St. Clare Parish
June 28, 2020

A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit
to proclaim Christ’s love in worship, service and life-long learning.

Church
8535 SW 19th Ave  Portland, OR  97219  503.244.1037
Office Hours:  Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm
office@saintclarechurch.org    www.saintclarechurch.org
Pastor    Fr. Don Gutmann    101
Business Manager    Shelley Worrell    102
Pastoral Associate    Pia de Leon    103
Faith Formation Coordinator    Dcn. Bill McNamara    104
Youth Minister    Andie Bodary    105
Administrative Assistant    Laurie Zupsic    100

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info@stclarepdx.org    www.stclarepdx.org
Interim School Principal    Jeananne Bloudek
Administrative Assistant    Donna Parker MacNeur

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nancy@stclarepreschool.org
Director    Nancy Melzer
Administrative Assistant    Jeannine Raffety

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

Weekend & Daily Mass:
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
All Masses limited to 25 people each.
Mandatory sign-up at 503.244.1037.
Pre-recorded Sunday Mass:

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)
□ New Phone Number    □ New Address    □ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes
“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the “small deaths” and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.

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Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

It’s summer time. I love summer. I am a native Oregonian but unlike a lot of Oregonians, I love HOT weather. 90 degrees feels good to me. Our church isn’t air conditioned and I know it can get pretty hot inside the church in the summer, and with all the liturgical vestments on, even I can get uncomfortably hot in the church. But overall, I love summer. My early morning prayer times on the river are glorious when it’s warm and the sun is shining on me. I have a lot of food-producing plants in my yard and am currently enjoying a variety of different berries, plus some early producing veggies. Here at church, our cherry tree was loaded this year (mostly done now) and the blueberries are ripening. Lotsa good stuff!

Summer also means the end of our fiscal year here at church. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30. Thanks to you, our offertory income is almost 100% of what we budgeted for the year. That’s amazing, considering the 2 months without in-person Masses and the small numbers allowed at Mass currently. You have been super consistent in supporting the church’s mission, even when you haven’t all been able to attend Masses here. THANK YOU. Our overall parish income is down about $20,000 since we couldn’t do our big Junque & Jewels rummage sale and didn’t have in-person Easter Masses, but our regular Sunday offertory held steady. Most Catholic pastors haven’t had that experience and it shows what great church members we have here at St. Clare.

Next weekend is the 4th of July, I hope you can do something special to celebrate the holiday. This summer we have to be more careful than in previous summers, but we can still have a good time. I hope you have something special planned.

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

Liz Parker, longtime parishioner, passed away on Monday from cancer. Please pray for her and her family.

Scripture Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020

Reading 1 - ZEC 9:9-10
Psalms - PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Reading 2 - ROM 8:9, 11-13
Gospel - MT 11:25-30

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 28, 2020

Living as a Christian is not a neutral reality. The disciples and early Christians were committing themselves to real challenges, often life-threatening. Answering Christ’s call was to embrace his life with all its ramifications. Those who did so believed it would be worth it. It’s doubtful that they blindly followed Christ. Have we ever considered that being Christian may cost us something? Perhaps we’ve never asked ourselves this question. Maybe it is time to do so.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the whole church, that it may earnestly work for peace by forming its members in the way of justice, mercy and compassion . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all the faithful, that they may realize God’s call to carry their crosses in their lives with courage and humility is a prophetic act and an opportunity to witness to all the Cross of Love Jesus had to bear for our salvation . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all governments of the world, that they may continue to care for their people by prioritizing policies and laws that will truly address the common good of all such as healthcare during this pandemic, poverty eradication, job and food security, and law and order . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all those in government, medical workers, teachers, clergy, law enforcers and others who are in a profession or vocation to protect people and their dignity, that they may uphold their vow regardless of the color, ethnicity, culture or faith of the people they serve . . . we pray to the Lord.

For America, that it may have the courage and resolve to face racism with the commitment to eradicate it and prevent it from staining the future generations of the nation . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the members of our St. Clare community, that we do not wane and get discouraged by the hugeness of the problems in society and continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in how we can be part of the solution, individually and collectively . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those we are called to serve in this community, the sick, the dying and all who are suffering in any way, and for those who have died, especially Liz Parker . . . we pray to the Lord.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Act with Justice as Love

An Update from Pia de Leon, Pastoral Associate

After our strong statement on racism two weeks ago, what do we do now? St Clare Parish, under the guidance of Fr. Don and the Pastoral Council would like to embark on an important journey with three interconnecting tracks.

- First, the track of prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts in understanding the will of God through the issue of racism and social justice issues.

- Second, is the track of formation, where we intentionally learn the truth of the history of racism in America, and learn the authentic teaching of the Gospel on human dignity, which is the fundamental principle of the Church’s social teachings.

- The third track then, is action, whether that is active discernment on our actions that are complicit to racism, or the actions that we can take as Catholics, individually and collectively, in the public arena that will witness to God’s loving presence in the world.

