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
Deacon  Dcn. Bill McNamara  104
Business Manager  Shelley Worrell  102
Pastoral Associate  Pia de Leon  103
ECHO Apprentice  Lexie Wasinger  105
Administrative Assistant  Laurie Zupsic  100

School
1807 SW Freeman St  Portland, OR  97219  503.244.7600
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 - 5pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
All Masses limited to 50 people each.
Visit www.saintclarechurch.org for mandatory sign-up at weekend Masses and to view 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 Deacon Bill McNamara

Baptism for Infants  Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults, Youth and Children
Contact Pia de Leon.

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
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 23, 2020

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God?

To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

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Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

This past week, I have been at my family’s primitive cabin on Mercer Lake down near Florence. Once a year, we try to get all the family together for a fun time at the cabin. I’ve told you about the cabin before, it’s fairly unique as it has no road access, no electricity, no running water, no cell coverage...very simple. My grandfather and dad built it just before World War II, and through the years we have maintained it but not modernized it. We like it just the way it is. As I was growing up, it was my favorite place to be and now it is still my favorite place to be. My family members would echo that same feeling.

There were 12 of us there this year, that’s most of my brothers and sister, their husbands, wives and children and grandchildren. We took turns preparing meals, we did a few repair projects, but mostly we were just having fun. We hiked in the woods, swam in the lake, kayak/canoeed, relaxed, read... just generally enjoyed being with one another. I am blessed with a good family that always enjoys get-togethers and this is our longest get-together of the year.

I hope you are also able to have some good times this summer in spite of the pandemic.

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

Remembering Eleanor

Eleanor Larson came to St. Clare in 1945 and stayed in and with it until the end. She was 101 years old when she went home to her creator on the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady on August 15.

This dedicated parishioner saw many changes at St. Clare and endured through all of them. Her commitment to what she called her home away from home, was manifested through the work she did as secretary for the school and through her active participation as ministry volunteer. Thank you, Eleanor, for your love for our Parish community.

May you rest in the Father’s loving arms.

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Aug. 22
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +David Ludwig Church

Sunday, Aug. 23
8:00am Mass For the People Church
9:15am Mass Church
10:45am Mass Church

Monday, Aug. 24
8:30am Daily Mass +Patricio P. Diaz Church

Wednesday, Aug. 26
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, Aug. 27
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Friday, Aug. 28
8:30am Daily Mass +Mary Kaye & +Doug Doane Church

Saturday, Aug. 29
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +Patricio P. Diaz Church

Sunday, Aug. 30
8:00am Mass +Beatrice Rasciniti Church
9:15am Mass Church
10:45am Mass For the People Church

Scripture Readings
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Aug. 30, 2020

Reading 1 - JER 20:7-9
Psalms - PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Reading 2 - ROM 12:1-2
Gospel - MT 16:21-27

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
Introduction to the Celebration:
Those who serve God have a place in God’s reign.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Church and those chosen to lead, that they may always serve others with charity and justice . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those elected in government or appointed to public service, may they practice servant leadership in the interest of the common good . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those whose lives are painful because of those in authority whether in families, in governments, in the church, in other institutions or in society . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all people discerning God’s call, that they may have the faith in His wisdom and be like Mary and the apostles, humble to accept God’s will . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all division and negativities among peoples because of differences in faith traditions, color of skin or political interests, that God’s love and mercy will wipe all of them from the face of the earth . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all the blessings our community of St. Clare has received from the Lord, especially during this time of the pandemic, that only deep gratitude fill our hearts and only praise come from our mouths . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick or in any kind of need in our community . . . we pray to the Lord.
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to them. “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16: 15-16

This week, we hear about Jesus taking his disciples on a trip (almost like a school field trip) to a faraway deserted place called Caesarea Philippi. This place is at the extreme northeast border of Israel and Syria, 26 miles from Galilee. It most likely took Jesus and his disciples about two days to get there. Jesus was always teaching his disciples what the kingdom of God was all about. So, we could look at this trip like a visit to outdoor school.

