

# St. Clement Church

A Franciscan Community Since 1850

Our Mission is to become ever more fully what we are called to be, the Body of Christ. . . to unite our lives more and more fully . . . with the Lord and with one another. . . We are called to do this in the spirit of St. Francis with a joyful and generous love!

## Sunday, July 19, 2015

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Baptism:** Please contact the parish office. A pre-Baptism instruction is required. Contact Director of Faith Formation.

**Matrimony:** Please contact parish office six months in advance to arrange a date and for a time to meet with Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to layout the program of preparation.

**Reconciliation/Penance:** Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM or contact Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange for a time.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange for a home or hospital visit.

### Masses

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily: Monday–Friday – 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. , 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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# ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

## 16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. For the Sick  
 10:30 a.m. For the People

### MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Raymond Schneider +  
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

### TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor  
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

### WEDNESDAY

[ST. MARY MAGDALENE]  
 7:00 a.m. Don Henke +  
 8:00 a.m. Woody and Gin Ballard +

### THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor  
 8:00 a.m. Tommy Ballard +

### FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor  
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

### SATURDAY

[ST. JAMES]  
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor  
 4:00 p.m. Margaret Geiser +

### Weekend of July 25 and 26, 2015 LECTOR Schedule

4:00 p.m. Bill and Nan Cunningham  
 8:30 a.m. Christina Barnes and Susan Friedmann  
 10:30 a.m. Amy Holt and Chandler Bell

### Weekend of July 25 and 26, 2015 GREETER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mary Bell and Volunteer  
 8:30 a.m. Jim & Rose Sicking and Phyllis Crawford  
 10:30 a.m. Diana & Don Miller and Peggy Brown

### Weekend of July 25 and 26, 2015 SERVER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Barb Brunner, Betty and Scott Rook  
 8:30 a.m. Joe Ungruhe, Gus Stuchell and Arianna Schrand  
 10:30 a.m. Luke & Natalie Byrd and Ally Holt

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Date/Event	Amount	Running Total
July 5, 2015:	\$7,449.00	\$ 7,449.00
July 12, 2015:	\$5,995.00	\$13,444.00

Children's envelopes: \$ 10.00  
 E-giving (July 7-12, 2015): \$ 249.00

Number of envelopes: 143

Please consider electronic giving.

Visit the parish website for details at 'stclementcincinnati.org'  
 Thank you for your generosity.

## Parish News/Events

### MISSION APPEAL

Br. Salvatore Mwebe will be speaking at all masses on the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for the Bannakaroli Brothers Mission Appeal.

Bannakaroli Brothers is a religious congregation founded in 1927 in Uganda, East Africa. The Congregation is under the patronage of St Charles Lwanga, one of the 22 Uganda Martyrs.

The Brothers are dedicated to the propagation of faith in various ministries. They do pastoral work, teach in primary and secondary schools, look after orphans and those who are afflicted with HIV and AIDS as well as the elderly and homeless. They offer vocation skills in farming.

May God bless you.

A big thank you to all the parishioners who had their photos taken for our new parish directory. We think it was quite painless and we hope you did too!

The committee goal is to have the books to you by Christmas. The real fun will begin soon as we work on the layout and remaining pages of the book.

Special thanks to the folks who helped sign everyone in and kept things flowing:

Kay Thoman, Pat Schlosser, Rosemary Meyer, Jan Johnson, Pat Stefner, Nancy Schwallie, Eileen and Larry Boehmer and Emily Mulvey. Linda Moeller did a great job in the parish office too.

Mary Beth Asbach, Hospitality Committee

**Cardinal Cash Winner:** The winner for the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> is Barb Miller. **Congratulations!**

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Children's Liturgy

#### Monday

*Fr. Fred is on vacation until Saturday, July 25, 2015*

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. — Scripture Study, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. — SVDP, Parish Center

#### THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. — Quilters, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. — Pastoral Council, Conference Room

#### SATURDAY

10:30 a.m. — Noon - St. Francis/St. Joseph CWH Soup Kitchen

### BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Crosley's

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242-3311

Your neighborhood fun place!

## Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

It's Tuesday afternoon, July 14, at 4 PM and it's getting windier and darker by the minute. I can't imagine that the coming storm will be anything like yesterday's which began at 1:30 PM. I was ready to get out of my car to visit a woman in a retirement home when the heavens opened—which by that time were pitch black—and all heck broke loose. Sirens were wailing also. So I changed my mind about the visit and came home. St. Bernard was in the throes of a super storm which knocked out electrical power for almost 24 hours (at least in our house). That didn't hinder the hearty souls who still kept their time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our very dark and hot chapel (no lights or air-conditioning) and the few who joined us for Benediction and rosary Monday evening. Thanks for your good example. A special thank you to Mary Bray who faithfully organizes our monthly adoration schedule. I know she becomes anxious when it's possible that the Blessed Sacrament may be unattended for a time. Won't you consider adding a visit to the Blessed Sacrament on the second Monday of each month between noon and 7:30 PM?

I just returned from celebrating Mass with the Catholic residents of Bridgeway Pointe. This delightful group of folks, including some St. Clement parishioners, are a joy to pray with. I asked the dear woman who proclaimed the Scriptures—an awesome reader—to repeat the first verse of the Responsorial Psalm: "I am sunk in the abysmal swamp, where there is no foothold; I have reached the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me." How appropriate for the weather we've been having the past couple of days! Yesterday's storm knocked over all of the barriers the road crew had set up for their widening of Vine St. Watching some folks trying to cross the street to get into church, it was easy to see that they could easily lose their foothold! Fortunately, no one had to deal with any "watery depths." In comparison with other parts of the country however, even as close as Kentucky, the Cincinnati area has been spared by the ravages of nature. Regardless, with St. Francis, we pray through both good and bad weather: "Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures." (*The Canticle of the Creatures*, 1225)

Several astute parishioners noted that my bulletin letter last week didn't reflect reality—at least regarding my presence or absence from the parish. I love it when folks comment on my letters; at least I know some are reading them. Anyway, circumstances changed and I did NOT go to Schererville, IN, to preach for the missions. Perhaps some time in the future . . .

This evening I am going to a meeting to continue planning for this year's Vacation Bible School which takes place at Immanuel United Church of Christ, from Aug. 2-6. You will receive more information about this important opportunity for our children. Last year, between the three St. Bernard churches, over 90 children participated. Thanks so much to parishioners Theresa Strotman and Tracie Conway who have been active on the planning committee. I know that other parishioners will be involved, including our Director of Faith Formation Emily Mulvey. I promise you that your child will have a great time if he or she participates in this faith-filled event. Fr. Jim and I have both been asked to be part of the story telling! Something to look forward to!

I will be away the next two weeks—my second week of vacation and province retreat. YOU will be in my prayers in a special way during my retreat.

## FAITH FORMATION by Emily Mulvey

Excerpted from TeamRCIA.org:

### Seekers are initiated into Christ, not Catholicism

**The first thing to learn** is that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is not about initiation into the Catholic Church. If it were, the title would be Rite of *Catholic* Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is about initiation into Christ. If you grew up Catholic, those two ideas seem to be the same. But there is an important distinction.

The Catholic Church, as much as we love and believe in it, is a human institution. We find the fullness of Christ in Catholic Church, but the church is not Christ. When we evangelize, we proclaim Christ. When we baptize, we baptize not in the name of the church, but in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The goal is of the RCIA, then, is not to welcome people into the Catholic Church. No, the goal of the RCIA "is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity" (Pope Saint John Paul II, On Catechesis, 5).

### The parish is the means of initiation

**The second thing to learn** is that the church, especially as it is manifested in the local parish, is the *means* of putting people in communion and intimacy with Christ. In order to be in intimate communion with Christ, we need the church. So how does the parish put seekers in intimate communion with Jesus?

