



St. Clement of Rome

Romeo, Michigan

January 11, 2009

Baptism of the Lord

MCREST 2009

We will host the homeless at our parish from

Jan. 25th - Feb. 1st

In these persons, we encounter Jesus.

You are invited to give of your time, talents and gifts.

For more information, call Nancy Kaspari at 586-752-6419

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A requirement is needed:

Protecting God's Children workshop. If you have not participated in this workshop it will be available here at St. Clement on January 18th. See page 2 of this bulletin for details.

By now, you may have the altar at St. Clement of Kurt Godfryd and I hail of Oxford- where I live four daughters (Clare, Therese). A priest friend am "blessed among am!



A native Detroit, I Major Seminary and the Mercy- earning degrees in pastoral ministry, management, economics, and finance. In *secular* life, I am the Business Officer for Cranbrook Schools and serve as adjunct faculty in the department of economics at Oakland University. While focused mainly upon adult learners at OU, Cranbrook has allowed me to "carve out" forty-minutes from my daily schedule to teach the capstone course in economics to seniors. These "seniors" keep this deacon on his toes! In addition, I serve as board secretary at Michigan Catholic Credit Union.

As if the above were not enough, on October 4, 2008, after years of study, formation, and prayer, I (along with eleven others) was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Cardinal Adam Maida- to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

So, we ask, who is a Deacon? In answering this question, we might go back to the earliest centuries of the Church and trace the diaconate's origin to the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, when Stephen, Philip, Prochurus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch were chosen by the community and ordained by the Apostles. Through the first millennium, tremendous leaders emerged in the diaconate: St. Stephen (the first Christian martyr); St. Lawrence (third century administrator and martyr); St. Ephrem (fourth century theologian, poet, and doctor of the Church); and St. Francis of Assisi. After nearly a thousand years, however, the idea that a man would serve as a deacon "permanently" would gradually fade away- and, instead, the diaconate would become a transitional state until ordination to the priesthood. With Vatican II, however, that thinking would change. In the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the diaconate would once again be restored as a proper and permanent rank of

noticed a new face around Rome. My name is Deacon from the neighboring town with my wife, Diana, and Elise, Grace, and always points out that I women." And, indeed, I

studied at Sacred Heart University of Detroit

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Country Breakfast

Sponsored by K of C Council #7018

This Sunday, Jan. 11th
After all Masses

Adults \$7.00
Children \$3.50

We of St. Clement of Rome Parish, with the Power of the Spirit, welcome, embrace and unite all the many faces of Christ who worship with us. As a family, we deepen our faith and seek God in the community, through prayer and good works.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAPPENINGS -

Religious Ed Class Schedule

Jan. 11th -

Preschool classes held

Jan. 12th, 13th, 14th -

Classes held

Jan. 15th -

Eucharist Happening

Jan. 18th -

Preschool classes held

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College Student Care Packages

This month our seventh grade classes will be sending Warm Winter Wishes to college students. If you did not give us a college student's address in the fall -- please do so now and we can send them this care package. We know how much college students enjoy getting mail! Call the Rel. Ed. Office at 752-6591.

Eucharist Happening

Listening Liturgy

The Eucharist is about Listening

Thurs., Jan 15, 2009

7 p.m. in the church

Parent and candidate

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Religious Education Office Hours

Mon. thru Wed. - 9 am - 8 pm

Thurs. - 9 am - 4 pm

Friday - closed

(The office is closed from 12-1 each day for lunch)

Contest Announcement St. Clement Knights of Columbus Council #7018 to Sponsor "Youth Free Throw Championship"

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2009 Knights of Columbus (K of C) Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, Jan. 17th, 2009 in St. Clement's gym. Registration is at 1:00 p.m., with competition starting at 1:30 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. International Champions are announced by the K of C International Headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year more than 247,000 sharpshooters participated in over 4, 000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. Clement of Rome is committed to providing safe environments for children and youth. We are offering a special workshop called "Protecting God's Children". In accord with the Archdiocese, the time has come to implement a new policy so that children everywhere can be kept safe. This is for catechists and those who minister only once a year at MCREST or volunteer or coach for CYO.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18th in the social hall.

1 p.m.- Light lunch will be served

1:30-4:30 p.m.- *Protecting God's Children Workshop*

Please register online at www.aodonline.org or call the Rel. Ed. Office at 752-6592.

Vocations Awareness Week

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the start of *National Vocation Awareness Week*. It is a special time during which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and women as religious sisters.