The key action, though, is active engagement in discernment, through prayer, formation process and social action. Who am I and who are we as members of St. Clare Parish in Oregon and of this country in relationship with the sin of racism? Why do I/we need to act and what do I/we want to act on? Beyond our political affiliations and cultural alliances, we have a common calling and that is the call of God to Act with Justice as Love. The problem of racism and other issues that undermine the dignity of God living in all people is our common foe. To act with reason and compassion is urgent and necessary. To act now is a beckon of the Holy Spirit to those who profess the name of Jesus Christ.

The Parish welcomes any suggestions on resources, opportunities for prayer and social action ideas. The Peace and Justice committee is being formed as of this writing and will soon help lead our efforts on matters pertaining to social justice, the highest form of charity and is at the heart of our faith.

To start our formation, please read the pastoral statement on racism from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at the link below.


Questions, Comments, Suggestions? Please email Pia de Leon at pia@saintclarechurch.org.
OFFICE REOPENING

Monday, June 29

New Office Hours
Mon - Thurs 9 - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm
Shelley & Laurie will be in the office during these times.

Pastoral Staff Hours
Fr. Don’s days off: Mon after 12pm & all day Tues
Pia in the office on Tues & Thurs only
Deacon Bill in the office on Thurs pm only
Hours vary for all. Please call ahead of your visit.

Visitor Protocols
Prior to entering the office, please:
○ Sign logbook
○ Sanitize hands
○ Wear mask unless medical reasons prevent
All will be available on the front porch.
When ready to enter, ring the doorbell
Laurie or Shelley will greet you at the door.
Visitors and family members will be welcomed one
group at a time into the front office area. Please be
patient if asked to wait on the front porch for previous
visitor/s to conclude their business.
Visits should be kept to less than 15 minutes.
If a longer visit is needed, please make an appointment
with the appropriate staff person.
No group meetings will be scheduled at the parish
office at this time.
To sign up for Mass, please continue to call the parish
office, 503-244-1037, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9am-12pm and press ext. 104 when the voice
message answers.
Questions? Contact Laurie at the parish office, x 100.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

SAINT PETER
(Parental Guidance Recommended)
As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads
the message of the Gospel across the land. As
the tension between Christians and Romans
grows throughout the film, Peter and Paul meet
and join together in preaching about Christ.

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP
Use Parish Code J7N7CD.

Outreach

The St. Clare Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Needs
• Applesauce, Cans or Jars
• Granola Bars
• Pasta & Tuna Helper
• Jams & Jellies
• Hygiene Items especially Toothpaste & Shampoo

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.*

Alert: Northwest Children’s Outreach Donors
NWCO has extended their temporary closure until
further notice. Therefore, the collection of donations
at St. Clare has been suspended. Please do not leave
bags of clothing, books or toys at the parish office
front porch as our storage space is limited. We are
hoping you will be able to save these items at home
until NWCO reopens and your donations can once
again be dropped off at St. Clare. Thank you.

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!
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cold cup of water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” Matthew 10:40-42

I remember back in grade school if I wrote a good report I would get it back from my teacher with a gold star. What about you? Have you ever received a school report back with a nice sticker on it for doing good work? Nothing makes a child prouder than to receive a sticker on their work or to just to be acknowledged for doing a good job. Children aren’t the only ones who like to get rewards. God knows that all of us, big or small, are motivated by rewards. The Bible contains many exciting promises of rewards for those who are faithful to God’s teaching.

Jesus today is giving His disciples a pep talk before they go out and share God’s message of love to people who they will meet on their journey. He tells them that the people they encounter should welcome them and as a result God will reward them for their efforts to spread His love by their words and actions.

Who are those people in our lives who share with us God’s Word in the gospel? If we look right here at St. Clare, there are those leaders of our children’s dismissal who have and will continue to lead our groups when we are in church. There are our teachers at St. Clare School and Religious Education, and what about Father Don!? Let us not forget our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and godparents. They bring God’s Word to us, so we should welcome that Word.

But how about you as a child? How can you be a minister of God’s Word? You can be a messenger of God’s love in many simple ways. It can come in the form of a hug or a smile. The words, “I love you” contain the whole Gospel wrapped up in a simple package. You can be a comforting person to some one who is lonely or down in the dumps. You can bring joy and laughter where there is silence. I can remember as a child I used to call two of my favorite aunts with a simple kid’s joke at least once a week. And I also remember waving to my aunt as she passed by in a subway almost every night at 6:30 pm. (As a child I lived in Brooklyn in an apartment overlooking a subway station.) I’m sure you can think of many ways that you can be a messenger of God’s love in a lot of people’s lives. As a child, you are called to be God’s minister to all people even other children.

Let us pray: Almighty God, help us to be faithful to your teachings every day. Help us to listen to your Words our messengers share with us and help us to be messengers of Your Words and Your Love to others. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.
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