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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.

September 6, 2020: Twenty-Third 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.

Please don't forget second collections! **The second collection next weekend (September 13) is for the Holy Land.** The 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was postponed this year due to the pandemic, and is being taken up next weekend instead. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, now exposed to the risk of Covid-19 and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest. Please be as generous as you can. If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may mail your offering to the Church.

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.**

* * * ANNOUNCEMENTS * * *

HELP NEEDED

A parishioner who is homebound is looking for help around the house. She would like someone to spend the night and be on call for emergencies. If you can help or know someone who would be interested, please call Father Simpson at 606-219-0400.

ATTENTION

In the next few weeks, St. Clare will be conducting a Parish census. As the pandemic rolls on, we need updated contact information so that we can all hang together through these difficult times. When you receive the Parish census mailing, please edit, update, and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your help on this.

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. Sept. 5- 6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Int. Ashley Binter
Sun. Sept. 6- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Healing Mark Christensen
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Pro Populo
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. Tony Villarroel *Misa en español.*
Wed. Sept. 9- 6:00 p.m. (St. Paul) For those who labor
Thur. Sept. 10- 8:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Int. Nancy Robinson
Sat. Sept. 12- 6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo
Sun. Sept. 13- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) +Ernest Arcuri
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) For those who labor
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. Father Gary Simpson *Misa en español.*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Thank you to those who have volunteered as lectors for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We could still use more volunteers, so please consider prayerfully whether God is calling you to this ministry.

Sept. 6: Mike Berheide Sept. 13: Lynn Feltner Sept. 20: Bruce Fraley
Sept. 27: Bob Rucker Oct. 4: Mike Berheide Oct. 11: Pat Calie

PRAYER NEEDS

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

Family and Friends: 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); Guy Patrick; Nancy Scarlett. Names 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 collected YTD:	\$ 20,694.00	Offertory collected 8/30/20:	\$ 4,313.00
Offertory needed weekly:	\$ 2,692.31	(The \$4,313 total reflects \$2,577.00 donated through the EFT program for the month of August)	
		(Over)	\$ +1,720.69

The Diocesan Pandemic Response may be viewed here:
<https://www.cdlex.org/diocese-of-Lexington-epidemic-response>

New address for parishioner Pat Eutsler:

Pat Eutsler, c/o Country Meadows, 460 N. Krocks Rd. #450, Allentown, PA 18106.

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.