

Dear St. Clement's Family:

During this holy period of Lent, we write to let you know that your parish family is still here for you and anyone in need. If you need help in any way please contact us. At this time, the best way to do this is via email at randy.riv@scpny.org or by phone 518-320-2089, or call the parish office 518-584-6122.

Even though, in accordance with the governor's order, Bishop Scharfenburger has cancelled all public masses, Father Asprec continues to celebrate private mass each day here at St. Clement's and keeps all of us in his prayers. We are united spiritually.

Like all families and households, our church has been adapting to ensure we can reach our parishioners in order to continue to practice our faith. The Church is open each day from 8am to 4:00pm, for private prayer. Social distancing must be observed. We have begun to live stream our mass and other services from our parish Facebook page. You can also participate virtually in the celebration of the Eucharist, and other Lenten services at many other Catholic churches in our Diocese, our nation and even at the Vatican. Some links and good resources are listed below.

Our daily lives have been altered in so many ways by the impact of this virus. For us Catholics, not being able to attend Mass at our parish church and celebrate the sacraments is a real loss, particularly during this holy season of Lent. All of this leads to a sense of fear and uncertainty, but God is with us through it all.

Although some of the visible work of the Church – like public worship and the sacraments – has been “put on hold” during this crisis, the work of the Church in prayer, charity, and health care remains active. Even more, the *invisible* work at the heart of the Church's mission continues. God's mercy and grace are just as abundant as ever, and our prayers and supplications are always heard.

Please continue to support the work of the church, with your prayers and your financial support. We are still trying to meet the needs of our parishioners and the need of our community to whom we continue to provide basic necessities. We rely on your support to continue to do this work. If you are fortunate enough to still be receiving income, please be generous, as many are not. You can donate by direct deposit from your bank, via our website (www.stclementschurch.com), our app (Text APP to 88202 to download the free myParish App), or mail your check to the parish office (231 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866), or if you prefer, you can deliver it to one of the parish staff at the Church. Your contributions have always made, and will continue to make, a huge difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Let us take care of each other.

We hope this unprecedented time reawakens and strengthens your faith. Again, please let us know if you need help in any way, or if you are aware of another parishioner or neighbor

that needs some help, or even just needs a phone call. Similarly, if you are available to help in any way, please reach out to us.

God Bless You,

Parish Trustees,
Parish Leadership Team
-John Corrou, Ted Van De Ven & Bernice McLellan,
Deacon Gary Picher, and Parish Administrator Randy Rivers

* If you have an emergency and need a priest, day or night, please call the parish office at 518-584-6122. During office hours, be sure to leave a message if it goes to voicemail. Someone will call you right back. At night, your call will redirect to an emergency contact.

Resources:

Pope Francis' special blessing, Urbi et Orbi -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvE1ncKned8>

Stations of the Cross - <http://stpiusx.yourstreamlive.com/>
And masses and recitals, etc. St Pius X in Loudonville, NY

Seven Last Words of the Cross:
<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/virtual-retreat-cardinal-sean-night-5-seven-last-words>

Saint Patrick's Cathedral live streamed on its website:
<https://www.saintCatherdral of the patrickscathedral.org/live>

St. Mary's Annapolis, MD - English & Spanish - A Redemptorist Parish
<https://www.stmarysannapolis.org/about-church/coronavirus-information/st-marys-live-stream>

Global Catholic Network - www.EWTN.com and onTV.
& The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

Lenten Mission from The Redemptorist Fathers is on our parish Facebook Page,
Along with our own Live streamed mass & concerts.
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Clements-Church-Saratoga-Springs-NY>
You do not need to join Facebook to use these resources.

U. of Notre Dame - Faith Website - <http://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faith/start.aspx?gid=609&pgid=61>

FORMED, a Catholic streaming service. Lessons, movies, children's programs, e-books.

For free access- go to [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) and select “I belong to a parish or organization” and search for St. Clement’s Parish.

Our parish website - www.stclementschurch.com - is available, but as luck would have it, we were in the midst of a website redesign when the virus struck, so it is a work in progress. If you have any expertise, please join our IT committee!