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Administrative Assistant  Donna Parker MacNeur

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Administrative Assistant  Jeanne Raffety

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

Daily and Weekend Masses are currently canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
To view pre-recorded Sunday Masses with Fr. Don Gutmann, go to www.saintclarechurch.org.

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
5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, “Where I am you also may be.” Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well? ©LPi

Scripture Readings
6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Reading 1 - ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalms - PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
Reading 2 - 1 PT 3:15-18
Gospel - JN 14:15-21

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Weekly Offertory Report

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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!

Happy Mother’s Day

“My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God”

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Pray the Rosary during May ~
A Letter and Prayers from Pope Francis

Pope Francis has written a brief letter to the Faithful encouraging individuals and families to say the Rosary during the month of May 2020. He offers two prayers to pray at the end of the Rosary. To read the letter and text of the prayers, please visit the link below.


Pre-Recorded & Livestreamed Masses

The YouTube video of pre-recorded Sunday Mass at St. Clare is uploaded to www.saintclarechurch.org each Saturday by 4pm. Just click to join Fr. Don for Mass.

The Archdiocese of Portland has information on Masses livestreamed from the Cathedral including those on Sundays at 11am and other area parishes at https://archdpdx.org/live-masses.
Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

You may have heard the news that the archdiocese is going to start reopening churches, but on a very limited basis. We here at St. Clare will reopen as well, but on a very limited basis. This will be a whole new experience, to have Sunday Mass with a maximum of only 25 people in the church. It will feel really empty. Usually, I want as many people to fill the church as possible but when we reopen, it’ll be VERY LIMITED, by order of the governor, to only 25 people, including the priest, at any Mass.

Here at St. Clare our first Masses will still be two weeks away, on the weekend of May 23-24. The delay in starting Masses is to give us adequate time to prepare. We need to develop a good sign-up system (no one can attend a specific Mass without having signed up to be at that Mass), we need to line up door monitors (to make sure only those that sign-up are allowed in), and we need to line up cleaning people (the church will be sanitized after EACH Mass). All that will take us some time to organize, so that’s why Masses won’t start right away.

When Masses do start here at St. Clare, you will still have a dispensation from the archbishop not to attend Sunday Mass. No one has to attend Mass, we will continue to offer our online Mass every weekend. People over 60 years old, or with health problems, are specifically encouraged NOT to attend Mass, because they are the most vulnerable to the virus. Again, the dispensation continues for everyone, no one has to feel an obligation to attend Mass. Realistically, with only 25 people allowed at a Mass, we can’t accommodate most of our parishioners. This will be a difficult adjustment, but it’s better to have small Masses, than no Masses at all.

When we start Masses on May 23-24, I will add an additional Mass so we can welcome 25 extra people each weekend. Our temporary new Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8am, 9:15am and 10:45am. There cannot be any coffee and donuts or religious education classes offered. A person can only attend a Mass if they have previously signed up for that Mass that week. Sign-ups will be by phone to the parish office, but we don’t have the details organized yet. Please don’t start calling until we tell you we are ready to take sign-ups. We are hoping to allow people that want to attend Mass to be able to attend at least once every two weeks.

When people come to Mass the only door that will be open will be the east door (school side). A monitor will be at the door to make sure only previously signed-up people enter. Every other pew will be blocked off and people will be asked to sit near the center aisle, one household per pew. No one will be sitting in the transepts. We encourage but don’t require people to wear masks. There won’t be holy water in the fonts, we won’t be holding hands or giving the Sign of Peace. At communion, people will come forward in one single file line with 6’ spacing. I will be the only communion minister and I will be wearing a mask as I distribute communion. If people wish to receive communion on the tongue, they are asked to come up last in the line. There will be no chalice offered. There will not be a basket passed for the collection, but a basket will be available near the door for contributions. There will not be music so as to allow more people.

After EVERY Mass the church will be sanitized. The pews, bathrooms, and commonly touched surfaces will all be disinfected. There will be no song books in the pews.

Weekday Masses will start on Monday, May 25, on our normal schedule at 8:30am on Monday - Friday except Tuesday, my day off. They will also require sign-ups ahead of time just like Sunday Mass.

These are a lot of changes from the way we usually do Mass. It’s not ideal by a long shot but it’s better than no Mass at all. The archdiocese has been very specific on the requirements for how we do Mass in these pandemic times in order to protect everyone as much as possible. I know it will take a lot of adjusting for all of us (including me) who choose to attend Mass. Please pray that this all goes as smoothly as possible. I look forward to seeing some of you on the weekend of May 23-24!

God bless you all. ~ Fr. Don
During this Easter season, we have been hearing selections from the Acts of the Apostles, stories about the life of the very early church. Everything we experience in the church today ~ inspiration and ignorance, compassion and conflict, extraordinary charity and extraordinary self-interest ~ was experienced by our earliest ancestors in the faith. Today, we will hear about one conflict between the Greek Christians and the Hebrew Christians and how they solved the problem. Let us pray for our church ~ for the desire and the creativity to find solutions to our struggles today.

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

For the church and for all entrusted with spreading the good news to the world . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all nations affected by the present pandemic and for those who are leading the fight against the virus and the protection of the people . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all of us, that we may acknowledge God’s loving presence throughout our lives, especially during our crises and praise Him in thanksgiving . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all the mothers who continuously self-empty themselves to nourish and protect their children and their grandchildren, for the women who have helped shape our faith and for women caring for others in impossible situations, especially those of our parish . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those among us who are most in need, especially the sick and dying; and for those who have died . . . we pray to the Lord.
**Sharing Our Stories**

From Pia de Leon, our Pastoral Associate

*Stay Home, Write your Thoughts, Share your Story*

During these times when we are being asked to practice self-isolation and social distancing and we cannot gather at Mass, parishioners are being encouraged to share a thought or story about their experiences. For example...

