St. Clare Parish
May 17, 2020

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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

Limited Weekend & Daily Mass will be returning on May 23-24. For details, see pp. 2-3 in today’s bulletin.

Reconciliation Saturdays with Fr. Don Gutmann from 4pm-4:30pm in the church. Social distancing will be practiced.

Matrimony Six month preparation required. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

Adult Confirmation & How Can I Become a Catholic? Contact Pia de Leon.

Baptism, 1st Eucharist, 1st Reconciliation & Confirmation?
(Children & Teens) Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US
Whether you are a long-time parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered,
please complete the information below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: ( ) ________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________ City: __________________________ Zip: _______________
□ New Parishioner    □ Returning Catholic    □ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
**Weekly Reflection**  
6th Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn’t set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ’s resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else. ©LPi

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**Scripture Readings**  
The Ascension of the Lord  
May 24, 2020

Reading 1 - ACTS 1:1-11  
Psalms - PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Reading 2 - EPH 1:17-23  
Gospel - MT 28:16-20

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

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**Many thanks to all who contribute!**

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Goal for FY 19-20: $8,481 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel, and facilities of the church.

Reminder: Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. Interested in Online Giving? Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org and click the Online Giving link. Thank you!

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**Fr. Don’s Musings . . .**

In one week we’ll be starting Masses again. It will be very different than what you are used to Sunday Mass looking like, so don’t expect a big joyful St. Clare kind of gathering. By government orders, we are limited to only 25 people at Mass at a time. That’s a tiny crowd compared to normal. Picture about 12 people on each side of our big church, that will be our maximum crowd allowed by law. In order to allow in as many people as possible, we won’t have musicians or other liturgical ministers (except a reader and a door monitor).

The bishop’s dispensation to not attend Mass is still in effect. No one has to feel that they need to attend Mass out of obligation. We will continue to provide our online Masses every week and you can continue to receive a “spiritual communion” during those Masses. I encourage everyone 60 years or older or anyone with health issues not to attend Mass yet. God wants you to be safe. These Masses are offered for those who feel they are at low risk of catching the virus. At church, we will do all we can to make it as safe as possible, but it is still a “come at your own risk” situation. We ask that you wear a mask when you come to church.

In order to attend one of our Masses, you MUST sign up ahead of time. No one will be allowed at Mass who hasn’t previously signed up to attend that Mass that week. Sign ups will only be taken on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am-12pm, by calling the church office at 503.244.1037, ext. 104. Initially, people will only be allowed to attend Mass once every two weeks in order to allow more people to attend Mass. We will adjust that frequency as needed. If Sunday Masses are full, consider signing up for a weekday Mass at 8:30am.

I’m glad we will be starting to have some Masses again, but it is not going to feel like typical St. Clare Masses, so don’t be disappointed if you come and it feels short and simple and almost empty. That is what it will be.

Many parts of the world, under normal circumstances, can’t have Mass every week. Many mission territories have Mass a few times a year, only when missionary priests can get to those remote locations. We are fortunate to normally have Mass here very regularly, but now it is different. God is still with us and taking care of us, even when we can’t attend Mass regularly in church.

Let’s keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

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**Prayed privately by Fr. Don**  
+ Marianna Ardito  Sunday, May 17

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Mass Reopening Guidelines

Beginning the weekend of May 23-24, limited-capacity Mass will be held at St. Clare Church on Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 8am, 9:15am and 10:45am and Weekdays (except Tuesdays) at 8:30am.

Basic Information

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will continue to be dispensed.

- People over 60 years old or with chronic health problems are urged not to come to Mass.
- People who are not feeling well are asked to stay home.
- Pre-recorded Sunday Mass from St. Clare Church will continue at https://www.saintclarechurch.org/.
- Livestreamed Sunday Mass at 11am from the archdiocese will continue at https://archdpdx.org/live-masses.

In accordance with the governor’s order, the number of people at a single Mass cannot exceed 25.

- This number includes Fr. Don, 1 reader and 1 door monitor leaving 22 available spaces at each Mass.
- Liturgical assistants, altar servers, cantors, choirs, musicians, ushers and greeters will not be assisting at Mass until the allowable number of people increases.

How to Sign-up for Mass

Sign-up for each Mass is mandatory and by phone call only to the parish office, 503-244-1037, x104, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, May 19.

- Sign-up will occur each week for the Masses in the time period beginning Thursday morning through the following Wednesday morning. Dates beyond the current weekly period will not be scheduled.
- Please spread out your calls so there are not long wait times to get through to our volunteer.
- Everyone in your household who is planning to attend Mass must be on the list along with phone numbers.
- Registration for anyone outside of your household will not be accepted unless you are transporting someone unable to drive to Mass.
- We hope to allow people who want to come to Mass to attend at least once every two weeks.
- The parish office remains closed so sign-ups in-person or by email are NOT available.