A Family Perspective

By Bud Ozar

What our heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's Gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love; it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting, love.

**Please Pray for
the Sick**



Yolanda Angeli	Bettie Lester
Bob Anger, Jr.	Ed Lester
Gail Bednarowski	Marilyn Lorence
Babies Noah and Ruby Biljan	Helen Lumetta
Kathryn Bloom	Fr. Jerry Machlik
Adelaide Bobiney	Linda Mathiak
Thomas Bryan	Gordon McBride
Matthew Burdeno	Yong Hui McBride
Lois Chinoski	Bruce Northy
Dennis Cook	Barb Nosek
Toni Couzens	Richard Parrott
Robert Culver	Jim Pavlinac
Sharon Czajka	John Pokorney
Barb DeSaele	Judy Polakowski
Celeste DiLegge	Renso Ponce
Barbara Dilworth	deLeon
Virginia Dilworth	Ken Raisenan
Christina	Norbert Rapp
DiMaggio	Ed Redlawski
Patrick Fagan	Jonathan Sasseen
Rose Fagan	Carl W.
Enola Gallagher	Schattmaier
Michael	Ed Sherman
Hammond	Barbara Supina
Geraldine	Kathleen
Haramza	VanDenBerghe
Cindy Kalbfleisch	Kady Wiegand
Fran Kranz	Blake Wiesemann
Frank Kola Kukaj	
Margaret Lark	And those who care for them...

**Faith Community
Nurse's Corner**

Safety Tips for Cold Weather
(continued from last week)

**Some tips for prevention of
frostbite**

Before going outside in extremely cold temperatures, apply skin moisturizer to the face, hands, and any other body part that may be exposed to the cold. Dress warmly, wear dry clothing, and stay out of the wind. Wear a face mask for extra protection. Wear heavy mittens instead of gloves in freezing cold weather. When the fingers are together in a mitten, their collective body heat keeps the hand warm.

Children playing outside should be watched carefully to make sure that they do not lose or remove mittens or head coverings.

Be extremely careful when pumping gas into your car if the temperature is below freezing. Gasoline on exposed skin evaporates very quickly, lowers the temperature of the skin, and makes it more susceptible to frostbite.

Go inside, if possible, when you feel too cold. Remember that fatigue, lack of oxygen in high elevations, and consumption of alcohol may cause you to disregard discomfort and cold.

**North Macomb Vicariate
Presents:**

*David Haas in
Concert!*

There is exciting news to behold for all parishioners of the North Macomb Vicariate! David Haas, one of the most prolific and well-respected Catholic contemporary composers of our time is coming to lighten our hearts and move our spirits as he shares his wonderful talent with us.

"Onward to the Kingdom"
Featuring David Haas

**Friday, March 13, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

St. John Vianney Parish
24 1/2 and Schoenherr Rds.

Tickets available at St. Clement Parish Office or by calling
St. John Vianney at
586-781-6525

\$8.00 if purchased by
Feb. 25th
\$13.00 at the door

Take a moment and page through your hymnal and you will find David Haas' name in abundance near beloved music such as: You Are Mine, Blest Are They, We Have Been Told, We Are Called, Now We Remain, We Are God's People and many, many others. Please note that these tickets are especially priced for North Macomb Vicariate parishioners, as David's concert is co-sponsored by the parishes of north Macomb. Check your calendars and make your plans now for a terrific opportunity to enjoy Friday, the 13th of March in new ways. (The first 50 tickets sold in each parish will be eligible for a drawing to receive a free, autographed double-CD featuring many of David's most popular music!).

**Newly Added to the
Sick List**

Kathleen VanDenBerghe

Comfort Makers Update

For 2009, we will be meeting on Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th and March 10th in the social hall. Our work sessions begin at 10 a.m. and continue until around 2 p.m. Please bring a lunch and enjoy the companionship that we share with each other. For more information, please call Nan Kyllonen at 752-2712 or Grace Surma at 752-3767. Due to the fact that some of the Comfort Makers are heading south for a few months, volunteers are needed.

Donations of fleece or money are always accepted. Please drop them off at the St. Clement parish office.

Again, thanks to everyone that has helped make our projects a success.

-The Comfort Makers of St. Clement of Rome

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Rev. Stephen C. Reckker

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Rev. John "Doc" Ortman

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kurt J. Godfrey

Mass in Spanish
Rev. Jerry Kessel, OFM CAP

Vicariate Hispanic Pastoral Minister
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Sr. Valerie Knoche, I.H.M.

