

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2009

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you ... as the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Thomas said to the others, "Unless I see the mark of the nail in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." John 20: 19-31

Torch-bearers of the Good News

As the date of an Olympic games draws near, runners carry a flaming torch from the site of the old games to the site of the new ones. As privileged as these torch-bearers are, Christians have a much greater privilege. We carry the resurrection torch to all peoples, giving them fullness of life.

The first and second readings remind us that if we are to be good torch-bearers, we must be closely united to one another.

As Luke puts it in Acts, "The community of believers was of one heart and mind."

The second reading tells us, "We know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments."

In the Gospel, John tells us how the risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples and said to them, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When Jesus appeared a second time, he said to Thomas, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas came to a deep belief, challenging us to do the same.

Before the next Olympics begin, torch-bearers will again run from the previous site to the new site. But as Christians, we always bear the resurrection torch. We must continue to hold it high for all to see in order that the world might live.

John Spicer: Living With Christ

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4: 23-31; John 3: 1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4: 32-37; John 3: 7-15
Wednesday: Acts 5: 17-26; John 3: 16-21
Thursday: Acts 5: 27-33; John 3: 31-36
Friday: Acts 5: 34-42; John 6: 1-15
Saturday: 1 Peter 5: 5-14; Mark 16: 15-20
Sunday: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2: 1-5;
Luke 24: 35-48

Pray for the Deceased

Nancy Heywood

Financial News

Offertory Contributions

Easter Sunday \$ 13,660.75
Year ago \$ 13,227.32
Holy Land \$ 724.36
Year ago \$ 443.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 AM Robert J. Gedeon, III

Monday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

5:15 PM

Tuesday, April 21 - St. Anselm, bishop & doctor

8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

5:15 PM Anna Prusak

Thursday, April 23 - St. George, martyr

8:00 AM William Mazzella

Friday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

5:15 PM Living & Deceased of

James J. Kelley Family

Saturday, April 25 - St. Mark, evangelist

8:00 AM

5:15 PM Michael Stasko

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Al O'Leary, Brian Cleary,
Beverly Kay, Jim Trayte, Maire
Manning, Ryan Darroch



Mark this Date

April 27 - 7 PM - Parish Town Hall Meeting

Now the work begins - we will meet to discuss what the long and short term vision is for our parish. What ministries, organizations, social outreach, programs, etc....would you like to have here at St. Clement? Think inside and outside the box. Which of these should be unique to our parish and which could be shared throughout the cluster. Come prepared to listen, to share, and to volunteer!

A Parish Pictorial Book is coming and we want you to be in it. June 2-6 will be the dates for pictures to be taken. The photo for the parish book is free. You may purchase additional photos or portraits at the reserved time of your appointment. More information and scheduling appointments will be forthcoming.

Thank you to all who participated in our Holy Week/Easter liturgies. They were truly special! From our Art & Environment, Choir and Cantor Ministry, ushers, greeters, altar servers, to our Maintenance - the church never looked better and ministries were exercised to their fullest. The work of the Holy Spirit is truly alive here at St. Clement!

Fr. John

Volunteers Needed!

Could you help make one of life's most challenging moments easier for people in your own community? You're invited to explore the possibility of becoming a Volunteer with the Visiting Nurse Association - Hospice. A wide range of volunteer skills are needed, from office/clerical assistance to spiritual companionship, patient visits and many other possibilities. Volunteer trainings take place Wednesdays beginning April 29th, or Thursdays beginning May 7th. Call to register 216-902-7352 or email pkampf@vnacleveland.org for more information.

St. Joseph Academy—Spring Play

St. Joseph Academy invites you to attend their Spring Play, *Steel Magnolias*, which will be held at the St. Joseph Auditorium on April 23, 24 and 25th at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, April 26th at 2:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting the school at 216-251-6788, or at the door.

Interested in Volleyball?

The LCA (CYO) volleyball program needs volunteers to coach at all levels in the program. The season runs from August thru October. Please contact Leigh Fox at 228-2016.

Together We Will Build A Plan For The Future

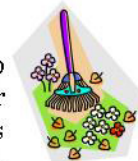
The task at hand is to develop a pastoral plan for St. Clement parish to respond to the needs of today's parishioner. This goal can be achieved when we dream big enough, think clearly enough, and work hard enough. Come, join us in the planning process at a Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7:00 PM in the hall.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Of the 29 counties in the geographically sprawling Diocese of Salt Lake City, only 16 have a resident pastor. These mission dioceses need funding for ministerial training, seminaries, and religious education in order to nurture the faith and administer basic pastoral care in the rural areas of the state. Please give generously in today's Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Spring Clean-Up Day

In conjunction with Clean-Up Lakewood Day, we will be conducting our own Spring clean-up of the church grounds at St. Clement. Please join us on Saturday, April 25th. We will start at 9:00 AM. Please bring your rakes, some brown paper lawn and leaf bags, a broom and dust pan, and a plastic garbage bag. We will rake leaves, pick-up trash, sweep the sidewalks and parking lot. Come when you can and work as long as you can!



'Boy Wanted' at Magnificat High School

Magnificat High School presents the comedy *Boy Wanted* Thursday through Sunday, April 23rd to the 26th at the Magnificat Center for Performing Arts. All performances are at 7:30 PM, except for the Sunday 4:00 PM matinee. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the box office, online at www.ticketspigot.com, or at the door the night of the performance. For questions, contact the box office at 440-331-1572 x277.

Faith Journey Open House

The Faith Journey Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 7 PM in the church rectory. Refreshments will be served. Who is invited? Anyone considering becoming a Catholic; anyone baptized as a Catholic, but not confirmed; anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity to see what RCIA is all about. Please tell a friend or family member that might be interested about this open house. The new session will begin in September.

Coffee and Donuts

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after all Sunday Masses.