St. Clare Parish
July 5, 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

School
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info@stclarepdx.org  www.stclarepdx.org
School Principal  Chris Harris
Administrative Assistant  Donna Parker MacNeur

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nancy@stclarepreschool.org
Director  Nancy Melzer
Administrative Assistant  Jeanne 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.

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
Weekly Reflection
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020

The flesh is our old self of yesterday and the one we left behind in baptism. It is the self of doubts and fears, sin and error, reluctance, untamed passion, and errors in judgment. It is also the self of missed opportunities and roads untraveled. Although we were baptized many years ago, every day is another day to live, not according to the flesh of yesterday with its regrets and misgivings, but rather to live the life of the spirit of today and tomorrow. The burdens of our personal baggage and of life itself can weigh us down. The love of Jesus Christ and the life of the spirit can pick us up, refresh us, and provide us with the hope for new opportunities and discoveries.

Because we have been baptized in Christ, we need not be anxious about what we did or did not do yesterday or anxious about what will come tomorrow. We need only to seek out the love that is before us, around us, and in us and learn. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Happy 4th of July, everyone! We have a lot to celebrate here in the USA. We also have work to do to continue to make our nation the best it can be, to help it to truly be “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In order to promote liberty and justice for all, here at St. Clare Church we are having a prayer Vesper Service on Wednesday evening in the parking lot, praying for liberty and justice for all especially African-Americans. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we can only have 25 people gather, so the event is by advance invitation only, so unfortunately, don’t come unless you have been invited, but you can join us in prayer from home at 6:30-6:50pm. (See p. 5 for more information.)

It’s been a busy week at St. Clare. Our preschool reopened this week (to the cheers of many parents!) and it was neat to see the smiling faces of the kids as they got to see their classroom friends again after 3 ½ months away. The protocols we have to follow are extensive but Nancy and the staff have worked out systems to make it as manageable as possible, while keeping the safety of the kiddos and staff the top priority. I’m proud of what they are doing.

This week, we also welcomed our new principal for the school, Mr. Chris Harris. I think he is one of the best principals in the diocese and we are very blessed to have him come here to lead St. Clare School. He is busy working on our reopening plan for the fall, and at this point it looks hopeful that we can open up 5 days per week for all the students. Of course, things can change rapidly with the virus, but that’s our plan if regulations stay similar to what they are currently.

As Catholics, we are people of prayer, so let’s be praying for our nation, that we handle the Covid-19 pandemic wisely, and that we truly are a nation with liberty and justice for all, including our African American brothers and sisters. ~ Fr. Don

P.S. I will be taking a three day “weekend” Monday-Wednesday this week at my family’s primitive cabin on Mercer Lake, so if you’re trying to reach me you’ll have to wait until Thursday.

Week-at-a-Glance

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Scripture Readings
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

Reading 1 - IS 55:10-11
Psalms - PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Reading 2 - ROM 8:18-23
Gospel - MT 13:1-23

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
Today’s hopeful readings are full of promise. These words speak to people coming out of exile, to Jesus’ followers who are burdened, to those struggling to live as early Christians. Living in a time when we are burdened by information, negative or misleading, or disinformation as well as serious divisions and threats, we, too, need encouragement. We seek honorable leaders and words we can trust. Do we allow God’s word to be a true source of good news for us? What would happen if we allowed ourselves to accept Jesus’ invitation to come to him for rest?

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For all of us in the Church, that we may work earnestly to be instruments of God’s peace and justice at all times . . . we pray to the Lord.

For nations that have been burdened with the lack or absence of true leadership and governance, that they may not despair and will hope for God’s Spirit to breathe into their collective human spirit . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all people who have been wounded by unjust structures in societies, that the time may come when they can be liberated from the shackles of injustice and respect for their dignity can be restored . . . we pray to the Lord.

