St. Clare Parish
June 7, 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
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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
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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
Limited to 25 people per Mass
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
Weekly Reflection
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 7, 2020

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God’s love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God’s holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance!

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Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Friday evening, we celebrated graduation for our 8th grade class at St. Clare School. Many of these students have been at the school since kindergarten and several attended our preschool before that. Some have come here daily since they were babies. Now they are as tall as I am, actually some are taller! They are growing up fast and ready to take the next step into high school. I’m proud of them.

Before Covid-19, back “in the good ol’ days” when students came to the classroom in the school building 5 days/week, I used to visit every classroom every day. I would drop in just before classes started, and what I noticed about our 8th grade class was that there was always good laughter and lots of camaraderie among the students. I always enjoyed visiting their class, the Class of 2020, proudly wearing their purple sweatshirts.

Our graduation ceremony was digital, as most things are these days. Obviously, it was not as nice as having everyone together in the church for that important event, but Mrs. Kollars (our long-time, very effective 8th grade teacher) did an outstanding job on putting together a moving and meaningful ceremony with all the students and families participating at home via their computer cameras.

We can all be proud of our graduating 8th graders. St. Clare School, the small school with a big heart, continues to educate and form amazing young people. We’ve been doing that for over 100 years. My best wishes and prayers go with the Class of 2020.

~ Fr. Don

Week-at-a-Glance

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Notice ~ Gladys Hack, long-time parishioner and choir member, passed away on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations!
St. Clare School Class of 2020

Love God, serve God: everything is in that.
~ St. Clare of Assisi

Xavier  Margrethe  Brady
Ian  Maddy  Tully
Neil  Gabe  Hudson
Emily  Blake  Gabriella
Mary Pearl  Stefani  Nolan
Carter  Luke  Aidan
Adelle  Gabe  Joey
Georgia  Palmer  Sarah
Keri  Christine  Taylor
Welcome to our New Catholics!

Baptized and/or Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31 at 10:45am Mass
To see them receive the sacraments, go to www.saintclarechurch.org.

John Mather
Sponsor: Abby Mather

Breonna Weibel
Sponsor: Matt Zullo

Sam Hutchinson
Sponsor: Cathy Hutchinson

Karlee & Kevin Brandini
Sponsor: Sharon Bloudek

Emily Earnshaw
Sponsor: Peter Earnshaw
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ~ June 7, 2020

Understanding the concept of the Trinity has never been easy. In fact, the church struggled with the idea of one God in three persons for some time in its history. We may not entirely grasp the theology, but we can understand the single, clear message revealed in the Hebrew scriptures and the Gospel. We are deeply loved and encountered by a God who is with us and is shown to us in many ways and through many faces, and we are never alone. We are called to live with this generous reality and to share it with one another.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the church: that we may faithfully demonstrate how to be a loving community, upholding and protecting the dignity of life especially of all people suffering from dehumanization and marginalization, God of Justice, heal us . . . we pray to the Lord.

For nations who are in need of genuine servant-leaders; that they may be encouraged by God’s promise of his presence most especially during these trying times, God of Wisdom, enlighten us . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the people of America, natives, immigrants and residents, called today to face the sin of racism and work towards making right, the relationships among peoples, regardless of color, gender, economic status, religion, culture or ethnicity, God of Solidarity, bring us together...we pray to the Lord.

For our divided world, nations, and families, that all may work towards genuine reconciliation, God of Peace, be with us...we pray to the Lord.

For George Floyd and the countless brothers and sisters in the Black Community whose lives have been stolen from them but in Gods’ time have become sparks for change and transformation, God of Mercy, spare us...we pray to the Lord.

For peaceful protests that demand truth and justice, God of Truth, empower us...we pray to the Lord.

For our rising high school students, our 8th graders from our school, that God’s Love which they experienced at St. Clare will remain with them always, God of Hope, empower us...we pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the dying, those who have died especially Gladys Hack and the grieving among us, God of Consolation, comfort us...we pray to the Lord.
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - John 3:16-18

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16.

Suppose a friend asked you to not only tell what you know about God loving you but also show her or him where it is written? I guess the first thing you would do is grab a Bible. God’s love is written about in the whole entire Bible. However, there are so many books, chapters and verses where would you look? Well, I searched the internet on my computer for the top 10 verses that people know, love and read most often. And you know what? The verse listed above is the number one verse that is read by most people. That verse is so popular that I can remember seeing many people on TV at sporting events holding up signs simply stating John 3:16! This verse perfectly and concisely sums up God’s Love for us. Let’s take a closer look at what this verse in the Bible tells us. Remember the Bible is the inspired Word of God written down by people with whom God chose to communicate.

