

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 1/2 hour before Masses

Liturgy of the Hours

During the academic year

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

GET CONNECTED

Online

- stclementshrine.org
- Mobile-friendly
- Online bulletin
- Facebook.com/StClementShrine
- YouTube.com/omvusa

Main Office

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GET INVOLVED

St. Clement Young Adults

- Every Monday in the Upper Room
- 6:45 PM Rosary, 7-8 PM Bible Study

Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen

- Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday 6 PM
- Front steps of the Shrine

Choir

- 8 PM Sunday Mass
- Director: Brett Kostrzewski, brettak@bu.edu

Legion of Mary

- Thursday, 6 PM in the Front Parlor

Pure in Heart

- Thursdays in the Upper Room
- 6:30 PM Rosary, 7 PM Mass and meeting
- Boston@pureinheart.org



You can get the St. Clement bulletin, as well as Mass and event updates, via email. Just email stclement@omvusa.org with the subject "Subscribe to weekly bulletin."

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. One hour of Eucharistic adoration each week is a concrete and attainable commitment that is sure to deepen your spiritual life. For information, contact Joanne at AdorationBoston@gmail.com. To see the available hours, sign up, and access resources for making a holy hour, visit stclementshrine.org and click on "adoration."

What is Philosophy and Why is it Important in Catholic Life?

An Upper Room Talk by Dr. Sarah Byers, PhD

Wednesday, May 2 | 7 PM in the Upper Room

Philosophy, a discipline with four major sub-fields and a history going back to the ancient Greeks of the sixth century BC, can teach us to be attuned to reality, consistent and logical in our thinking, self-aware, and ethically mature. After explaining how this is so, we will briefly examine three examples of how the early Church Fathers used philosophy to approach some of the mysteries of the Catholic Faith: Christ's agony in the garden of Gethsemane, the Trinity as a "consubstantial" Godhead, and the Eucharist.



Annual Gala

**Saturday, May 5 | 5:30 PM
Plaza Ballroom at the
Seaport Hotel in Boston**

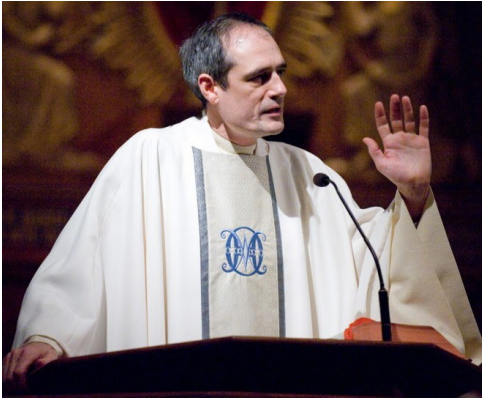
Join us for an evening celebration with cocktails, silent auction, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds support Our Lady of Grace Seminary Scholarship Fund.

Buy tickets or become a sponsor at omvusa.org.



April 22 , 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Spiritual Thought from Fr. Peter Grover, OMV



We know that God is loving because he made babies with cute dimples. We know that God is majestic when we look at the stars at night. We know God is powerful because it says in the Psalms that men go down to the sea in ships and see the glory of God (they are not having a good time, but they see God's glory). Even though we may know that God is loving, powerful, and knowledgeable, he is still a mystery. Scripture discusses the mystery: God has a plan, but we do not always know what it is. He does not always reveal his plan, and here is why:

Before my youngest brother married his wife, they made a plan to have a simple wedding. They did not want to spend a lot of money so they could use their resources to start out in life. They were going to invite a few family members and friends. After they made their plans, they revealed it to the family. It did not go

over very well with the father-of-the-bride. He was a professional caterer who specialized in weddings. Do you think he was going to allow his daughter to have food from 7/11, Mini Mart, or Burger King? Of course not. "I will not allow this," he said; "We will have a magnificent banquet." Anyway, I was at the wedding and I had a really good time. The father of the bride messed up the plans.

Another time, I had a day off and planned to leave the house early in the morning. I got word from a friend that they just stocked a lot of fish in one of the ponds and in the afternoon, I would go to Barnstable Harbor for stripers just as the tide was coming in. It was a great plan because I did my homework. The night before my day off, I ran into my provincial, and mentioned my plan to him. He said, "Oh, tomorrow there is an important finance meeting you need to attend. Plan to go another day." I told him I was already scheduled to work the other days. Needless to say, my wonderful plan was foiled.

When you marry, you plan to have perfect children and be the perfect parent. All is fine until your kids come and ruin your plan. I mean, until your "perfect" children ruin your plan.

It even happens with God. He had a great plan when he created the world. He made the garden of paradise. He planned that humans would be happy there and they would be happy forever. So, what is the first thing Adam and Eve do? They disobeyed and allowed sin to enter into his beautiful creation. God threw them out of paradise. Jesus had a plan to save the world. He told Peter, "I will suffer die and rise on the third day." It was a great plan. Yet, Peter did not like the plan, and he said, "God forbid such a thing." He even tried to stop Jesus. It is true even with God. Whenever anyone wants to reveal a plan, there is always someone who is just itching to prevent it. Why doesn't God reveal his plans to us? Because he is a mystery. But after the Resurrection, Jesus revealed God's plan to the disciples. Why? Because the disciples are a part of the plan, they are on the team.

We all know that that the Patriots win many games. Most of these games are won when they come from behind in the score. How do they beat the odds and win? The reason is that they never throw in the towel, give up, or take a knee. They win even when they are behind, with injuries, bad trades, loss of personnel, scandals and "-gates" (deflate-gate, spy-gate). They win because they have great coaching; they have a strategy; they have a plan to win.

We often have opposition, storms of life, disappointments, hard times, untimely difficulties, and losses. But if we have a strategy and a plan we will always be strong, good at life, and inspirational. We will be able to make a difference because we have a plan that will work. It is the gift of the Resurrection.

Thank you, Carol!

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Carol McGinness, our former office manager at St. Clement Shrine. She served here for twenty years. Her mother was a faithful adoror, 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 has difficult health issues right now, and I know that she appreciates your prayers. 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