St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

March 22,2015 5th Sunday of Lent 1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215 617-266-5999— stclementshrine.org

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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

LENT: Wed 6:30-8:00pm Before weekend Masses

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

Weekly Activities

Monday 6:30–6:45P Rosary, Front Room

Wednesday Night Confessions 6:30–8:00P

Monday 7–8P Young Adults, Front Room

Thursday 7P Pure In Heart, *Upper Room*



Sunday, March 22, 6:00-7:30pm front room St Clement Book Club We will be reading and discussing Notebook 1 (up to p. 221) of St. Faustina's Diary

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 at adorationboston.com Monday8A,3P, 5PTuesday2A, 3A, 10AWednesday3A, 10,A 12PThursday10A, 12P, 2P,3PFriday2A, 11A, 12P, 1PSaturday2A, 3A, 4A, 4P, 5PSunday2A, 3A, 4A

Please come and experience Christ's Healing & Saving Love On all Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30-8:00pm, St. Clements is offering the sacrament of reconcilation/confessions, together with all parishes and chapels in the Boston Archdiocese to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's Mercy and healing Love.



Fr. Peter's Friday Night 7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Week March 29-April 5 (Please note change in Vigil Mass)

Palm Sunday 3/29 Palms Distribution during the **11am** and **8pm** Masses Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This liturgy begins the *Triduum*, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our Faith.

Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 12am in the Upper Room

<u>Good Friday</u> (Day of Fast & Abstinence: one meal- no meat) Stations of the Cross **12:00pm** - Confessions until **3:00pm 7:00pm** Veneration of the Cross and commemoration of our Lord's Passion and Death. Although not a Mass you will be able to receive Holy Communion

Holy Saturday (The church will be open all day for prayer & reflection) 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 11:00am and 8:00pm Masses

SAVE THE DATE

The Seminarian Scholarship Auction and Dinner is to be held this year on Saturday, April 25, 2015 For more information contact Richard McKinney,, 617 536-4141, <u>omv.office@gmail.com</u>.

St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch Street Boston – Free Adult Confirmation Program 2015

Five Saturdays, 10:30A-12Noon beginning Saturday April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 Confirmation on Sunday May 17th. *Have you been baptized and made First Communion in the Catholic Church but have not yet been confirmed?* Adult Confirmation classes begin on Saturday mornings (see above schedule) at St. Anthony Shrine 101 Arch Street for adults (ages 20 and over). Candidates for Confirmation are adults who participate in Sunday Liturgy and the sacraments. Those preparing for the sacrament and their sponsors are all welcome. **Pre-registration required by Monday, March 30.** Photocopy of your Baptismal certificate and a sponsor who is a practicing Catholic are required. For more information and to register, please contact Dr. Jackie Stewart at 617-542-6440, ext 143 or email evangelization@stanthonyshrine.org

28th Way of Cross for Life 9A-12Noon

Walk thru Boston on Good Friday, April 3rd praying the Stations of the cross at Churches. Meet at Government Center Plaza next to the MBTAStation. Contact Colbe Mazzarella <u>ccmazz@aol.com</u> or way ofthecrossforlife.org



When Jesus was in front of Pilate, it seems, at first, that Pilate is putting Jesus on trial. Yet if you listen a little closer you will see that Jesus is the one asking the questions, He is the one sitting on the chair of judgement and it is Jesus who has the truth. You need truth if you are going to judge. This is Jesus' court and He is putting the world on trial. This is the first time in human history that the crime is actually committed during the trial. Let's say I were on trial for robbery. I don't think it would be a

very good idea for me to steal the wallets of the jurors. Why? - Because that would be indisputable evidence. Jesus puts the world on trial for rejecting Him and the crime is happening during His trial. Jesus has indisputable evidence. This is not good. But He just said to Nicodemus, "I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world."

I am a Red Sox fan. I don't ask for much. I don't ask that the Red Sox win the World Series every year. I don't ask that they have the best pitching. All I ask is that the Yankees lose. One summer, I was in my room and put on the radio to check the score of the Red Sox game. The Red Sox were in a comfortable lead: 7 to 2. I turned off the radio and resumed reading. Before getting into bed, I turned on the radio and heard that the Yankees were now in the lead 8 to 7. I turned the radio off thinking that the Red Sox will lose. There were three reasons why I came to this conclusion. They just blew a very comfortable lead. They were now facing the greatest closer in baseball history, and they were in hostile territory: the Bronx. The next day I found out that I was wrong again. The Red Sox won 9 to 8. What happened? Someone on the team said, "Yes, Victory is always sweeter when you come from behind." This team was inspired and they believed. The faith lesson this week is when we may be experiencing difficulty, don't walk out on God. Let God finish the story.

If we want to follow Christ, we need to have Character. Character means that we never give up believing. Never stop trying. When things are difficult, let God finish the story. If you do, I believe you will be in for a very pleasant surprise.

It is the 5th Sunday of Lent. Why are we here? The reason why we are here is because in the 6th week Jesus will be at a trial. He will sit on a stone judgment chair before Pontius Pilate and He will find the world guilty. Everyone one of us will be put on trial and be condemned because we are sinners. Perhaps Jesus will be kind and merciful. Maybe if we all fast and do penance—as a unified team— God will show mercy on us.

The prophet Joel tells us to do penance because God is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in kindness. If God was pure justice, we would not have a chance at the final judgment. We would be wasting our time. Yet, it is precisely because God is merciful that we do penance.

April 13 will be opening day at Fenway. I will watch all the Red Sox fans walking by the church on their happy way to Fenway Park. They will proudly wear their Red Sox hats, tees, and jackets. I will be thinking: why are they so happy? Because it is opening day! It is a new start. Easter is opening day for us. It is a new beginning a fresh start. We can put behind a dismal past, and look forward to a better relationship with God. Why? Because God is merciful and compassionate.