Who is this verse about? – God
What does God do? – loves
What did God do to show His Love? – gave His only Son to us
What must we do in return? – believe that Jesus is the Son of God
What is our reward if we do believe? – eternal life = heaven
Why is heaven a good thing? – because we are with God forever and always

This verse from the Bible sums up God’s Love for us. So, if someone ever asks you how much God loves you the quick answer is John 3:16, but it is also a really good Bible quote to always remember.

Also, of note today is Trinity Sunday where we worship God in 3 distinct persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Three persons (not as we define persons) in One God. It is hard to imagine how this could be, but God is God and God can do whatever God wants to do. It is a mystery to us. Some ways of trying to explain the Trinity are as follows:
St. Patrick gave us the 3 leaf clovers in the yard (especially on St. Patrick’s day) - 3 leaves one clover; a religious sister in my 3rd grade class explained the Trinity by giving us all 3-ring pretzels; I am a husband, dad and granddad but the same person; and finally, a hard-boiled egg has a shell, a white part, and the yoke but it’s all one egg. We are reminded of the Trinity when we make the sign of the cross with holy water as we come into the church just like at our baptism.

Let us pray: Almighty and Loving God, we thank you for being all powerful, all knowing and for loving us. We thank You for giving us our Faith to believe in things that we cannot completely understand. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
One recent afternoon, Marge Mey created this lovely prayer space in her backyard. She says, “It simply forces out all distractions and allows me to concentrate. My only concerns are an occasional squirrel scampering across the fence or an ant crawling up my leg.” The beautiful stained glass window sections were formed with masking tape and then filled in with brightly colored sidewalk chalk. The cross, called Sister Clara’s Cross, was handcrafted in Haiti of recycled iron and river rock with proceeds from Marge’s purchase benefitting Sister Clara’s Clinic in Port-au-Prince. Now that her project is complete, Marge relaxes in the shade of the green trees while sitting in her lawn chair hoping that one day her husband might build a bench for the space. Either way, for Marge, it is the perfect spot to spend a few minutes each day in prayer and reflection during these difficult and unusual times.
**Liturgy**

**Update on Mass Attendance and Sign-ups**
As you know, in order to attend any of our Masses which are still limited to 25 people, sign-up is mandatory by calling the parish office at 503.244.1037, x104 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm. Lately, our weekend Masses have been fairly full, but not completely full, and spaces are always open at the weekday Masses. Please note our pre-recorded online Masses continue as well at www.saintclarechurch.org.

**Scripture Readings**

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ  
June 14, 2020
Reading 1 - DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A  
Psalms - PS 147:12, 13-14, 15-20  
Reading 2 - 1 COR 10:16-17  
Gospel - JN 6:51-58  
For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

**Faith Formation**

**Parish Staff Position Open**
We are looking for a faith-filled child-loving, organized person to coordinate our children’s ministries here at St. Clare Church. Deacon Bill is retiring after filling that role for 5 years, so we are looking for a good replacement. The position is approximately half-time, paying $18-20/hr. Contact the parish office if you think God is calling you to this important ministry.

**Outreach**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**
Thursday, June 11  
1:00 - 6:00pm  
Parish Hall
To donate, 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
For more information on safety protocols at donation sites, please visit: https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html

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

**Food Pantry Needs**
• Canned Carrots, Peas & Beets  
• Breakfast Cereal  
• Shampoo & Deodorant
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 to at least July 6 in order to prepare for a partial reopening that will keep their staff and volunteers safe. Therefore, the collection of donations at St. Clare are temporarily suspended. Your donations are greatly appreciated and we look forward to accepting them again as soon as the center reopens. Stay safe!

**Junque & Jewels 2020 CANCELED**
See below for other resources to recycle your useable but unneeded items. Please visit the website for each organization to find updated information on hours and safety protocols.
• Goodwill Industries is accepting clothing & linens, electronics & appliances, books & housewares at the Hillsboro and Airport Outlets.
• Community Warehouse is accepting kitchen tables & chairs, dishware & cookware, small appliances at the Portland Warehouse.
• Habitat for Humanity ReStores are accepting kitchen & laundry appliances, exercise equipment, metal fasteners & hardware, solid wood furniture, hand & power tools.