- How is home schooling going?
- What creative things are you doing to combat the loneliness brought about by isolation?
- Are there people you know who have inspired you to “not be afraid?”
- Are you reciting a special prayer?

*Share your stories in 200 words or less.*

This is our way of connecting our parishioners with one another so we can continue to be community during these unusual times.

**Willing to share?**

*Email your stories to pia@saintclarechurch.org or mail them to St. Clare Church 8535 SW 19th Ave Portland, OR 97219 or call Pia at 503.244.1037 x103.*

Stay Home, Write your Thoughts, Share your Story

May the Lord keep us all safe.

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**Reflection by John Mather**

**RCIA Catechumen 2019-2020**

I think some sharing would be beneficial to us all. While I am heartbroken that we have not yet been able to have our baptismal ceremony, I am continually humbled by the work our front line workers continue to do and I know there are many folks out there struggling to survive right now. My wife Abby has insisted that she's willing to do an emergency baptism for me, but I believe the end is in sight and we'll able to meet and be together soon.

Our office building burned down about two years ago, so we've been set up to work remote from home for a long time. My company was also blessed with a great first quarter so we really haven't had to worry about how to keep the lights on and the food in our bellies. We've been praying for all those who are not in the same position and doing what we can to help out. Until recently, the stay at home order has actually helped me keep on track with my diet. Silver lining maybe? I'm also much more active chasing a toddler around and going for walks.

I have also been very lucky to have had this additional time with Axel James at home. He just turned 16 months old and he is growing up right before my eyes. I am blessed and comforted by the fact I don't feel like I'm missing a thing. Literally nothing. This morning he helped me make French Toast and scrambled eggs before we played with He-Man action figures (originals from the 1980s). He then helped me clean the french drain in the drive way and rake the stream free of debris while he danced to some Hall and Oates coming from the garage. He is a great little helper.

I have heard from some of my friends that life stuck at home is not as easy for them and I have also been praying them as well. I know many people are struggling to juggle work and kids, etc., but I have really enjoyed my additional time with Abby and Axel and Rocky, the dog, has never been so happy.

The cats on the other hand are clawing at the doors to get away.

We also received some great news that we'll be welcoming baby #2 in late November. Other than the morning sickness that Abby has been dealing with, the hardest part has been that they won't let me attend the checkups. I had to miss the last ultrasound and trying to see a heart flutter on FaceTime just isn't the same... We don't know the gender yet but I'm pretty sure it's a girl. This new baby is giving Abby a real run for money, however, so I have been praying that the nausea and sickness is nearing its end.

Missing you all,

John
With all of us cooped up staying in place, we might be thinking of summer and if we will be able to take a trip to our grandparents, to the coast, maybe even Disneyland or some entirely new location. If our parents drive us to some new place where we have never been before, then they will need a plan. They will need to look at a map or review the journey on a Google search. Where might they stop along the way? You will also need to plan. What should you pack? Maybe you will research what you need to do to help on the trip.

Today, Jesus tells his friends at the Last Supper that he is leaving them and going somewhere to prepare a place for them. They are confused and do not realize that he is talking about heaven. Did you ever wonder what heaven is like? Did you ever ask yourself how do people get to heaven? Jesus tells us that He is the way to heaven, because He has taught us the truth and He is the light to follow. When we are going through the journey of life just like a summer car trip, we need some help finding the right way to go, don’t we?

Each day, we have many difficult decision and sometimes it is hard to know which way to turn. Some people use their feelings to make decisions. They say, “I'm going to do this, because it feels like the right thing to do.” That’s not good! Our feelings may change from one day to the next, and because we feel good about something doesn’t mean it is the right thing to do. Some people make choices by what’s popular. Have you ever tried to convince your parents to let you do something by saying, “Everyone is doing it?” Just because everyone is doing it, doesn’t mean that it is the right thing to do, does it? Tomorrow, everyone might be doing something else.

There is one sure way to know if you are going in the right direction in life – and that is to follow Jesus. He tells us He is the Way! He walked with us on His earthly journey! He tells us He is the Truth! Many stories are written in the gospels about what He did and how He did them. He tells us He is the Light! At the Easter Vigil in a dark church, Fr. Don lights a big candle, called the Pascal Candle. It remains in the church all year to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World! At our baptism, we received a lighted candle from the Pascal Candle to remind us that we are to keep the light of Christ alive in our lives. We do this by loving and doing kind things for the people we come in contact with throughout our lives especially our family and friends.

Let us pray. Father in heaven, we look forward to the day when we will join you in heaven. Help us to follow Jesus’ example. He is the Way to lead us to heaven when we follow the Truth He revealed and the Light within us to share with this world. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen
The St. Clare Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

THANKS to the generosity of St. Clare parishioners, our SVDP Food Pantry begins the month of May in good shape for the demands of the coming months as the state of Oregon slowly re-opens. The biggest need right now - and in the months ahead - is actually for cleaning supplies and toiletries especially dishwashing liquid, shampoo and deodorant. Pancake syrup is always needed, too.

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

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.

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Friday, May 29 & Thursday, June 11
1:00 - 6:00pm 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 sponsor code: st.clareportland

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:

St. Clare St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is currently accepting paper grocery bags.
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