For Oregon, the United States and all other nations who are experiencing alarming surges in cases of COVID-19, that their people may have the clarity of mind and the resolve of their hearts to practice charity and participate in the efforts to protect all during this ongoing pandemic . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the American people, that on this Independence Day weekend, they may realize that freedom will always come with responsibilities and that liberty belongs to all Americans regardless of color or ethnic heritage . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all who have shared their lives, and who have lost theirs in the fight to protect the freedom of the nation . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our parish families, that this summer may give them rest . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the dying and those who have died . . . 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.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells us “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” MT 11:28

I’m sure most of you kids do not have many labors (chores), but I am sure some of you have burdens. We all have burdens. What are some of the burdens that we carry around with us? Here are some examples: some of you may be troubled with school work, perhaps you are having trouble at home, perhaps you have a serious illness, you may be feeling guilty over something you may have done, your family might be having financial difficulties, or maybe one of your playmates has been making fun of you in front of everyone. Everyone has burdens, but not everyone knows how to or with whom they can talk about them. I don’t know what burdens you may have in your life, but I do know that there are some that you cannot handle by yourself. Well, guess what? You don’t need to. Jesus tells us today that he will give us rest. Rest means to relax into something and let it support you. The best thing that can happen to any of us is to have God support us. But how can this be?

God talks to us in a gentle tone always inviting us to experience his love. God always puts people in our lives to help support us through our burdens. Grandparents are special, because many times they treat us with gentleness. You may be drawn toward an older family member, because you can recognize they are similar to you. Both you and your grandparents are dependent on others for help. Gentleness is especially important. A doctor who is gentle can put you at ease in a frightening situation. The gentle voice of a parent can calm you during a storm. A teacher like any of those at St. Clare, who patiently and gently explains things, has a class of willing and eager students.

I can remember not really liking school. It was threatening. But my 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Vaughn, was always so nice, gentle, and concerned about my feelings. As a result, I was able to overcome my fears. That was a sure sign that God was working through her to help me with my fears. We not only find help with our burdens from others but also from God’s words to us in the Bible. A few weeks ago, Jesus told us, “Do not be afraid.” That sentence alone appears about 365 times in the Bible.

Does this all mean that if we ask God, He will take all of our troubles away? No, some of our struggles or burdens may help us to grow and become stronger, but knowing that God is with us will help us. In fact, it will help us to learn to trust more in Jesus.

Let us pray: Loving Father, sometimes life is so hard. Thank you for putting people in our lives who treat us with gentleness, who care for us, give us strength, encourage us, and help us to lighten our burdens. We trust that you will always help us through life’s journey. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.
Parking Lot Vespers for Peace and Justice

You are invited to pray with us from your homes!
Wednesday, July 8  6:30pm – 6:50pm

In recent times, we have learned that the opportunity to come together as a group is a blessing. Please join the St. Clare community for VESPERS, a short evening prayer gathering in support of peace, justice and an end to racism in our world. In the St. Clare’s recent “Act with Justice as Love” included in the June 28th bulletin, the first track of the journey is Prayer. This event is an opportunity for St. Clare as a community to take a step on that Journey.

The Parking Lot Vespers to be held in the school parking lot is our attempt to connect the world with God through our prayers in a way that is visible to the community of SW Portland.

On behalf of the parish community, 25 people (limit for church gatherings) who are members of councils, some ministries and sectors, with Fr. Don, our pastor, will lead the parish in this vespers. The attendees are piloting this prayer service for future Parking Lot Vespers attended by other members in the Parish like you.

JOIN US FROM YOUR HOMES.
PRAY WITH US.
ACT WITH JUSTICE AS LOVE.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Earl Freepons at earlfreep@yahoo.com, Pastoral Council Chair.
Thank you all for the lovely birthday cards and notes honoring my 101st year. They added to the festivities planned by my family! We were able to enjoy a sunny, warm social distanced outdoor gathering with lots of balloons, posters and messages. The best gift of all was being with family after so many months in isolation. All of you are in my prayers and I miss you very much!
With much gratitude, Eleanor Larson

OFFICE REOPENING

The Parish Office is NOW Open!

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.

Beyond St. Clare...

Now is the Time to Serve Our Community!

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates rewarding opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and better who are committed to social and ecological justice. We are offering new ways for our members (JVEs) to serve from home during this time of increased need for those who live on the margins. JVEs meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community while staying safe. Our values arise from the Catholic Ignatian tradition and JV EnCorps is an inclusive and welcoming community.

Priority application deadline: August 31st.
Opening Retreat in September. For more information, visit: www.jvencorps.org

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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