

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH + 622 Chestnut Street
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Or by appointment

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Baptism: Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Any time by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

Marriage Preparation: Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

Visitation of Sick and Homebound: If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

July 26, 2020: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

* * * COLLECTIONS & SECOND COLLECTIONS * * *

Baskets are located beside the church entry doors for you to place your offerings. Our collections continue to suffer as the pandemic shows no signs of abating, so any extra you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Special Need: Due to an outside water leak, there is currently no water in the Church (thus, the bathrooms are out of order). The two main alternatives for fixing the problem are: (a) to run a new line from the meter to the Church main, or (b) to close the meter and connect the Church to the water meter in Friendship Hall. We are still exploring options, but whatever solution is decided upon, the cost will be in the \$9,000-\$10,000 range. If you can help, please mail a check to the Church office or put it in the basket by the Church door when you come to Mass. **MANY THANKS to those who have helped out already...there is still a way to go to meet our goal.**

The second collection next weekend is for the St. Clare Building and Maintenance Fund. If you can contribute, please send your offering to the Church office or place it in the collection basket by the Church door.

* * * ANNOUNCEMENTS * * *

Lectors Needed for 9:00 a.m. Mass

If you are willing to volunteer as a lector for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, please contact Father Simpson at your earliest convenience.

Confirmation Classes Underway

Online Confirmation classes began on July 5 and will continue every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Pat Calie.

Free Firewood

Please help yourself to the wood in the church yard—it is free for anyone who can come and pick it up. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Forester at 859-868-8616.

St. Clare Office

As we continue to suffer under Covid19, the safest route is to keep the office closed most of the time. We are working from home and will do our best to respond to voice messages, emails and texts as soon as we can. Thank you for bearing with us through all this.

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. July 25-	6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Catholic Extension Donors
Sun. July 26-	9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Pro Populo
	11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Catholic Extension Donors
	4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Catholic Extension Donors <i>Misa en español.</i>
Sat. Aug. 1-	6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Catholic Extension Donors
Sun. Aug. 2-	9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Special Intention
	11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Leonidas M.G. Beane
	4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Pro Populo <i>Misa en español.</i>

PRAYER NEEDS

Parishioners: Rita Ballinger, Beatriz Del Rosario, Alice Duprey, Pat Eutsler, Marci Griffin, Dennis Jacobs, Bonnie Kehoe, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Therese Reilly, Mari Rucker, Gary Scarlett, Gene Startzman

Family and Friends: Ernest Arcuri; Marlene Arcuri; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Dustin Davidson; Henry Estrada; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Daniel Kessler (brother of Kris Hammons). Names will remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory needed for the year:	\$140,000.00	Building & Maintenance (7/19/20)	\$ 120.00
Offertory collected YTD:	\$ 2,584.00	Second Collection	\$ 40.00
Offertory needed weekly:	\$ 2,692.31		
Offertory collected 7/19/20:	\$ 1,001.00		
(Under for the week)	\$ (1,691.31)		

Diocesan Pandemic Response

- Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues in the Diocese of Lexington until further notice.
- Attendance at each individual Mass or liturgy is limited to 50% capacity (ca. 110; will vary at missions). Please come early to be sure to get a seat.
- Social distancing of 6 feet between people not living in the same household must be followed; social distancing is always to be practiced and includes seating, processions, and communion lines.
- Elderly and vulnerable populations are encouraged to participate in the live-streamed Masses.
- There is to be no physical contact during the Lord's Prayer or during the Sign of Peace.
- Communion will be distributed after Mass. When you are in front of the priest, please lower your mask, take the Eucharist (in hand or by mouth), replace your mask, and depart immediately, without congregating.

Virtual Journey of Hope Program. Journey of Hope is a 7-week divorce recovery program addressing concerns of divorced or separated Catholics. It offers hope, healing, and guidance on important issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Church lead to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Virtual sessions will be held on Wednesday nights from **August 26-October 7, 2020**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Registration is available at cdlex.org/family. For more information, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call Ellie at 859-806-3959.