Attending Mass

- People are asked to wear masks. Enter the church through the east door (school side.) A monitor will be at the door to ensure only previously registered people enter. Anyone whose name is not on the sign-up list will be turned away.
- Holy water will not be available in the fonts. NO Missals, hymnals or hard-copy bulletins will be available. A basket will be placed near the door for contributions, but will not be passed during Mass.
- Every other pew will be blocked off and people will be asked to sit near the center aisle, one household per pew. The side transepts will be closed.
- Holding hands during the Our Father or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace will not be practiced.
- At communion, people will come forward in one single file line with 6’ spacing. Fr. Don will be the only minister and will be wearing a mask to distribute communion. People wishing to receive communion on the tongue are asked to wait until the end of the line. The chalice will NOT be offered at communion.
- Coffee and Donuts and religious education classes continue to be suspended until further notice.
- After EVERY Mass the pews, bathrooms and commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected.
As the Easter season continues, we begin to focus on preparing for the feast of Pentecost. Jesus promised us the Advocate, the Spirit, who is to guide us and speak for us. Do we welcome this Spirit? Are we attuned to the Spirit’s voice in word and teaching? As we come together to worship today, let us pray for open minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives.

**United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer**

For the whole church, that we may stand in solidarity with all who are suffering from persecutions to pandemic and find ways to witness to God’s love for all . . . we pray to the Lord,

For nations during this critical time, that a just sense of the common good will be employed by their leaders and unity be their weapon in fighting the negative effects of this health crisis . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all the faithful, that this time of quarantine has moved them to honestly question one’s commitment to love as Jesus loved and that this may bring all to humility in their witness to God’s love . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all whose milestones in life have been limited by COVID-19, especially the graduating students, the people waiting to be received into the Church, and those who are waiting to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist . . . we pray to the Lord,

For patience and charity in people as we move closer to the re-opening of our church for limited Masses and for all those who are working hard to make this re-opening go smoothly and equitably . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all the sick, the dying and those who have died especially Gene Brosterhous, and for those who grieve for them . . . we pray to the Lord.
6th Sunday of Easter - John 14:15-21

“And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always…” John 14:16

When my daughter was growing up, she had a special security blanket just like Linus from the Charlie Brown crew. Did you have a special stuffed animal or a security blanket when you were growing up? Scientific studies have shown what kids have known for a long time. A stuffed toy or security blanket can give great comfort especially at bedtime, when you are sick or separated from your parents. My daughter is now grown up and has become a doctor who ministers to children. She really knows how to relate to children possibly from the comfort of that security blanket.

Jesus understood that we all need help when we are anxious, afraid, or unsure of what is going to happen in the future. Maybe this is how we are feeling in these times when we are dealing with so much change and how this pandemic virus is affecting our lives? When Jesus was with us here on earth, he was the source of comfort to his followers. He taught them how to be good people by His words and His actions. The Bible tells us many stories how Jesus cured the sick. He knew that He was sent into the world by the Father on a special mission to die for our sins. After this mission, Jesus returned home to the Father. He knew his followers would need strength and courage to continue His work here on earth, so Jesus told them that He would send another Comforter who would stay with them forever. That is exactly what He did! Jesus asked the Father, and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to all of His followers then and now. The Holy Spirit is with us in times of trouble. The Holy Spirit is there to comfort and guide us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are Baptized and again when we get Confirmed.

I don’t know about you, but I am glad that Jesus asked God to send the Holy Spirit to comfort me when I am afraid or sick. Your special stuffed animal or security blanket may get lost or become ragged and torn, but Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be with us forever. I remember that my daughter’s security blanket became so small from washing and being torn that it was only a six inch square when she outgrew it.

One other thing about this Sunday’s reading is that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us. Most people do not understand that. Jesus tells us that people will not accept the Holy Spirit because they cannot see The Spirit. Do you know what they can see? They see how you and I treat other people. They see when we are generous, loving, caring, helpful and kind. Just think about that. We might be the only person, through our actions, that some people are able to see the Holy Spirit at work!

Let us pray: Father in Heaven, we thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to be our comfort and guide. You know that we love you, but we know we need to show our love, too. Help us to show our love for others just as you show your love for us. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Thoughts for Kids from Deacon Bill . . .
Reflecting By Rose Flood
Confirmation Student & Freshman at St. Mary’s Academy

During this time where the whole world seems to be suffering a great tragedy, I am reminded of just how fortunate I am. As a young Catholic woman with a positive outlook on life, I get to thank God for having a healthy family, a home, and enough food and supplies to feel whole. Before the quarantine began in Portland, my schedule was filled, my walk to school was loud, and streets were crowded. I didn’t have time to think. Now life is quiet, the birds in the morning sing more than ever, and my classes are online. Fortunately for me, this time of solitude is like a gift from God. I get a lot of time to reflect. Because I am so far away from everyone else I feel closer to God. But when I look out my window and see an empty road, instead of feeling sad and alone, I remind myself of God’s love and the tremendous love people are showing each other, each day, by staying home.

