of the words and the signs about Jesus. They are completely disconnected from God.

Do you ever feel down, disheartened, discouraged, not knowing why so many things are happening that are wrong? That is because we are disconnected from God. But look what happens to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus when they are reconnected with God. They have a sudden mood swing. They are full of hope, confidence and willing to return to the plan that God started with Christ. They have complete joy. Would you not want to have a little of that in your life every day? So, how do you get connected with God? The story tells us: Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. That sounds very much like our Mass. That is why we go to Mass each week to be connected with God. When we are connected to God, we are aware of His plan. We feel confidence and hope.

In the ancient world, people boasted about each one's gods. They would ask each other, "What does your god do?" Some would say, my god can blow up mountains and spew lava flows. My god is the volcano god. Another will claim, my god burns everything up. My god is the lightning bolt god. Someone else will say, my god blows down trees. My god is the hurricane god. When they asked Christians what god they had they said, our God breaks bread with us. They would be astounded. They knew what breaking bread means. When you break bread with someone it means that you are one of them, that you are a part of the family. When the Lord breaks bread with us it means is that we are His next of kin, His closest relative. When you are connected you will know. You will never despair or lose hope. You will know that with God there is a plan.

**Pope St John 23rd National Seminary Annual Golf Tournament** - Monday, May 22nd Weston Golf Club This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable.

The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the Seminary for each golfer and a guest. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psjs.edu/golf-tournament.

Young Adults Activities To be added to the St. Clement Young Adult emails, contact stclementyoungadults@gmail.com

**St. Francis House** 39 Boylston St.- Volunteer Opportunity - the first Saturday of each month. *Please contact: Joey George jgeorge@alum.mit.edu*