# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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### **PARKING** - especially at Sunday's 8PM Mass

Park in-between the Church Parking Signs. If you park beyond you will be towed.

### 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



We are currently looking for someone to help us with the washing and ironing of the Puríficators for Mass. If you are interested, please let me know at petergrover@gmail.com.



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

### Please come and experience Christ's Healing & Saving Love

#### In lieu of Monday Night, on all Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30-8:00pm,

St. Clements will be offering confessions, together with all the Catholic 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

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

**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) 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

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

Fast/Abstinence All Fridays in Lent: No Meat. Good Friday:1 Meal-No Meat

Lent is a time of sacrifice for Jesus. It is a season of prayer, penitence, good works and self-denial, which prepares us for Holy Week's commemoration of His Passion, Death and Resurrection through which we attained redemption. Wondering what to do this Lent? Want to boost your "prayer, good works and selfdenial" all in one swoop? Commit to 1 Adoration Hour during the Weeks of Lent.

#### Sign-up at www.adorationboston.com Or email your choice to adorationboston@gmail.com Or call Rich McKinney 617.266.5999 x127



Several years ago when I was stationed in New Jersey, I was asked to give a talk during Lent. I was happy to accept the invitation. When I got up to deliver my talk, the church was standing room only. There was energy, a buzz in the church that I felt inside me. It was inspirational. They laughed, cried and felt good all over. I thought that it was the best talk I had ever given. I would love to give that talk again remember what I said; I never wrote it down. A similar thing happened when I applied for Licentiate at

Boston College. As a requirement on the application, I was asked to submit a paper as a sample of writing skills. I knew exactly the paper I wanted to give them: an unpublished paper on the Dead Sea scrolls. I went to my file cabinet and pulled out my file on "Bible Stuff," and it was not there. I can guess what happened to it. I have a personality disorder which craves for clean and neat. Clutter and chaos I detest, so "When in doubt, I throw it out." Now I can't remember the best talk I ever gave and I can't remember the best paper I ever wrote. So what do I remember?

Over twenty years ago, I went on a vacation in the deep woods of Maine. We arrived late so I went to bed. I heard a bullfrog outside. "No problem," I thought. I can handle a bullfrog. The reason I can put up with the sounds of a bullfrog is simple. I live at 1105 Boylston Street. At 11:20 pm during the summer, the ball game gets out and there is a traffic jam in front of my bedroom window. At 2:00am the bars close and all the happy people walk under my window at around 2:16am. At 4:00am one of the students at the music school across the street can't sleep so he decides that there is nothing better to do than to play the bongo drums. I can handle a bullfrog. The frog sounded off in threes. "Rabbet, rabbet, rabbet." About a minute later it makes three more sounds: "rabbet, rabbet, rabbet, rabbet." About a wind off again this time: "rabbet, rabbet, rabbet, rabbet." That was only two. What happened to the third? Augh. The next morning I said to my Dad, "That bull frog is driving me crazy." Dad said, "I know what to do. He got a red cloth, rolled it into a ball, the size of a marble, and tied it to a string. He went outside and he dangled the red cloth, bobbing up and down through the tall grass. Sure enough, a large bullfrog charged at the cloth. The frog grabbed it with its mouth and didn't let go. Dangling in midair, my father said, "Grab it, grab it." So I grabbed it and we ran to the powerboat and he rode to the other side of the lake. When he pulled up to some tall grass he said: "Toss it." I let it hop out of my hand. That night I slept beautifully.

That was over twenty years ago and do you know that I remember every detail of that day. What does this tell me? It tells me that the most important things in my life are not about my achievements or accomplishments. My finest moments are when I am a son.

Jesus is transfigured on top of a mountain where no one can see Him. But what if He were transfigured in front of the large crowds that gathered to hear Him? Think of what that would have done to His career. Jesus would have rock star status. Or imagine His trial before Pilate. All His enemies, all the doubters, and the naysayers–all gathered together in one place–were to see Him transfigured. They would have made Him emperor. Think of what that would have done to Jesus' professional life? Or if Jesus appeared to us in His glory for just a moment with myriads of adoring angels - we would never doubt again. But it never happened. He was transfigured and glorified before His Father. What does that tell you? It is not about the career. It is not about the accomplishments or the achievements. It is about His relationship with His Father. It is about their partnership. We need to remember that the most important thing in life is not about careers, how much money we make, the titles we hold, the books we write or the positions we hold. The most important thing in our lives is our relationships. We are sons and daughters of God. Everything else takes a distant second.

#### 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>.

*If you can, these are the most needed Hours:* 

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	7A,5P 2A, 3A, 10A 3A, 10,A 12P, 3P 10A, 12P, 2P,3P 2A, 7A, 11A, 12P, 1P 2,A 3A, 4A, 4P, 5P
Sunday	2A, 3A, 4A