Adult Education Coordinator

Mrs. Cheryl Zuehlk 752-6984

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Mr. Bert Lord 752-9611

Religious Education Director

Mrs. Debbie Knoblock 752-6591

Youth Groups

High School

Carol Bodiya 752-9074

Samaritan House 677-7590

Agape Center 336-6842

Pregnancy, Counseling and Adoption

Catholic Family Services 416-2300

Hispanic Ministry 336-6842

Knights of Columbus

Ron Stec 752-9180

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Spanish - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday and Weekday Masses

As announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Baptism: Prior arrangements must be made. Call the parish office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

Care of the Sick: Call the parish office at any time to make arrangements for Anointing, Communion calls or Visitations.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry: Please call the parish office.

Registrations: New parishioners should register at the parish office. Those moving should notify the parish office.

Parish Council

Administration Commission

Charles Anglewicz.....752-9435

Christian Service Commission

Nancy Kaspari.752-6419

Children's Education Commission

Social Commission

Christine Steinberg.752-3606

Worship Commission

Cheryl Zuehlk.752-7564

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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR January 12 - 18

Monday, January 12

7:00 p.m. - Prayer Group - church

Tuesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Ellen
Chesney req by Dale and Bev
Chesney

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

9:30 a.m. - Ministry to the Sick

10:00 a.m. - Comfort Makers- hall

10:00 a.m. - Adoration

Wednesday, January 14

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy

7:00 p.m. - MASS - Int Saint
Clement Parishioners

7:30 p.m. - Choir

Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Joseph
Slieman req by Sal Fionva

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

10:00 a.m. - Business Manager's
Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Adult Ed Area

7:00 p.m. - K of C Meeting

Friday, January 16

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Paul
Banko req by Helen Decker

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

Saturday, January 17

3:00 p.m. - Free Throw -gym

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int Carmela
Terrizzi and Family req by the
Terrizzi & Dominick families
Int Henry LaBaere req by M/M
James Theut and family
Mrs. Elizabeth Krause req by
Betty Verellen

Sunday, January 18

**Coffee and Donuts after 9 & 11
a.m. Masses Sponsored by the
Religious Education**

7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Mary
Jenuwine req by the Dale
Jenuwine family

Int Tommie Jenuwine req by
Dale Jenuwine family

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Ann
Jackson req by Barbara Nosek
Int Joseph Malburg, Sr. req by

Don & Georgina Campbell
11:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Elizabeth
Krause req by the "Comfort
Makers"
Int Goldie Fuzy req by George
and Chris Harrison
12:00 noon - Baptisms
1:30 p.m. - "Protecting God's
Children" - social hall
7:00 p.m. - MASS (Spanish) -
Int St. Clement Parishioners

Little Rock Scripture Study: Israel's Story - Part 2

The Little Rock Scripture Study is a unique method of combining Bible study and prayer that can help you make a deeper connection between your faith and everyday life. This Scripture Study will include some home study, small group discussion of the home study, and a video lecture on the background of the scripture text.

The study of Israel's Story Part 2 will be on Wednesday evenings beginning Jan. 21st through March 11th. The sessions run from 7-8:30 p.m. and are held in the Adult Education Center. If you are interested, please call Cheryl Zuehlk at 752-6984, ext. 120.

Please register by Mon., Jan. 19th. A \$12.95 charge is requested for the books.

Congratulations To The Bride And Groom




All of us wish to congratulate those married at St. Clement Parish. To the bride and groom and their families, all the blessings of God, long life and profound happiness.

**Lauren Duda and
Michael Peplinski**

Vigil Lights

Special intention, Nancy Pihlaja
 Good health, peace of mind, wisdom, souls of the faithful departed
 - RM
 Special intentions
 For James F. Blaisdell, Jr. - Anthony & Sherrie Blaisdell & fam.
 Continued health of my father-Dawson
 For my sister Marian's recovery, for my special intensions
 For my family, my husband
 For the Glisch & Weymouth families
 Improved health for my parents, prayers for my daughter and the twins, birthday blessings for my son (2 intentions)
 Special intention & thanksgiving
 - RMT
 For world peace
 For the hungry, homeless and those who feel unloved
 Special intention for all those serving in the military.



For Those Who Have Died....

Constance Marcy

Life has changed,
not ended.....

Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget Amt.....\$14,500.00
 Weekly Collection For:
 January 4th.....\$14,859.00
 No. of envelopes used.....366
 Cashless giving.....\$742.50
 Over/Under Budget.....\$1,101.50
 Holy Day (Jan. 1).....\$1,601.00
 No. of envelopes used.....80
 No. of Families registered.....2,081

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Deacon Kurt

the hierarchy (bishops, priests, and deacons). So, we ask once more, who is a Deacon?

The very word, *diakonia*, in Greek means service or ministry. In ordination to the diaconate, we see that service having the power and grace of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not to be served.” The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, by virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church. The late John Paul II affirms this and notes that service is paramount for the permanent deacon: “*this is at the very heart of the diaconate to which you have been called- to be a servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at one and the same time, to be a servant of your brothers and sisters. That these two dimensions are inseparably joined together in one reality shows the important nature of the ministry which is yours by Ordination.*”

As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize solemnly, witness marriages, preside at funeral and wake services, and bring Viaticum to the dying. They may also preside at Communion services (in the absence of a priest), officiate at celebrations of the Liturgies of the Hours and at Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, conduct public rites of blessing, offer prayer services for the sick and dying, and administer the Church's sacramentals, as designated in the Book of Blessings. At Holy Mass, deacons are found chanting the penitential invocations, preparing the altar and elements for the sacrifice, offering the sign of peace, and dismissing the faithful. As ministers of Charity, deacons are to be leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs.

In my own formation, I have realized that the Lord has changed my heart through ministry to others (for in reality, it is they who minister to us). Through my experiences of service at a warming center, hospital, nursing home, problem pregnancy center, and in mentoring a troubled youth, I thank God for showing me His face through His people.

As Fr. Steve has pointed out these past several weeks, St. Clement of Rome has been a leader in the McRest program- a ministry to the homeless of our community. Along with the many other ministries of the parish- this is clear evidence that *diakonia* is alive and flourishing in Romeo.

God's Peace to you! Deacon Kurt

Christmas Flowers

Due to the weather conditions at Christmas time, the following names did not make the parish bulletin deadline:

Deceased members of D. Schock Family given by Doris Schumacher

Gerald Schumacher given by Doris and family

The Ministry to the Sick...

....meets Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 9:45 a.m. This ministry visit's the homebound providing Holy Communion and preventing isolation from the St. Clement community. If you would like to join us, come to this meeting or call Rosemary Kern at 752-2555.

Liturgical Appointments for Jan. 17/18

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 7:00 a.m.	Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat
Lector/ Comm.	Kathy Markel Henry Malburg	Mike Tremblay	James Burns Dave Feighan	Carl Mischley Judy Casalou- Switalski
EME Capt.	Barb Seger			Karrie Illner
Altar Servers	P L E A S E V O L U N T E E R			



Readings for the Week of January 12, 2009

Monday: Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 18
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Samaritan House January Pantry Needs

Cake Mixes	Cereal	Juice
Sugar	Flour	Peanut Butter
Boxed Potatoes	Jelly	Canned Meat
Toilet Paper	Diapers (size 4 & 6)	Toothpaste



****NOTE:** Low sodium foods & sugar free foods are needed for clients with health problems.

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Drop off your donations during our normal business hours:

**Tues. & Wed., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and
Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Samaritan House is located at 58944 Van Dyke, Washington, 48094
(27 Mile Rd.). The phone number is 586-677-7590.

“Walk with Me” Winter 2009

Why do we cry? Is there anyone who has never cried? We are born crying. Are they tears of fear, psychological discomfort, or physical distress? Who knows? It would seem safe to say we cry because we need to. It provides us with physical and emotional comfort. The tears of grief come at times of loss.

“The Walk With Me” grief group is a safe place for you to cry and shed your tears of tribute to your loved one. The group meets at Trinity Family Counseling Center, 45052 Deshon, Utica from 7-9 p.m. for six sessions. It is facilitated by trained grief counselors. For information or registration, please call 586-254-3663.

Winter 2009 Sessions

January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 24

A New Archbishop of Detroit

Bishop Allen H. Vigneron, who has led the Diocese of Oakland, California, since 2003, is named Archbishop of Detroit. This appointment by Pope Benedict XVI brings the archbishop-elect back home to southeast Michigan, where he served 27 years as a parish priest, seminary rector/president, and an auxiliary bishop

The installation liturgy at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is planned for Wed., Jan. 28th at 2 p.m. Special coverage can be found in The Michigan Catholic, on CTND, and on the web at www.AODonline.org. A biography of the archbishop-elect, along with digital pictures, audio and video from his introduction by Cardinal Adam Maida, and other materials are available for download.