### We don't need experts to introduce seekers to Jesus

This leads to **the third thing we need to learn**, which is that we don't need experts to put seekers in intimate communion with Jesus. We need the parish. And this is exactly why an RCIA process that happens every day of the year is much easier than trying to train and maintain a team of experts whose purpose is to transmit doctrine.

Because Jesus-events are happening every day in our parishes, as soon as we encounter a seeker, we can immediately start introducing him or her to Jesus. We don't need to wait until September when classes start. The life of the parish, then, becomes the vehicle for introducing the seekers to Jesus and putting them into intimacy and communion.

### What about the doctrine?

But what about the doctrine? Isn't that important? Absolutely. But *doctrine* is a fancy word for "what we believe about Jesus." There are lots of ways to communicate doctrine. A classroom, especially for new seekers, is probably the least effective way.

As Pope Francis teaches, we have to rethink how we teach in "bold and creative" ways. Using the life of the parish as the "school" for seekers instead of a team of experts is going to convert the seekers into the lifelong missionary disciples the church so desperately needs right now.

## Ask Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim,

I have read a very little bit about "Liberation Theology." I understand that Pope John Paul 2 was opposed to it, and maybe other Popes. From what I read, it seems to be defending the rights of the poor and disadvantaged. Why would the Catholic Church be against it? Thank you  
— Diana

Hello Diana,

Yes, there is a good deal of confusion about that whole term, "Liberation Theology." The Christian Science Monitor Newspaper in 1985 (5 years after Archbishop Romero was shot and assassinated while offering Sunday Mass) offered this definition: "Liberation theology is a Roman Catholic movement, chiefly in Latin America, that advocates the need for Catholics to become involved in movements for social justice and the desirability, in some cases, of revolution." Within the church, they call for a decentralized and more democratic "church of the poor." In the strictest sense of the word, i.e. when used politically, it often meant to use violence to overthrow governments that were unjust. The Church was opposed to violence in such cases. At the same time, however, the El Salvadorian bishops, other than Romero, sided with the wealthy and remained quiet over the growing murder of countless civilians most of whom were poor. Anyone who supported the poor in their plight was suspect by the government and therefore in danger. The ones who most supported the poor were many priests and religious and dedicated laity. To challenge the government would automatically put one's life in danger. Unfortunately those who supported the poor were often tagged with the label of supporting Liberation Theology. In the twelve year of war, there were 75,000 people killed and most were civilians. El Salvador was noted for its death squads who were very active.

Some brave priests, nuns and dedicated laity along with Archbishop Romero challenged and called out the government leaders for their persecution and killings. They supported civilian organizations that were pushing for radical reforms -- better living standards and an end to Army repression. Many advocates and critics were also murdered. Romero was warned to stop criticizing and when he refused he was shot and killed in March of 1980.

Incidentally, I had the privilege in 1985 of celebrating Mass at that very altar where Romero stood. He was considered a martyr immediately by all the people of El Salvador who had suffered such terrible persecution from the government.

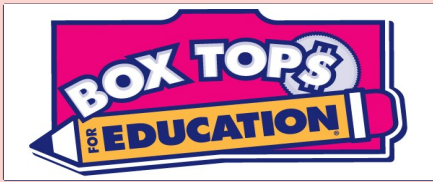
But unfortunately the label "touched by Liberation theology" was attached to Romero and the reason why the Vatican refused to allow his canonization process to continue. The fact that he was murdered by the very government he was criticizing did not seem to make any difference to Rome. The Pastoral Letter issued by the bishops after Romero's death said that "negotiation is the only way to resolve the dispute." Unfortunately the other bishops remained passive in the midst of all the violence against the poor. They would not negotiate change. And the murders continued on and on.

Pope Francis, to the relief of many in El Salvador, has rightly removed that "Liberation Theology" stigma from Romero's name and reputation. His death was true martyrdom because he was calling the government to accountability. And that was always dangerous. It is well known that the U.S. government also sided with and support the government regime. So Pope Francis's decision to honor Romero confirms what so many Catholics know to be true: to defend the poor is to defend the faith. Francis himself has made this clear: "We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor."

