St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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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 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 Rm*

Save the Date: Wednesday, August 5th

You are invited to attend the 7:00PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the First Religious Profession of: our brothers Nathan Marzonie and Paul Kallal

Br. Nathan





Br. Paul

- Reception to follow –

To assist us in planning, please leave the number who will attend on the voicemail at 617-226-5999 ext. 130 or email: omvusa@gmail.com

Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8. 2015 to November 20, 2016

Pope Francis has powerfully called on the entire Catholic church to refashion itself as a place not of judgment or condemnation but of pardon and merciful love in the upcoming jubilee year of mercy.

On Dec. 8 he will be opening the special holy door of St. Peter's Basilica to mark the beginning of the jubilee. Francis states that he hopes that with its opening, the door "will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope."

To emphasize that the special year is just not for those able to come to Rome, the pontiff says he is going to ask every diocese to identify a similar "Door of Mercy" at a cathedral or other special church to be opened during the year.



During a news conference Tuesday at the Vatican, Fisichella unveiled logo. The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

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



I have a small picture on the wall of my office: Madonna and Child. Whenever I have an appointment or meet with a couple, I bring them from the front door to my office and they usually take a look at the picture. The reason why is because it is the only picture I have on the wall. I love my office because there is nothing in it. Once, one of the priests walked in and said, "Your office is rather bland, you need more 'stuff' in your room." I ask, "What kind of stuff?" "You know! A few

plants, some curtains, hang a few pictures and a rug would be nice." If I do that, however, then no one will notice the small picture I have on the wall because there would be stimuli overload. My visitors will be looking at the "stuff" and the best thing in my office will be hidden. Sometimes we do that in life. We have so much "stuff" in our lives that we bury the most important thing worth seeing. To me, it is the hand of God. Last Thursday I had a wedding rehearsal. I go to rehearsals, not that I need to practice my moves, but to meet the parents and the families. So we are at the foot of the alter going over the ring exchange and I notice the brides engagement ring. It was stunning. It had a big diamond on top and the entire band was made up of diamonds. Light came out of her hand and it didn't need batteries. That ring was a statement: we are not going to bury our treasure with a lot of stuff. The most important thing in life for them will be each other.

Let me ask you a question: What is the greatest prayer we can offer to God? I will give you a hint. It is one word: "Wow." Let me prove it. In Psalm 8, it says that the glory of God will be chanted and praised by the mouth of babies and infants. What? How do babies and infants become such experts at prayer? The reason: they are seeing things for the first time. Did you ever see a young child when he tastes chocolate for the first time? Their eyes get really wide. Did you ever see a baby's face when he or she sees a frog for the first time? Their eyes get so wide and they open their mouths and some unintelligent sound comes out. Please know that when that child opens his mouth and makes that first sound, God is in heaven saying: "Finally, for once someone notices Me." God loves that prayer.

I was in my office and Carol, our office manager, asked me what I did with the marriage certificate. I panicked because I know you can't fool around with marriage certificates. She said, "Think for a minute." So I said, "I remember sitting at my desk and you gave me the certificate to sign. I remember signing it and then...and then I gave it back to you." At that moment, Carol looked in the file and found it. "Yes," she said, "you are off the hook." I raised my hands in the air with a sigh of relief and announced: "Finally, I didn't mess it up this time." We sat there for at least a minute laughing. That night, before I went to bed, I went back over the day to remember all the little things that happened, the things that go by unnoticed because we get so busy with "stuff." I remembered that fun moment in the office. I end my day praying with that one word: "Wow." I go to sleep knowing that I noticed and appreciated God this day.

Peter was afraid in the upper room after Jesus died. On the day of the resurrection, Jesus came in the room and Peter thought he was seeing a ghost. What was the first thing that Jesus did when he saw he was afraid? He showed him His hand. As soon as Peter saw the hand he was a happy man. Why the hand of God? Because Peter recognized that hand. When he was in the boat during a storm, Jesus came to him walking on the water. Peter thought he was seeing a ghost. When he found out it was our Lord, he got out of the boat and started walking toward Jesus. He took a look at the waves and naturally he was concerned about being knocked over. He started to sink, but our Lord came and extended his hand to him - the hand of God. He got a good look at that hand. It took his eyes off the waves and focused on the saving hand.

That is a can be an example for us when the waves of problems and difficulties overwhelm us.

Attention Singers: We are looking for volunteers with any level of singing experience to join a choir that will provide music for worship at the 8pm mass every Sunday. We will rehearse Tuesday nights 7-9pm at St. Clement and have a warm-up before the mass. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the

Brett Kostrzewski: brettak@bu.edu Choir Director: