St. Clement Perpetual **Eucharistic Shrine**

June 14, 2015 Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

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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.

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Monday 8A,3P,5P 2A, 3A, 6A, 7, 10A, 4P Tuesday Wednesday 3A, 9A, 10,A 12:30P,3P,4P Thursday 10A, 12:30P, 2P,3P,6P Friday 2A, 8A,12:30P, 1P,4P 2A, 3A, 4A, Saturday Sunday 2A, 3A, 4A,9A

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 Room



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Celebrating 150 Years of Making Her Know The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - "Mission Church" 1545 Tremont St, Roxbury, MA 617.445.2600 bostonsbasilica.com

> June 20, 2015 4:00PM Mass Followed by garden reception with light appetizers





The gospels make a lot out of those who are witnesses. A witness can have a profound effect on others. Let me give you an example. Suppose I was arrested for stealing money from a cash register. I ask the arresting officer, "When did I do this"? He says, "Last Sunday morning about 11:15." I think, "What a minute, I was saying Mass last Sunday at that time; I have witnesses." The judge drags all the people who were at

St. Clement at that time and they tell the judge. "Fr. Peter wasn't robbing a bank Sunday morning. He was saying Mass. We saw him." Witnesses would have an enormous bearing on my life. This is always true when we are witnesses for God.

The most influential people in our church—and there are a lot of great saints who have made substantial contributions—were the women who stood by the cross. I can imagine they didn't feel very useful or significant at the time. They may have wondered what good would come from just being there, but they were the witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection. For Jesus to rise from the dead, He had to first die. The disciples took off so they could not tell us if Jesus died. It was the women. Their witness had an enormous effect.

During my last year of Theology, an elderly priest arrived after fifty years in the Amazon. You can imagine what fifty years of going up and down the Amazon to serve villagers along the river will do to your body. I was assigned to take care of him. He had a small bell that he used whenever he needed anything such as a newspaper, a cup of coffee, a walk, some food, the rest room or a change of clothes. It was an impressive feat that I was able to hear that little bell because an insulated concrete wall separated our rooms. That was because I didn't hear it with my ears. I heard it with my nerves! Just as I would start to read a book or work on a paper, the bell would ring. Somehow, I managed to pass my classes and get my papers in on time. In fact, I didn't mind helping him. I learned to appreciate the value of making sacrifices to others. I learned to live Christ's life - all from the guy next to my room. He thought that his disability and his frail body, that he got from a life of service to our Lord, was a burden for me. Yet to me, he was a witness.

When I came to St. Clement it was at the beginning of the academic year. After Mass, a number of conservatory students asked to join the choir. The next Sunday fifteen voice majors showed up. It was great. I thought that my music needs were fulfilled. The next Sunday only four showed up...the others had something else to do. The following Sunday I was the soloist. I thought I must have done something wrong to scare them away. I asked a music director at Holy Cross College what he thought went wrong. He assured me that it was nothing I did. He told me he once had a young adult choir at a college and when the first wave of midterms, the papers and cell phone bill came in they got very busy. They were forced to make cuts with their time, and the first thing was church choir. It was a learning experience.

A few years later the Young Adult group was going to help Project Hope with some painting and cleaning. Before they went for the day, they asked if I would celebrate a Mass. At the homily, I told them, "You are all too busy to be doing this. Some of you are medical students and just finished a sixty-five hour run at the hospital. Some of you have the night shift and some of you have papers and exams to prepare for school. You are all too busy to be doing this which means only one thing. What you are about to do is very, very important. They were witnesses.

Witnessing is one of the most important obligations we have as Christians. Like the women at the cross, we may not feel like we are particularly useful to God when we go to Mass or pray. So why do it? We can't be a witness if we do not show up. Once we are there, we are potential witnesses. And witnesses can make a big difference for others.

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

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