Brazilian Archbishop Hélder Câmara put the issue perfectly when he said, "When I feed the poor, they call me a saint, but when I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a communist."

— Fr. Jim

## Festival News!!!!



Thanks for supporting our school. Please continue to clip the "Box Top" labels. Deposit labels in box located in the commons area of the church, so they can be mailed and get cash for our school. Please watch expiration date.

### ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL GIFT CARDS

St. Clement School offers gift cards; they make great gifts for your business and family. Forms are in the back of church. [www.stcschool.org](http://www.stcschool.org) or school office at 641-2137

### Youth Ministry — "IGNITE"



**The 2015 National Catholic Youth Conference:** Join 25,000 of your closest friends for an exciting, 3-day experience that is the largest gathering for Catholic youth in the country. NCYC takes place in Indianapolis and includes keynotes, workshops, liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, exhibits and other special activities. **November 19-21, 2015.**



### ST. CLEMENT'S Festival 2015 September 11, 12 and 13, 2015

Come and join the fun! There will be food, drinks, music, rides, games and much more!



### Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together-YACHT



### **WE ARE CALLED**

**Theology on Tap – Tuesdays, July 1 & 28 (7-9 pm)**  
**Champps, 9424 Civic Center Boulevard**  
**West Chester, OH 45069**

**July 21 – We are Called to be Catholic Young Adults**  
**(Alejandro Bonilla)**

**July 28 – We are Called to Holiness (Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer & Sr. Tracy Kemme)**

### **PARISH MEMBERS IN THE SERVICES:**

Mark Elfers, Kenny Day, Christopher Niesen, Nicholas Dwertman, Jimmy Dwertman, Lt. Col Kurt Kroger, Mark Moeller, Eli Wess, Richard Mellott, Sgt. Major Philip Pich, Jonathan Holt, Branden Schmidt, John Lambert, Bradley Chapman, Anna Isfort, Andrew Banner, Eric Strotman, Brady Weingartner, Justyn Husemann, Jon Sturgeon, Joseph Newton, Julia Schindler, Austin Weingartner and Lt. Alexander Back. Keep them in your prayers. **If you know of anybody else who is in the service, please call the parish office 641-3176.**



## TPC

TPC members wish to thank Keli Burkhardt for her time served as TPC Treasurer. We appreciate all you did for TPC and St. Clement School. TPC would now like to welcome Christin Messinger as the new TPC Treasurer. TPC is looking forward to your help and input.

TPC hopes everyone is enjoying their summer so far!



## Religious Formation



What is the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a beautiful ministry of our Church. More than just the installment of "Catholic" knowledge, the RCIA sets our feet on the "The Way" of Christ. The goal? Eternity in heaven!

We are moving towards a community and inquirer centered approach where St. Clement parish is our textbook....see my faith formation section to learn more. And please contact me anytime if you are interested in the RCIA as a ministry or would like to know more about being Catholic or receiving sacraments. Emily Mulvey, Director of Faith Formation, [emulvey@stscschool.org](mailto:emulvey@stscschool.org) or 641-0147 x808.

## Worship

Here we are at the midway point of summer,--  
Cincinnati hosting the All Star festivities in our great city!

This week we have been called to be "good shepherds" to the many thousands of visitors--welcoming them to our town! Oh that we could have this atmosphere of warmth and hospitality with all those we meet EVERY DAY! After all, WE are called to be Christ's body here on earth!

I think St. Teresa of Avila says it best:

"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world."

You are the voices that sing God's praises!! Have a blessed week!

