

# Shrine Schedule

## Mass

- Sunday 11 AM, 8 PM
- Mon-Fri 7 AM, 12:10 PM
- Saturday 11 AM

## Confession

- Monday 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday *half hour before Masses*

## Liturgy of the Hours

- Morning prayer M-F 6:30 AM
- Evening prayer M-F 5:45 PM
- Seminarian Rosary 5 PM

## Get connected!

### Online

- [stclementshrine.org](http://stclementshrine.org)
- Mobile-friendly
- Online bulletin

### Main Office

- [stclement@omvusa.org](mailto:stclement@omvusa.org)
- 617-266-5999 x 130



- [facebook.com/StClementShrine/](https://facebook.com/StClementShrine/)
- 12:10 Mass streamed live M-F

## Get involved!

*For more information, see "groups" at [stclementshrine.org](http://stclementshrine.org)*

### St. Clement Young Adults

- Monday in the Upper Room
- Rosary at 6:45 PM
- Bible study 7-8 PM

### Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen

- Tues, Thurs, Sun 6 PM
- Front steps of the Shrine

### Choir

- Sing at 8 PM Sunday Mass
- Rehearsal Tues 7-9 PM Upper Room
- Director Brett Kostrzewski, [brettak@bu.edu](mailto:brettak@bu.edu)

### Legion of Mary

- Thursday 6 PM, Front Room

### Pure in Heart

- Thursday in the Upper Room
- 6:30 PM Rosary and Confession
- 7 PM Mass and meeting
- [BOSTON@pureinheart.org](mailto:BOSTON@pureinheart.org)



## ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISTIC SHRINE

*Serving the whole Church in the heart of Boston*

*St. Clement Shrine is staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV). It is the Eucharistic Shrine of the Archdiocese of Boston and the home of Our Lady of Grace Seminary, where future OMV priests and brothers are formed.*

## Adoration at St. Clement Shrine

St. Clement has had perpetual adoration since 2009, and is the only place of perpetual adoration in Boston. This is possible because many people have committed to one hour of adoration before the Lord here each week. Consider joining us! For information, contact Joanne at [AdorationBoston@gmail.com](mailto:AdorationBoston@gmail.com). To see the available hours, sign up, and access resources for making a holy hour, visit [omvusa.org/st-clement-shrine/adoration](http://omvusa.org/st-clement-shrine/adoration).

## Homeless Outreach in the Back Bay

The Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen (BBMSK) meets on the front steps of the Shrine on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 6 PM to take sandwiches, socks, and compassion to the homeless in the neighborhood. No commitment is necessary; come along any time to encounter Christ in the streets. Donations to BBMSK can be directed through the Shrine. Contact: Eli Roberts, [elirobertsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:elirobertsmusic@gmail.com)

## Upper Room Series – Special Edition

Wednesday, April 18 | 7 PM in the Upper Room



Join us for an introduction to the life and cause for canonization of the founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Fr. Bruno Lanteri. He was one of the most active priests in northern Italy in the 1700s. He preached retreats and wrote and edited books; he spent hours and hours in the confessional and visited the poor and the sick. In the midst of all this, he always remained a man of deep contemplation and study. Dr. Cabrini Pak will share stories of her travels throughout the American province that illustrate how Lanterian spirituality lives on in the Oblates and in the people they serve.



## Annual Gala

Saturday, May 5 | 5:30 PM

Plaza Ballroom at the Seaport Hotel in Boston

Join us for an evening celebration with cocktails, silent auction, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds support Our Lady of Grace Seminary scholarship fund. Tickets and sponsorship are available at [omvusa.org](http://omvusa.org).



## OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

WORKING TOWARD A REBIRTH OF SPIRITUALITY IN TODAY'S WORLD



## April 15 , 2018 | Third Sunday of Easter



### *Spiritual Thought from Fr. Peter Grover, OMV*

Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs to cure the sick. They are not to take any food, money or extra clothing. They are the poorest of the poor. Jesus does, however, give them power to cure. Do they have to go to medical school for ten years to learn the skill? Nope. Do they have to mortgage their summer homes to pay for medical education? No. They acquired the skill without lifting a finger. As two of them move out, they meet a man who is limping. They approach him and ask if he needs anything. He tells them he has a broken leg and it hurts. The disciples cure him. The man, whose leg is restored, does not have to go to the emergency room and wait for hours to be served. He does not have to go to therapy for three months. He does not have to pay for x-rays, the doctor's fee, or hospital costs. He stands there with all this saved money, turns to the disciples and asks, "Can I take you to lunch? Do you have a place to stay? Do you need new sandals?" The disciples, who had nothing, are now reaping in abundance.

The disciples return to our Lord and tell him about all the wonderful things that took place while on the road. Then they look over their shoulders; they see a crowd of 5000 families descending upon them. None of them have any food and they are hungry. Jesus tells the disciples to feed them. They give Jesus what they have, he blesses it and distributes it to the hungry. There is a man sitting on the grass. Moments before, this man had nothing to eat. Now he cannot take another bite and stills has a half a loaf of bread in his hand. Perhaps, he thinks, he can save it for the journey home. Before he can stow it away in his backpack, a disciple snatches it out of his hand and says, "Sorry, no doggy bags today." The one who received in abundance is now giving back. Do you see the behavioral pattern taking shape?

My first weekend at St. Clement was an eye-opener. The collection for the entire weekend was \$86.00. Now you can't run a church on eighty-six dollars a week. Being a responsible director, I called the archdiocese and asked if there was someone who could give me some pointers on how to keep the boat afloat. I was told they would send me their most capable and successful man. When he came, I was expecting to see a variety of giving envelopes, capital campaign posters, and hopefully a list of names of people who could help. The deacon brought nothing. The first thing he asked me was, "Father, are you generous?" I said, "Well, I think I am with my time and skills." He asked about money. I explained that I could not be generous with money because I barely had enough to pay the bills. He told me that is not how it works. I needed to be generous regardless if I was poor or rich. He assured me, "Don't worry about the bills; you will get back the money." When he left, I made a donation with the money I was going to use for the light bill. Even with making the donation, I somehow managed to pay the light bill, all the other bills, and make major repairs on the church. I am not sure how it all happened, but it did. You see, taking and receiving are one in the same with God.

We recently celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy means that God has compassion on us when we are in need. Seeing the need, God gives to us in abundance. When God gives to us, we immediately become rich. He makes us rich so that we can now be the givers. Mercy is never a one-way street. It means that we are both takers and givers. When God makes us rich, remember this: It is not for us. It is so we can help others and God helped us.

*Thank You, Carol!*

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Carol McGinness, our former office manager at St. Clement Shrine. She served for twenty years. Her mother was a faithful adorer, and through her I met Carol, who volunteered to help us in the office once a week. As the work increased, she began to come three days a week.

I ask that you keep Carol in your prayers. She is presently dealing with health issues, and I know that she would appreciate your prayers and good-wishes. I have met a lot of people in my life as a priest, and I can honestly say that Carol is the most genuine and generous person I have ever met. Thank you Carol; your energy and commitment to God's work will always be an inspiration to us. You will be greatly missed.

*-Fr. Peter*