# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine



# March 29,2015 PALM SUNDAY

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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

## Palm Sunday - Pure in Heart Boston Young Adult Breakfast

Please join your fellow young adults (ages 18 - 35) for breakfast after Mass this Palm Sunday, March 29.

Following the conclusion of the 11 a.m. Mass, we'll gather in the atrium to head to **Pavement Coffeehouse**, located across the street at 1096 Boylston. It will be a wonderful time for fine fare and fellowship as we prepare for Holy Week! Please feel free to contact Samantha Craig at <a href="mailto:sacraig@bu.edu">sacraig@bu.edu</a> with any questions.

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

Walk thru Boston on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> praying the Stations of the cross at Churches. Meet at Government Center Plaza next to the MBTA Station. Contact Colbe Mazzarella <a href="mailto:ccmazz@aol.com">ccmazz@aol.com</a> or way ofthecrossforlife.org

# St. Clement Holy Week

<u>Palm Sunday</u> 3/29 Palms Distribution 11am and 8pm Masses Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Masses 7A-12:10P

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

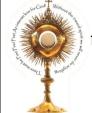
Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence: one meal– no meat)
Stations of the Cross 12:00pm
Confessions until 3:00pm

**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

## "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.

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In ancient times, sheep and lambs were kept inside the gate during the winter months. There was a practical reason for this. There was nothing to eat outside of the gate because it was winter. The first sign of spring was watercress. As soon as the watercress shot out of the ground, they opened the gates and let the lambs and sheep out because there was some food to eat. Naturally, everyone was really happy so they threw a party (a good excuse for a party since they didn't have a Super Bowl back then.) Guess what was on the menu? That's right: lamb chops and watercress. Many years later, God

wanted to throw another party for the Israelites living in Egypt. The Israelites asked God, "What's the occasion?" "Passover" God answered, "This is not about the freeing of the lambs. This time it is about the freeing of the people from the slavery of Egypt." The food on the menu for this feast was again, lamb and watercress or bitter herbs. Many years later, Jesus gave a banquet for His disciples and if you asked Him what the occasion for this feast is, He would have said, "This is not about the freeing of the lambs, or the freeing of the people from slavery. This time it is about the freeing of the people from death." Predictably, the food for this feast is again, lamb: the Lamb of God. "Whoever eats My Body and drinks My Blood will have eternal life." If the grain of wheat dies it bears abundant fruit. To think that every time we come together at the Eucharist we are not simply celebrating something that God did to us in the past. We are enjoying what God is going to do for us in the future: our resurrection.

Let me ask this: Why was the stone removed from the opening of Jesus grave? So Jesus could get out? No, Jesus could walk through locked doors, I am sure he could walk out of His tomb without moving the rock. So why was it removed? It wasn't to let Jesus out, but it was removed so that we could go in, and see. And what exactly do we see? God won the war against the ultimate enemy: death.

One day I visited my mother. It was a memorable visit. I was in her room watching Judge Judy with her. She turned to me and said, "Peter, I had a dream that I died." I said, "What was it like?" I was hoping she was going to say that she saw a bright and beautiful light, or that angels came to her and took her to a beautiful place, but that is not what she told me. She said, "It was terrible." I left for home that night and never really thought about that dream. Four days later my mother died. When I was saying the prayers of commendation at the grave site, I remember what my mother told me about her dream. I will remember forever what she said about death. That is why I will never forget that enemy. That means I will always be in need of God, who destroyed death forever. Just after the prayers I, told my mother that one day this grave will be empty.

Jeremy was twelve years old. His body was twisted, his mind slow and his illness, terminal. But his parents' wanted him to grow up as normal as possible and that meant attending school at St. Theresa's. The situation was nothing more than frustration for his teacher. He squirmed, drooled and made gurgling noises from his chair. He was a constant distraction for the other eighteen students. It was spring and Easter was approaching. So the teacher passed out plastic eggs to each student and instructed them to return the egg the next day with something inside the egg that signified new life. The next day the basket on the teacher's desk was full of the plastic eggs. She opened the first egg and there was a flower inside. Class, this is an excellent example of new life. A girl raised her hand and said with pride that was my egg. The second egg had a rock covered with moss. The teacher also praised this expression of new life. This time a boy raised his hand and said my Dad helped me. She picked up another egg and opened it. There was nothing inside it. The teacher thought this must be Jeremy's egg. He probably didn't understand the assignment. Without drawing any attention to the mistake she put the egg on the desk and reached for another egg. As she was doing this Jeremy said that was my egg, aren't you going to talk about it? Jeremy, there was nothing inside your egg. It was empty. Jeremy said, that is right, Jesus' tomb was empty.

Three months later Jeremy died. It is said that if you were to pay your respects you would have been surprised. On his grave was nineteen plastic eggs ...all of them were empty.