— Marty Cunningham

## From the Friars

Last week I explained our province's policy on vacations for friars. Since I will be making a province retreat from July 27 to July 31, I thought you might be interested in knowing about our retreat policy. Here's what our Province Statute (S-1) and Norm (N-1) say about retreats—interesting, isn't it, that these are both listed as #1 in their respective sections on prayer? *"The yearly retreat of the friars shall ordinarily last for five days. Other matters pertinent to retreats are addressed by provincial norms."* *"Each friar is expected to make an annual retreat. To foster provincial spirit, friars in general are encouraged to make the scheduled community retreats of the province."* This year's community retreat is being held in three places to accommodate schedules and locations. Several of us from St. Clement will be attending the retreat at Bergamo Retreat House in Dayton, OH. **Fr. Michael Blastic, OFM**, a friar of the Holy Name Province in New York, is preaching the retreat. During my sabbatical year at St. Bonaventure University following my term as provincial, I lived with Fr. Michael at the friary on campus and audited his excellent course on St. Francis. The theme of our coming retreat is, "Francis of Assisi and the Logic of the Gospel: Relinquishment, Fraternal Life and Mission." I am really looking forward to this week focused exclusively on prayer and reflection. I promise you that I will pray for you, my parish family. Won't you please pray for me and the other friars making retreat?

— Fr. Fred

# Regional News/Events

**Holy Trinity Church Festival** — Holy Trinity Church in Norwood is having their festival on Friday, August 7, Saturday, August 8, and Sunday, August 9, 2015. There will be rides, food, drinks and games. Help us to reach out and unite the community.

St. Bernard Community  
Vacation Bible School  
**Sunday, August 2 – Thursday, August 6, 2015**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Location:**  
**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**210 Jefferson Avenue, St Bernard, Ohio 45217**

Event Supported by:  
Immanuel United Church of Christ  
St. Clement Roman Catholic Church  
&  
Wilson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
**VBS is designed for children ages 4-10.**  
**Please try to arrive @ 6:00 pm on Sunday**  
**to register your child.**

**Vacation  
Bible School**

## Marriage Encounter Weekends

We would like to invite you to make a Marriage Encounter weekend. It helps struggling marriages and enriches good ones. It connects you to other couples that realize the value of a strong marriage and the importance of it to have a healthy culture. Please consider blessing your marriage this year by setting aside time for each other. Here are the dates for 2015 in Ohio:

July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH  
November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, OH

Contact: Dave & Jan Stockelman for reservations at [dj2378@fuse.net](mailto:dj2378@fuse.net),  
513-251-1940 or 1-800-547-1251 code 00.

Tom & Ginny Segbers for questions at 513-919-7383,  
[tsegbers@gmail.com](mailto:tsegbers@gmail.com)

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The Franciscans for the Poor will host 27 students from St. Mary (Woodstock, IL) the week of July 26, 2015. Baked goods are requested — our hard workers love homemade cookies!! If you are interested in participating and available to bake and donate a few batches, please contact:

Marci Peebles 513-518-5275 or  
[DirectorFranForThePoor@fuse.net](mailto:DirectorFranForThePoor@fuse.net)  
**THANK YOU!!!**

## A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Jesus does not force you to be a Christian. But if you say you are a Christian, you must believe that Jesus has the power—the only one who has the power—to renew the world, to renew your life, to renew your family, to renew the community, to renew everybody

This is the message that we should bear with us today, asking the Father to allow us to be submissive to the inspiration of the Spirit who does this work.”

— Pope Francis: Thoughts and Words for the Soul. Giuseppe Costa



## MINISTRY TO LGBT

We now have a Courage Apostolate in Cincinnati. Courage is an international apostolate of the Catholic Church, which has been ministering to persons with same-sex attractions since 1980. Small group meetings are ministered to by a priest using the 12 step approach to healing. For more about Courage go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/ministries-of-care/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender/>



# Catholic IQ

## **This week's challenge:**

Which of the following is not a room or area in a Catholic church building?

- a) presbytery      b) sacristy      c) baptistry      d) vestibule

**Answer: a)** The word presbytery may be used to describe the priesthood, governing body of clergy, or a place where the clergy live (i. e., rectory).

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