Digital Learning Reflection By Julian Ulmer
6th Grade Student at St. Clare School & Altar Server

The quarantine and digital learning have been challenging to say the least. I’m tired of being stuck inside, and wishing I could go play soccer. But the sports fields are still closed. Social distancing is easy on a big field. Hopefully, they open soon. School work is taking a lot longer to do while at home. Negotiating so many apps, websites, and their passwords is confusing, and they seem to have glitches. It’s getting a little better, but I’d rather be at school with my teachers and classmates. I miss my friends. I miss serving at Mass. I miss playing and watching sports. I miss seeing my family. We will get through this, though. The teachers have done a great job helping us as much as they can, going through our countless emails. It’s also been fun having my parents take on the role of teachers at home. FaceTime meetings with my friends also provides moral support for us all. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.
Dear St. Clare parishioners,

May 17th, 2020

I am writing to you today to share how excited I am to be joining the St. Clare community as your new principal. I will officially come onboard July 1st, but under the circumstances I wanted to reach out ahead of time and introduce myself to you. Mrs. Bloudek and Fr. Don have kept me updated on all of the amazing things the school is doing for distance learning, and I have loved seeing the creative and innovative experiences you are sharing as a community (I love the photos in the pews and online mass-what a wonderful way to stay connected as best we can under these difficult circumstances). I can see you are making the most of this challenging experience. You have an amazing parish and school, and I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of the St. Clare family.

A little background on me. I grew up locally in Tigard and attended St. Anthony school through 8th grade- which at the time was a Franciscan parish, so the faith story of St. Francis and St. Clare is a part of my foundation. I went on to La Salle High School and then graduated from Gonzaga University, studying Elementary Education. I received my Masters in Educational Administration and principal certification at St. Martin’s University. Early in my career I was a substitute teacher in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, where I had the opportunity to teach at every grade level and speciality. I then taught 3rd grade for several years in both the LA and Seattle Archdioceses before becoming a principal. I’ve been a principal in this archdiocese for the past 6 years. On top of my teaching experience, previous roles have included technology coordinator, drama director, and accreditation chair. As an administrator I have served as a region chair in the Portland Archdiocese, faith formation committee member, and am a current member of the Superintendent Advisory Committee. I am excited to bring my background and experience to St. Clare.

My wife and I moved back to Portland from Seattle at the time when our son was born to be closer to family. My son is currently in kindergarten and my daughter is in pre-school- like many of you I’m currently juggling my own job while helping them with their distance learning. It has been stressful and fun all at the same time. The silver lining through all of this for me has certainly been the extra quality time I get to spend with my family.

I view administration as a vocation and a calling- I am here to serve the mission of the school and parish, to guide through the light of our faith with Jesus as our role model-- and to provide support and partnership to the teachers, parents, and to you. I am excited to pick up the baton and help you continue the excellent education your school and parish provides.

We don’t know what next year will look like regarding the state of the virus, but I want you to know I will be here with Fr. Don and the staff to help our community through whatever comes our way. I am praying for you, and I can’t wait to meet you and your families. Stay healthy and may Christ be with you throughout the duration of this experience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Harris
**A Message from St. Clare School**

With many members of our community impacted professionally by COVID-19, we've created a private group on LinkedIn for friends and families of St. Clare School. The group is called "Friends of St. Clare Professional Network" and we hope to connect those in need of a new professional opportunity with a St. Clare contact willing to have an informational phone call or make an introduction.

If you are a member of LinkedIn, request a connection with Lillian (Hannon) Kidwell, our St. Clare School Marketing & Enrollment Specialist, and she will send you an invitation to join the group. If you’re not a member of LinkedIn, you can easily create a free account. Questions? Contact lkidwell@stclarepdx.org.

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**The St. Clare Conference**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Food Pantry Needs**

- Pancake Syrup
- Tuna Helper
- Deodorant for Women and Men

Donations may be placed in the food basket on the front porch of the parish office. Thank you!

*Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.*

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**American Red Cross Blood Drives**

Friday, May 29 & Thursday, June 11
1:00 - 6:00 pm  Parish Hall

During this uncertain time, the American Red Cross is encouraging healthy individuals to make donation appointments in the weeks ahead to ensure a stable blood supply throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. For more information on safety protocols at donation sites, please visit:


Thank you for your generosity in keeping our blood supply stocked during this pandemic.

To donate at the May or June St. Clare blood drives, please contact Maria DaSilva, at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com

Previous donors may sign-up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code: st.clareportland

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**Junque & Jewels**

**Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale**

For the safety of donors, shoppers, and volunteers, **Junque & Jewels 2020 is CANCELED.**

With God's help, Junque & Jewels will return in June 2021 – its 30th anniversary.

THANKS to all our loyal rummage sale supporters. In case you have usable but unneeded "Junque" that needs a home before then, information about organizations accepting used donations will be listed in the bulletin as it becomes available.

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