Jesus, like all good teachers, had been presenting different lessons to the people who came to hear him and to his disciples who followed him. Just like a good teacher, Jesus asked questions to see how much his followers had learned. When a teacher asks you a question to which you know the answer, you might wave your hand excitedly in the air and say, “I know! I know!” It is a great feeling when you know the right answer, isn’t it? Well, today Jesus asks the disciples and us one of the most important questions in His whole earthly journey. Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” This question is so important that it is presented as a direct quote from Jesus in 3 different Gospels, which are the living words of God passed down to us through the years. Well, on that day Peter, one of the 12 apostles, was so excited that he knew the correct answer, he probably didn’t even raise his hand. Peter just shouted out, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus was so impressed by Peter’s answer that He gave him the “keys to the kingdom of heaven.” This is so important, because as a result of this encounter, Peter was blessed with the grace of God to become the leader of the Church after Jesus ascended into heaven. Peter still had to learn some more lessons in school with Jesus and some he failed badly, but Jesus stuck by him. He called Peter to lead His Church. Jesus never gives up on all of us who believe in Him.

So just as Jesus asked that question many years ago, He asks us today, “Who do YOU say that I am?” It took Peter some time to come to know the correct answer. It may be easy to give the correct answer with our lips today. But it will take us some time to really comprehend this in our minds and our hearts. We need to read the Gospels, come to Mass, and hear the stories of Jesus to help us understand and truly believe. So, let’s all continue to work at it.

Let us pray: We know who you are. Help us to come to know you better. Help us to tell others who you are by our words and actions. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Thoughts for Kids from Deacon Bill . . .

Color the picture above and unscramble these words from this week’s Gospel?

PREET ___ ___ ___ ___  CRSITH ___ ___ ___ ___ ___  SEKY _________

BSSELD ___________  EVHNAE ___________
Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20

MEET THE NEW ECHO APPRENTICE

Lexie Wasinger

HOME TOWN
I was born and raised in Hays, KS, which is approximately midway between Kansas City and Denver!

WHY ECHO?
I love that Echo gives me the opportunity to be intellectually stimulated through my M.A. classes, while also getting to serve in a parish and help form young people. The combination of study and hands on experience is unmatched. If you are interested in hearing more about the program feel free to contact me at Lexie@saintclarechurch.org

EDUCATION
I attended Fort Hays State University in my hometown. I graduated in May of 2019 with a degree in Communication Studies with an emphasis in Public Relations and Advertising, and I got a certificate in Leadership Studies

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT?
I am very excited to meet and minister to the parishioners at St. Clare's! My work will primarily be focused on faith formation and the youth group, two areas I am very passionate about, and have prior experience in.
The nation today has many challenges that need our understanding, our prayers and our collective action. In our commitment to life, peace and justice, we will continue to use our parish bulletin and website to provide you with resources for learning, opportunities for prayer and considerations to participate in actions to address the social issues important to our Faith; such as the vast economic and health impact of the pandemic and the need to eradicate racial injustice that has persisted and has been perpetuated for so long in our society. Here are resources we offer to you from the Office of Life, Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Portland:

Feeding Kids in a Pandemic
August is normally when most children in the United States begin heading back to school after summer break. COVID-19 has disrupted the plans of every school district. The nationwide effects of school closures on child hunger, especially the long-term effects, are not at all clear. School meal programs are absolutely essential to prevent children from going hungry. Read more: https://bread.org/institute-insights-august-2020#todd

From the Catholic Sentinel: Archbishop calls for end to violence, return to effort for justice. Read the article: https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Faith-Spirituality/Archbishop-Sample/Article/Archbishop-calls-for-end-to-violence-return-to-effort-for-justice/4/253/40481

The Catholic Sentinel ran a two-part series on Racism toward African-American Catholics.


The St. Clare Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry Needs
• Hearty & Chunky Soups  • Pancake Mix & Syrup
• Laundry Detergent  • Paper Towels
• Deodorant, 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.*

News from the Knights
Local Knights of Columbus Council 15485 Receive Top Award

John Clare Knights of Columbus Council 15485, representing St. Clare, St. John Fisher and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, have received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization’s top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

During an increasingly challenging fraternal year, our local council held fundraising breakfasts at both St. Clare and St. John Fisher, helped the new priest at St. Elizabeth of Hungary move in, helped pay for our ladies to sew masks for front line workers, held an essay contest for St. Clare and St. John Fisher that resulted in a 3rd place state winner, and sponsored rosaries during Eucharistic Adoration on 1st Saturdays at St. Clare and 1st Tuesdays at St. John Fisher.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, contact local Membership Director and immediate past Grand Knight Ted Seeber, at seebert42@gmail.com or 503.318.1508.

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!