St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

April 5,2015 Easter Sunday

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Schedules

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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 x127

Confessions Mon 7:30P–8:30P Before weekend Masses

Liturgy of the Hours Mon–Fri 6:30A, 5P

Weekly Activities

Monday 6:30–6:45P Rosary, *Front Room*

Monday Night Confessions 7:30–8:30P

Monday 7–8P Young Adults, *Front Room*

Thursday 7P Pure In Heart, *Upper Room*

PARKING - especially at Sunday's 8PM Mass

Park in-between the Church Parking Signs. If you park beyond you will be towed. On behalf of all the priests, brothers and seminarians, I wish to extend to you our humble thanks for coming to St. Clement's Shrine to celebrate with us the greatest expression of our faith. May our risen Lord be always by your side to bless you abundantly and be your loving guide.

We have many people to thank for the wonderful liturgies that we had during this Holy Week: our Music Director and St. Clement's choir for all their preparation, voices and music during the week. All the servers, lectors and homilist. our heartfelt thanks!

May you and all those you hold dear have a very blessed Easter. Oblates of the Virgin Mary Priests, Brothers and Seminarians

Parish of St. Paul, 29 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138 An Evening with Jeff Cavins at St. Paul's (no charge) Thursday, April 9th – 7:00 PM "Keys to Becoming a Modern Day Disciple"

Jeff is the creator of the acclaimed Bible Timeline series and a leading figure in Catholic media for over two decades and frequent guest or host on Catholic radio and television programs.

St. Joseph's Retreat House, 65 Father Carney Drive (off Adams), Milton Boston & So. Shore Men's Prayer Gathering---Men's Half Day of Reflection Saturday, Saturday, April 11th 8:30A to 1:30P

POPE FRANCIS: THE PLAN – Guest Speaker Fr. David Nicgorski, OMV

This short retreat is open to men of all ages and all parishes. We gather at **8:30 AM** and adjourn at **1:30 PM**, after **Mass** and **Lunch**. Pre-registration is required (*this event always sells out*). Cost is \$40, including morning refreshments and an excellent lunch. Call Geoff FitzGerald at <u>617-822-1785</u> for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration

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. Rich McKinney 617.536-4141 or adorationboston.com
 Monday
 8A,3P, 5P

 Tuesday
 2A, 3A, 10A

 Wednesday
 3A, 10,A 12P

 Thursday
 10A, 12P, 2P,3P

 Friday
 2A, 11A, 12P, 1P

 Saturday
 2A, 3A, 4A, 4P, 5P

 Sunday
 2A, 3A, 4A



"Honoring Commitment, Called to Serve" Saturday, April 25, 2015

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary request the honor of your presence at the Eleventh Annual Seminarian Scholarship Dinner & Auction

Cocktails & Silent Auction: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Live Auction: 7:30 p.m. St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston Street in Boston www.omvusa.org/support/dinner or call 617-536-4141 x127

With gratitude, and in recognition of his dedication to helping us achieve our mission, the Oblates will also offer a special tribute to Father Greg Staab, OMV. Whether or not you attend the dinner, you may participate in the raffle, sponsor the seminary, and offer a tribute in the program book for the evening.



On Good Friday morning, Pontius Pilate addressed the mob as to the fate of Jesus. About 1000 feet away, at the fortress of Antonius, Barabbas was incarcerated and tried to listen in on the conversation. He heard about half of the dialogue because 1000 feet was close enough to hear the loud crowd shouting but too far away to hear the voice of Pilate. The conversation went something like this: Pilate, "Whom shall I release to you?" The crowd, "Barabbas." Pilate, "What should I do with Jesus your Christ?" The crowd, "Crucify him." Pilate, "But what evil has he done?" The crowd shouted, "Crucify him." That was the conversation between Pilate and the crowd. What Barabbas heard was

only half. A thousand feet away the prisoner heard the crowd say, "Barabbas, Barabbas." Barabbas's ears were perked up when he heard his name in the distance. Then there was a pause... "Crucify him. Crucify him."

Picture Barabbas in a holding cell that morning awaiting to be crucified as confirmed by the crowd. Then there were the footsteps of the guards approaching the cell, the clanging of keys, the unlocking of the cell door, the shackles falling from his hands. He braces himself for the up-coming torture and death. The Roman soldier then says to him, "Barabbas, you are free to go. He can't believe what he just heard. He says, "How is that possible?" The soldier says, "Someone else will bear your cross." "Who?" "Jesus."

Take a look at what happened to all the bad guys on Good Friday. One was released from prison, one was promised paradise and all the others received forgiveness. A centurion converts... "Truly this is the son of God." We are one of those the bad guys of the story. That was my cross and my punishment. I can stand beside Barabbas, the free man, and say to him with my head up, "He saved me too."

There was a couple, whose wedding ceremony was before a justice of the peace. They wanted to get their marriage blessed in the church. It was a chapel ceremony where family and friends had gathered. It was time for the husband and wife to exchange their vows when their youngest boy started to cry uncontrollable. Donna, the wife, said to her husband, "You better hold him." Then she left the sanctuary to get her pocketbook. She found a lollypop and gave it to the little guy, which seemed to be the ticket to silence. Once I had the bride and groom's attention, the lollypop fell out of the boy's mouth and landed on my shoe. Instantaneously, all three adults, standing before the altar, thought it would be a good idea to pick up the lollypop from my shoe. Simultaneously we bent down and, needless to say, we bopped heads. The videographer promised that he was going to enter it in America's Funniest Videos.

After the ceremony, the dad said to me, "Sorry father that was a disaster." I turned to him and said, "I have blessed many couples at their weddings but you are the only one who came before the altar of God, vowed your love to your wife and held the evidence and the proof of that love in your arms. There has not been a more profound and more beautiful wedding than yours." He said, "Father, you are right."

We can look at the story of the passion of Jesus and say it was a total disaster on many levels. Yet it is the only story that I know of where the bad guys win in the end. Usually, it is the triumph of good guys that brings out the happy ending to a story. This time however, it is different. Redemption always means that the bad guy wins, because God wins back the bad guy. The story is not a disaster because it marks the very proof of God's love and commitment to us. God will never give up on us. We can stand beside Barabbas today and say, "He saved me too."

Young Adults Activities

To be added to the Young Adult emails, contact stclementyoungadults@gmail.com Volunteer Opportunities:

St. Francis House, 39 Boylston St.- first Saturday of each month.

Please contact Joey George jgeorge@alum.mit.edu

FriendshipWorks, Boston 617-482-1510 Assist elderly and/or adults with disabilities getting to doctors appointments